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Ambition 2020: World Class Skills and Jobs for the UK

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The Ambition

A world leader in employment and skills by 2020, which we measure by being in the Top 8 countries in the world on a range of measures of productivity, employment and skills

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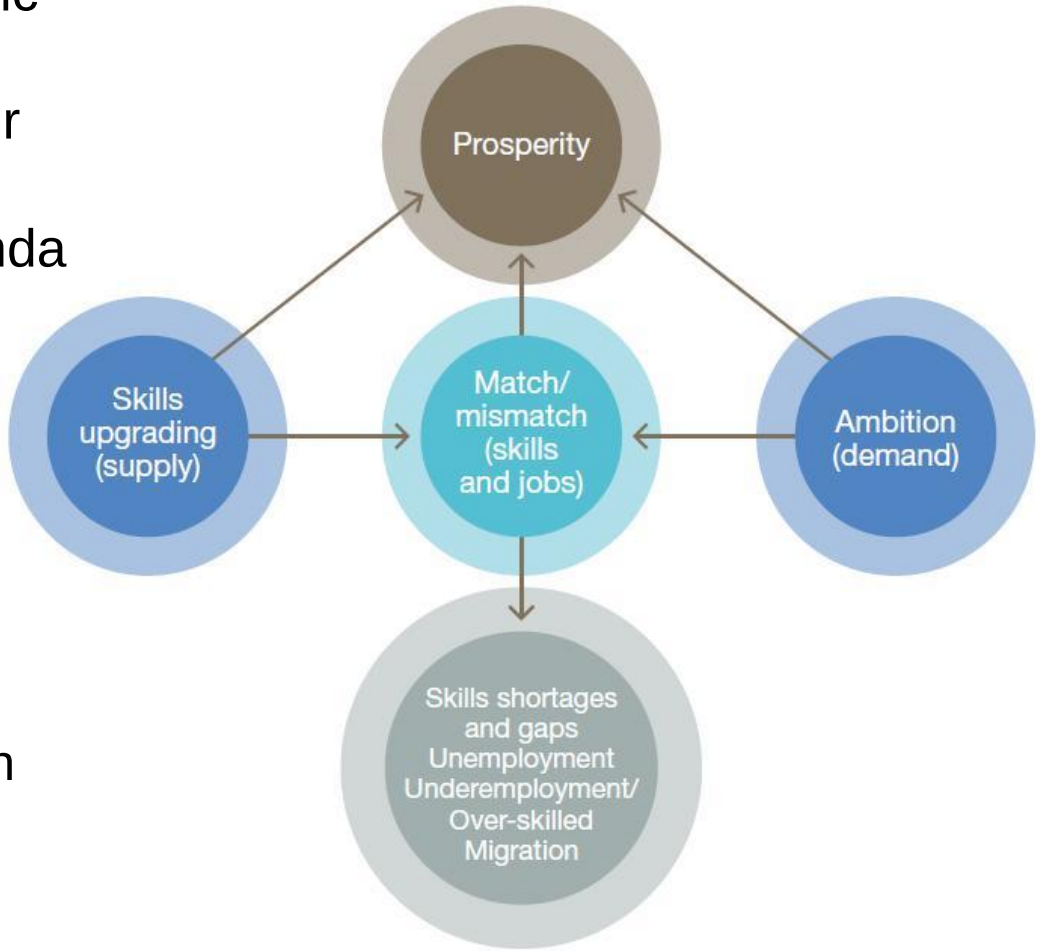
Progress against the Ambition

- The 2009 report showed that **we were not world class**:
  - **Employment** – 10th
  - **Productivity** – 11th
  - **Skills**:
    - 12th in high level skills
    - 18th in intermediate skills
    - 17th on low level skills
- Our forecasts suggest we would **not attain a Top 8 position in any of the skill metrics by 2020**

A Strategic Framework

- We proposed a new strategic framework to inform our assessment of progress; our thinking and action on the employment and skills agenda

- This emphasizes:
  - Need to ensure policies span the full range of component parts of the system;
  - Need for balance on both sides of the equation



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Priorities for Action

- To create a clear and **integrated strategy for economic transformation and renewal**
- Support effective **economic development in cities and local communities**
- Develop more **agile and responsive skills and employment provision**
- Transform individual aspiration and skills into a **world class workforce**
- **Build employer ambition** and capacity to be world class

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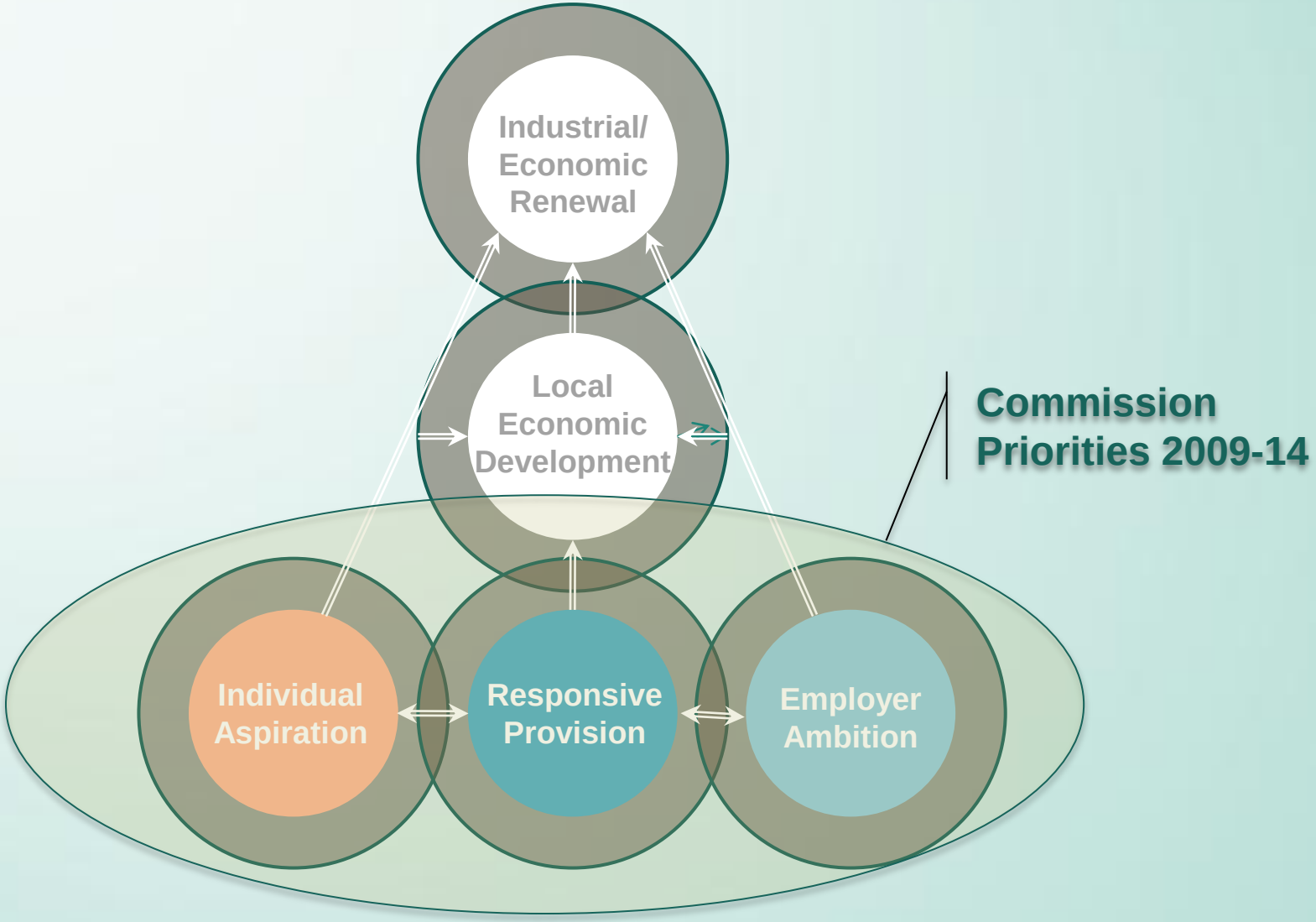
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