

Defra's Policy Priorities and Evidence Needs

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Defra's **5** Strategic Priorities

Our aim is sustainable development



A significant part of our work is concerned with preparedness for emergencies

Climate Change & Energy

- Reduction in global greenhouse gas emissions and the UK's contribution.
- Adequate and affordable heating in every home.
- UK successfully adapting to unavoidable climate change.
- Sustainable management of flooding and coastal erosion.
- Cleaner air through meeting the targets in the National Air Quality Strategy.

Sustainable Consumption & Production

- Decouple economic growth from environmental degradation and unsustainable resource use.
- Minimise waste – reuse, recycle, recover energy.

Natural Resource Protection

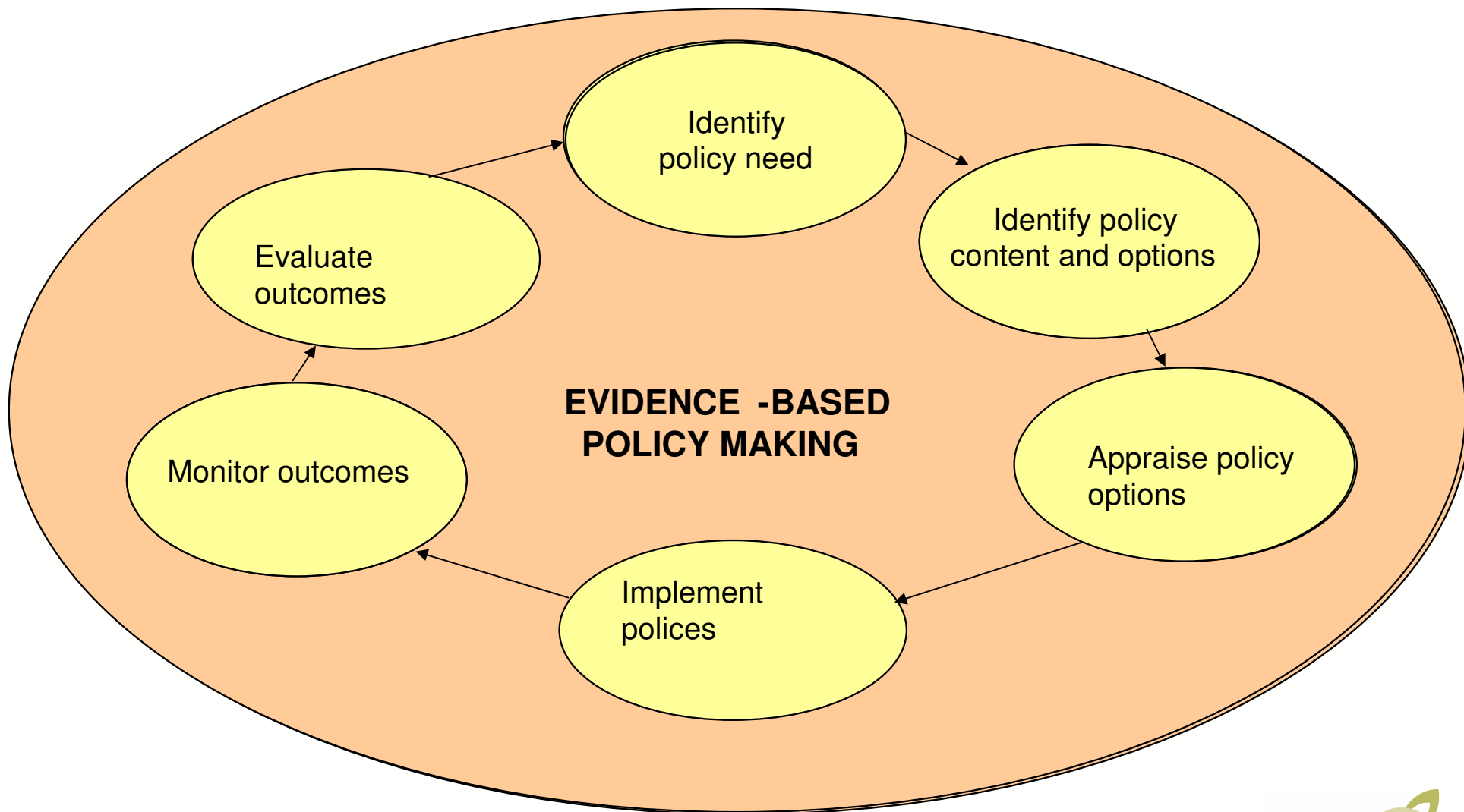
- Protect and enhance the natural environment.
- More and better access to the natural environment.
- Good water quality and a good water environment, with a sustainable balance between supply and demand.

Sustainable Rural Communities

- Vibrant enterprise across rural England – improve productivity in least well performing rural areas - tackle rural social exclusion, with fair access to services and affordable housing.

Sustainable Farming & Food, inc. Animal Health & Welfare

- More customer focused, competitive and sustainable farming.
- More competitive and sustainable food industry.
- Further CAP reform.
- Improved animal health and welfare – reduced impact of animal diseases by sharing the management of risk with industry.

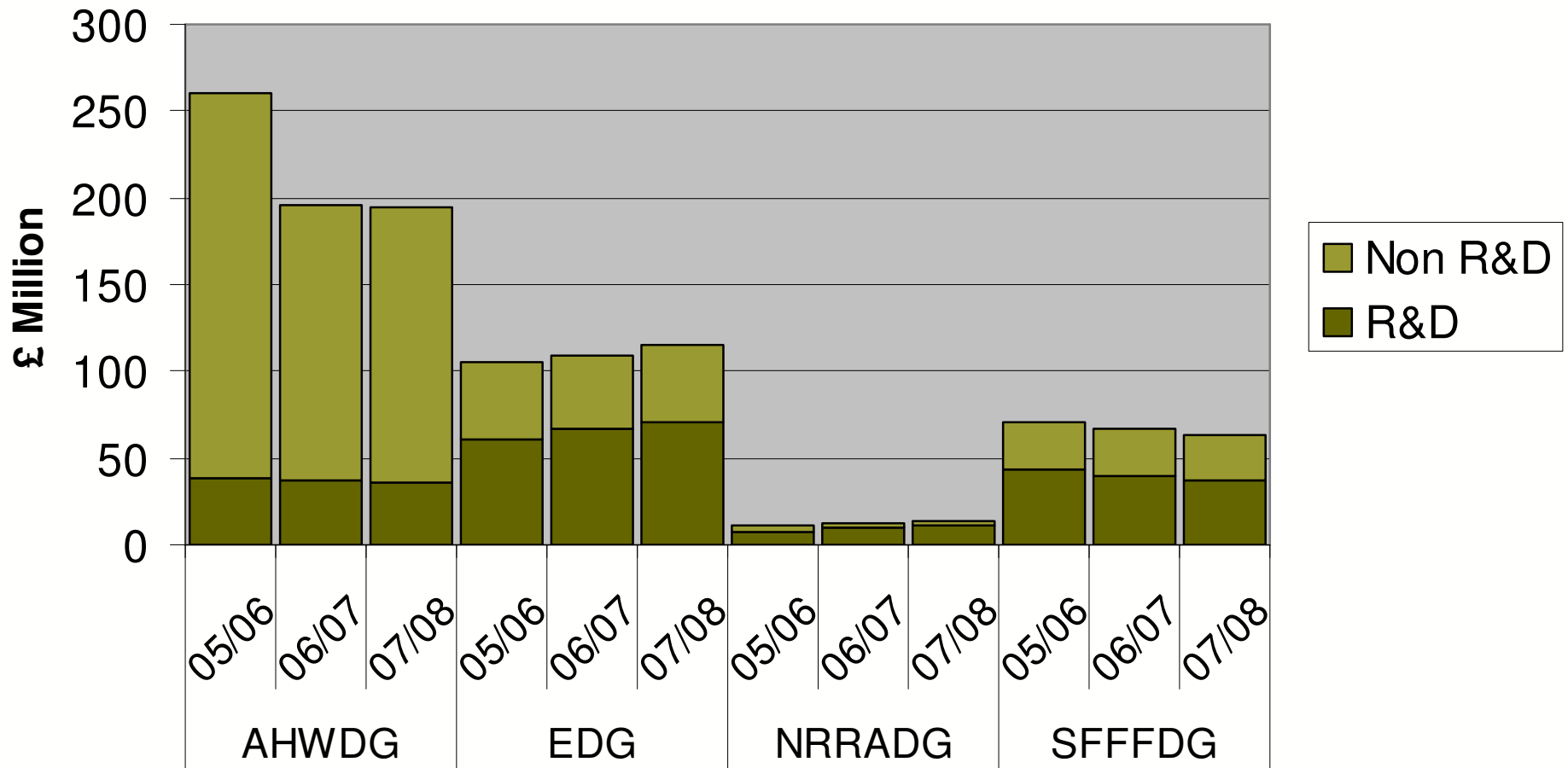


Evidence and Innovation Strategy 2005–08

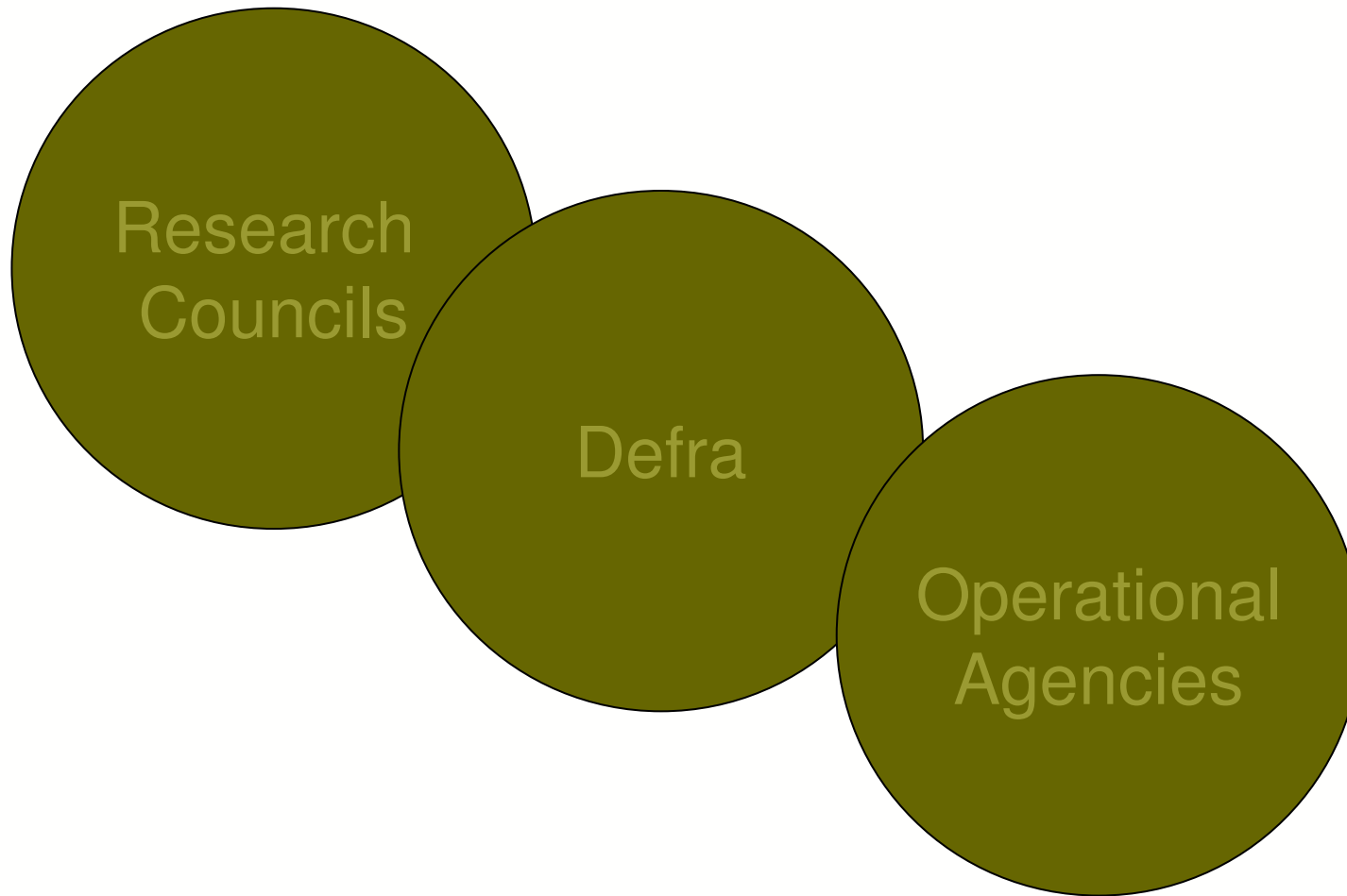
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R+D budget for Directorates General



Discovery – Policy – Operations



Key questions

- Where can remote sensing add value to existing evidence gathering?
- How can new methods gain the confidence of users?
- Who should invest in new infrastructures?

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