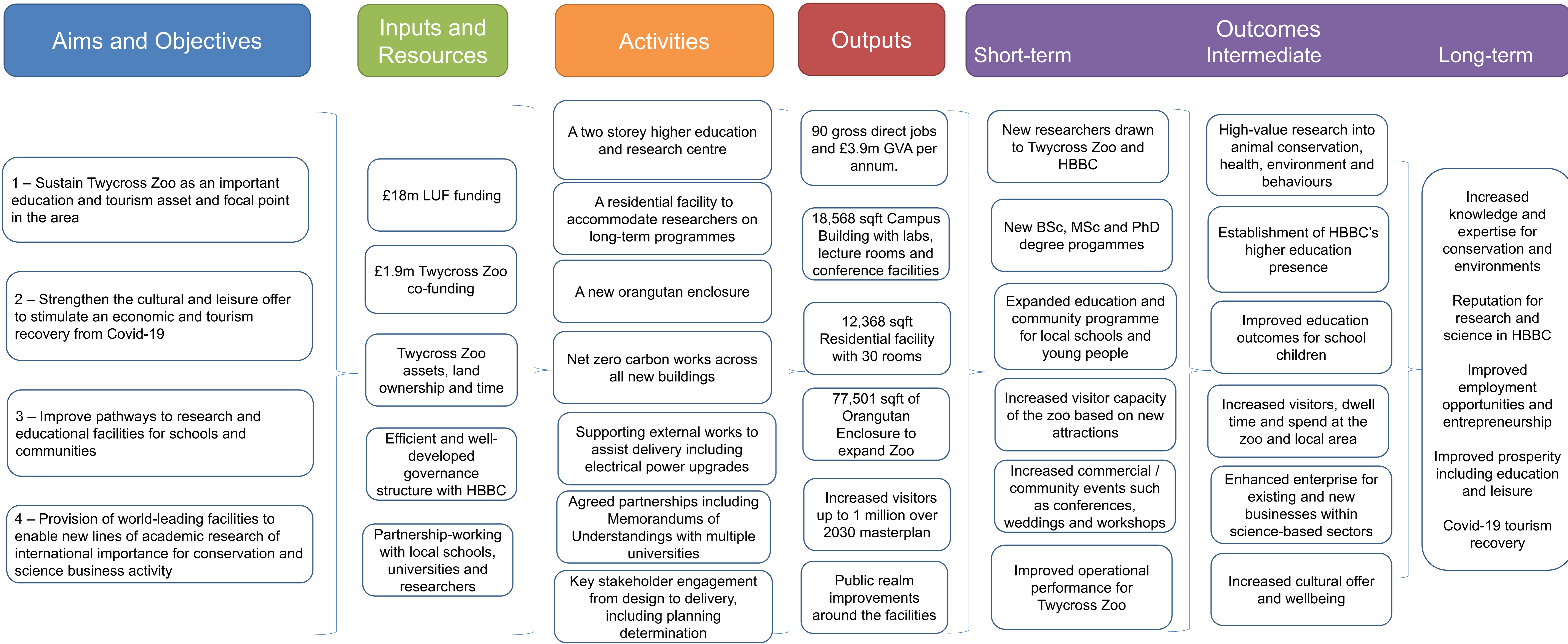


Rationale: Twycross Zoo are vital to the local economy and economy generally across the Midlands. It contributes significantly to the £80m tourist spend in Hinckley and Bosworth and suffered severely over the last year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The planned LUF investment in Twycross Zoo will be transformational. It will deliver a cutting-edge National Science and Conservation Centre at the areas key tourism asset and will further cement the zoos significant reputation across Europe and globally for animal conservation. This facility will enable new lines of academic investigation to be undertaken which will have international ramifications for conservation and bio-cultural environments. Additionally, the centre will be able to host educational programmes and events for universities and schools, whilst also re-energising its cultural and community offer through the delivery of a new Orangutan Facility attraction alongside conference facilities.



Assumptions:

- Scheme objectives developed based on comprehensive engagement programme over several years which informed the 2030 vision, before targeted consultation with key stakeholders in relation to the scheme
- Sufficient match funding in place to ensure scheme delivery
- Planning permission is granted
- Employment densities applied to development schedule for job calculations

External Factors:

- National economic uncertainty due to Covid-19.
- Covid-19 impacts on tourism sector in particular and Twycross Zoo's financial performance
- Education and research demand (certainty provided from engagement and established MoUs with universities)