

## FEEDBACK STATEMENT – CONSULTATION ON ASB’S WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2017 TO 2020

<p>This Feedback Statement outlines the ASB’s work programme for the period 2017 to 2020</p>	<p><b>Overview</b></p>	<p>This Feedback Statement outlines the projects the Board intends undertaking during the period 2017 to 2020. These projects were selected based on feedback received from stakeholders on ED 138 <i>Identifying Projects to Prioritise on the ASB’s Work Programme for 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020</i>.</p>
	<p><b>Consultation process</b></p>	<p>The ASB undertook a public consultation, which included users of the financial statements, preparers, auditors, and other interested parties.</p>
	<p><b>Supporting material</b></p>	<p>The Board’s analysis of both the written and verbal comments received, along with its responses thereto.</p> <p>A detailed indicative work programme for the period 2017-2020 based on the Board’s preliminary decisions.</p> <p>These materials can be accessed on the ASB’s website.</p>
	<p><b>Next steps</b></p>	<p>The Board will develop project briefs for the projects it intends undertaking during 2017. These will be developed and finalised in the second half of 2016.</p> <p>These will be made available on the ASB’s website once approved.</p>



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What we heard	
<p>The consultation on the ASB's work programme was well received</p>	<p>Stakeholders responded positively to the consultation on the ASB's work programme as it provided an opportunity to raise key issues with the Board.</p> <p>Support was expressed for the three year planning horizon. In particular, stakeholders observed that this provides them with information about possible changes and resources that may be required in future.</p>
<p>The work of the ASB should take cognisance of the financial management environment in the South African public sector</p>	<p>A number of stakeholders expressed concern about the changing financial management environment. "Reform fatigue" was a key issue identified by stakeholders.</p> <p>Stakeholders urged the Board to consider changes in the broader financial management environment in selecting and prioritising any projects.</p> <p>In particular, stakeholders in local government noted that the impending implementation of the Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts (mSCOA) may hamper their ability to give appropriate attention to new developments in financial reporting.</p>
<p>The reporting landscape should remain relatively stable over the next three years</p>	<p>Given the various changes that are likely to occur in the financial management environment over the next three years, which includes the roll out of the mSCOA as well as proposed revisions to the Treasury Regulations, stakeholders requested that the Board focus on implementation issues that clarify the Standards rather than developing too many new requirements.</p>

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## Selection and prioritisation of projects

### The Board selected and prioritised projects based on specific criteria

The Board selected and prioritised projects by considering a set of criteria, factors and constraints. These are listed below.

The Board considered the criteria, factors and constraints together in making decisions about the projects it should select and prioritise. In making its final selection of projects, the Board considered which projects meet its strategic priorities, which projects would address current issues experienced in practice, and limited the introduction of “new” requirements as far as possible. The limitation of “new” requirements is consistent with the feedback that the ASB should focus on maintaining a relatively stable reporting framework for the next 3 years.

Criteria to assess the merits of individual projects:

- No guidance exists in either the public or private sector, for new or existing issues, which results in inappropriate or divergent accounting results.
- Importance of maintaining alignment with IPSASs (or IFRSs).
- Importance of maintaining the current suite of Standards of GRAP to ensure that they are relevant and appropriately applied.

Applying the following factors and constraints:

- The resources (both capacity and financial resources) available to the ASB to undertake particular projects.
- The financial management environment in which entities operate.
- The capacity of stakeholders to participate in the public consultation process.
- The impact of the issue, i.e. its significance to accountability and decision-making, and how widespread the issue is.
- Urgency of the issue to the South African public sector.

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The Board identified projects that respond directly to its strategic objectives

#### **Strategic objective 1 - Set Standards of GRAP**

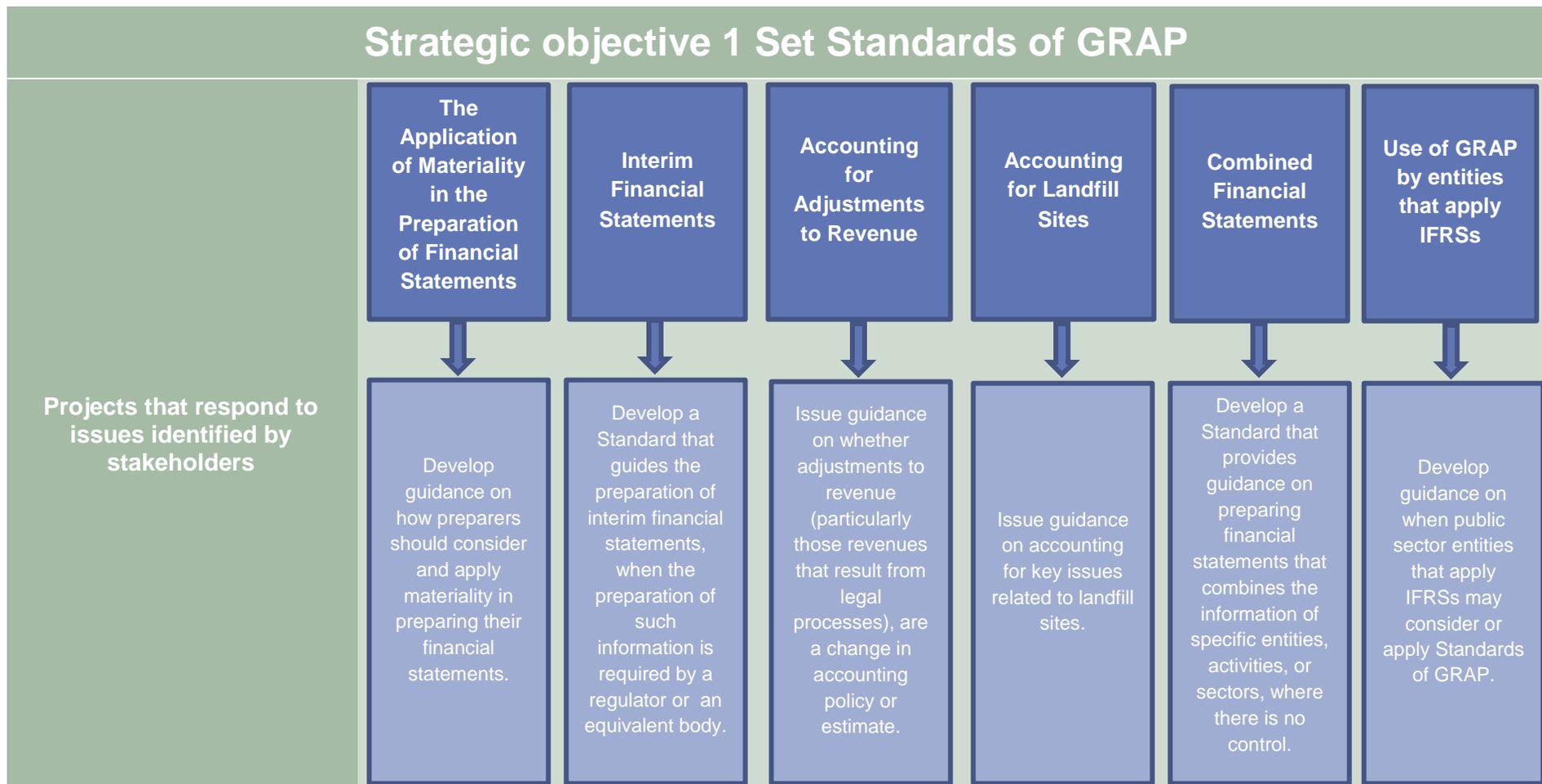
- Responding to issues identified by stakeholders.
- Maintaining existing Standards.
- Researching new and emerging issues.
- Maintaining alignment with international standards.

#### **Strategic objective 3 - Promote the adoption of Standards of GRAP**

#### **Strategic objective 4 - Monitor application of the Standards of GRAP**

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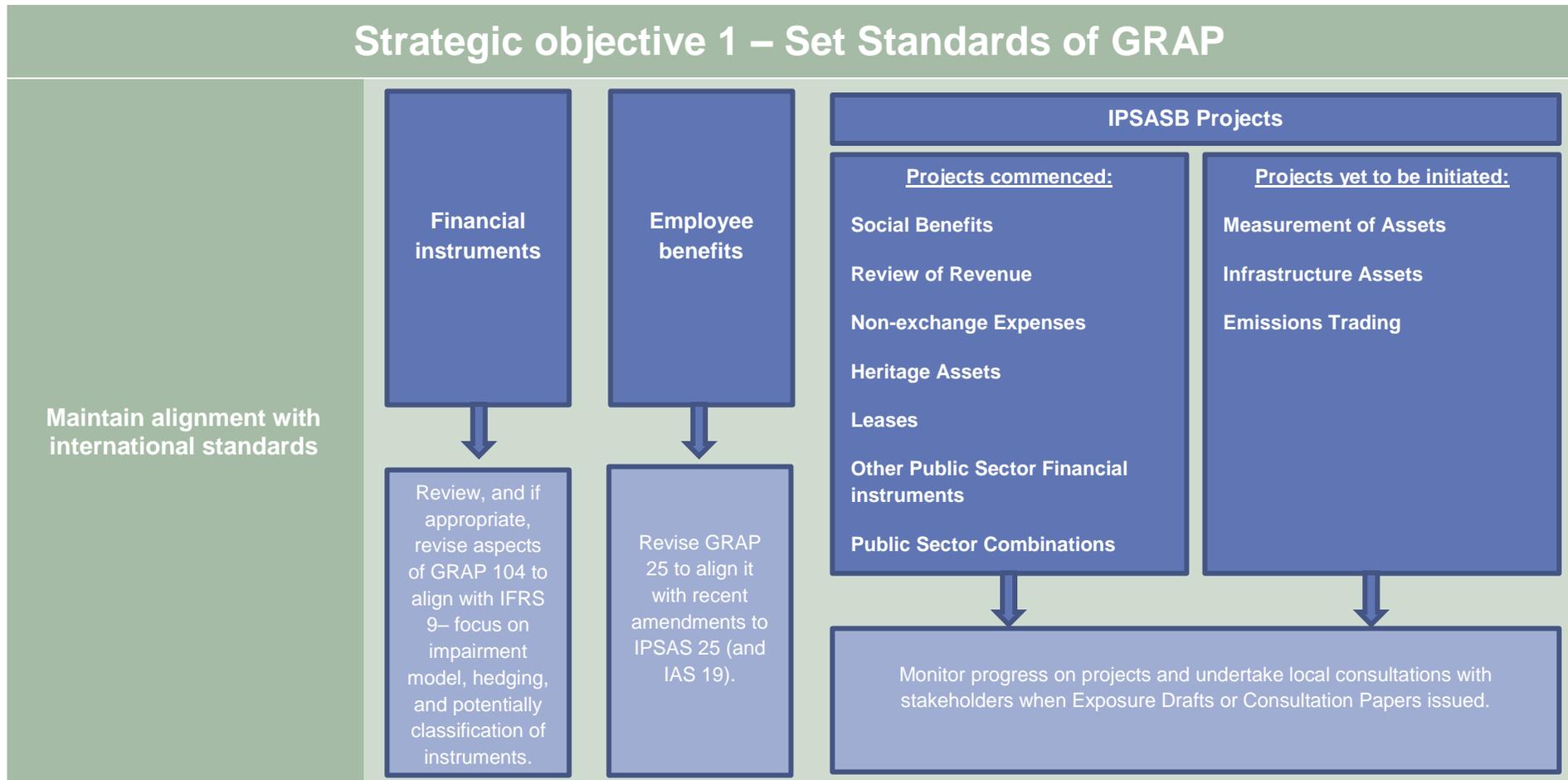
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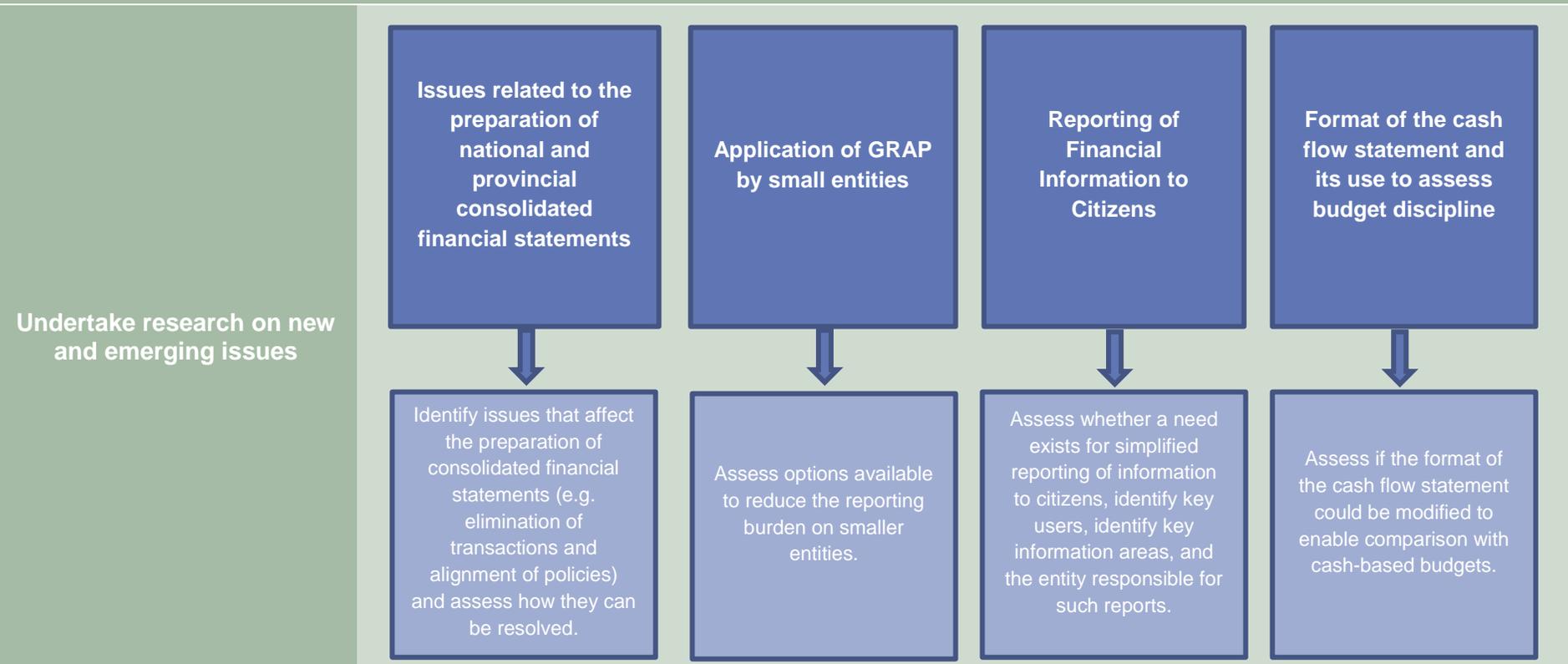
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##### Maintain current suite of Standards

##### Annual GRAP Reporting Framework

Publish the GRAP reporting framework for the upcoming financial year as an annexure to Directive 5.

Unlike previous years, public consultation will only be undertaken where significant changes are made to the reporting framework.

##### Improvements to Standards of GRAP

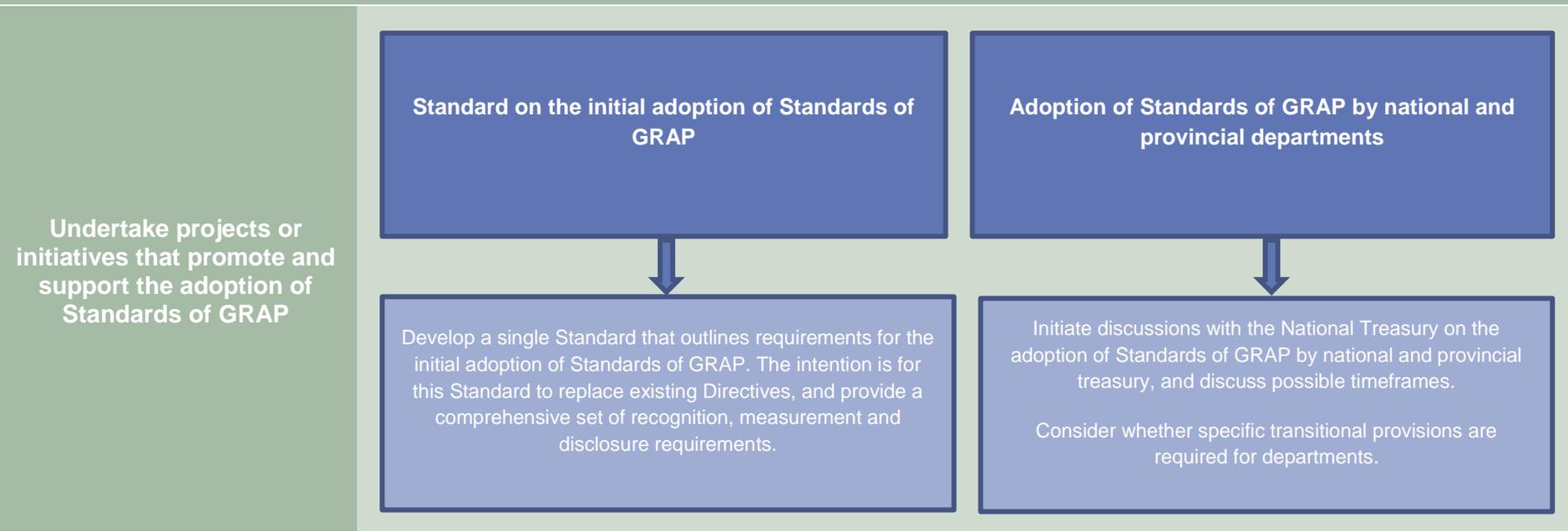
Minor, non-urgent changes will be made to the Standards of GRAP either to maintain alignment with IPSASs or IFRSs, or to address any local issues.

Improvements to be undertaken every 3 years rather than every 2 years. .

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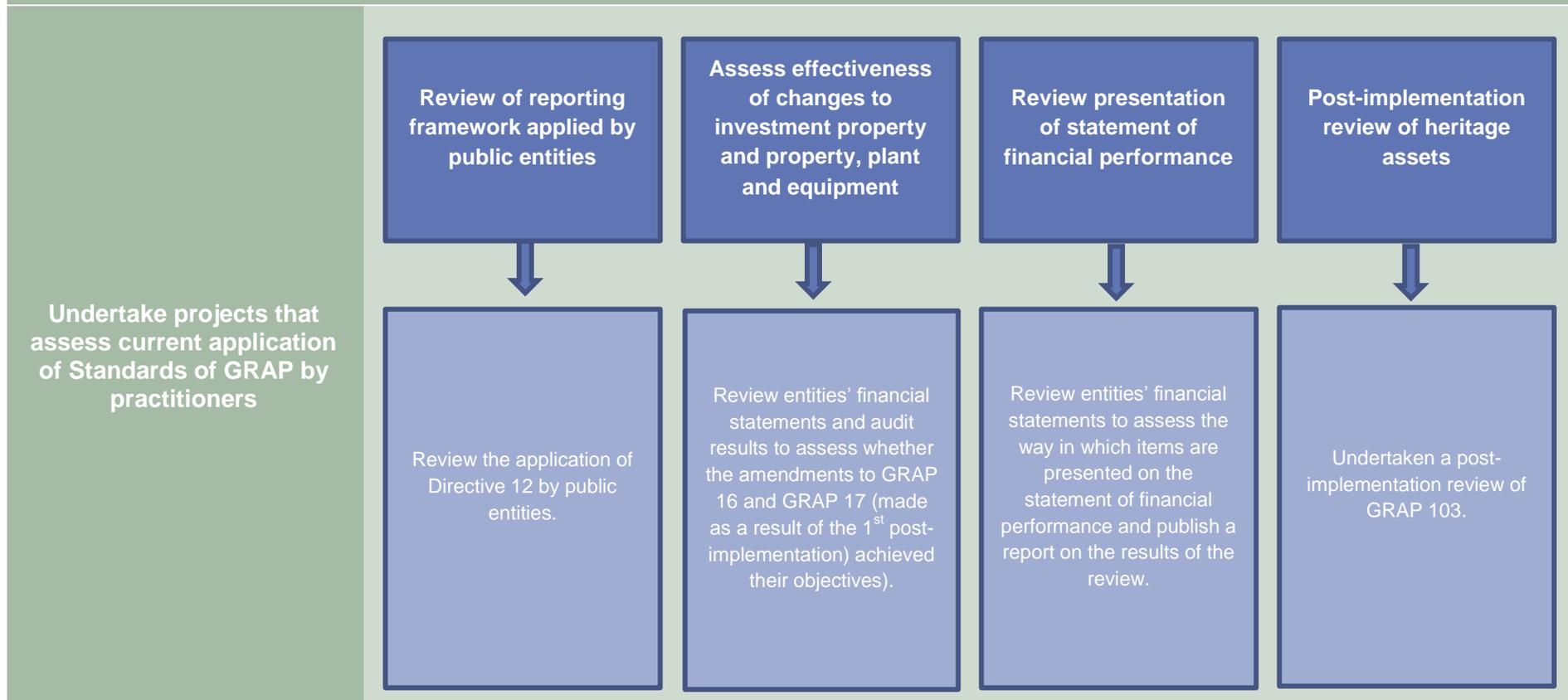
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#### What to expect in the period April 2017 to March 2018

The Board agreed to undertake a number of projects in 2017/18 based on their urgency, impact on accountability and decision-making, or to align initiatives with other financial management reforms

Finalise revision to Conceptual Framework (from 2016)

Publish final IGRAP on Levies (from 2016)

Commence research and development on The Application of Materiality in the Preparation of Financial Statements

Publish final guidance on Adjustment to Revenue

Commence research and development on guidance on Accounting for Landfill Sites

Publish final Standard on Interim Financial Statements

Research current issues with the preparation of national and provincial consolidations

Research and consultation on amendments to financial instruments

Review practice on presentation of financial statements

Update GRAP Reporting Framework

Respond to other issues identified during work programme consultation that were not identified as separate projects

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