

Appendix B: Regional Arrangements

Gwynedd are leading on behalf of the region, and, while the emphasis is on local decision-making, it is necessary to coordinate as much as possible so as to maximise efficiency and opportunity for stakeholders to bid for funding on a single or multi-LA footprint.

Meanwhile, there are important queries outstanding with UK Government, which makes planning ahead challenging.

As things stand, the timescales are as follows:

By 24th Jan: Publication of Regional Prospectus to inform potential bidders of the process, regional and local priorities. Opening invitations to bid for funds of £250K and above, for projects to cover one or more Counties, to include bids to host Key Funds (through which smaller projects will be delivered).

17th-24th February (to be confirmed): Closing date for Stage 1 Applications.

Feb-March: Local Partnership Groups to review relevant applications and make recommendations to decision makers (in Denbighshire this will be Cabinet).

Due diligence on recommended projects to be undertaken after Cabinet Decision. For bids that cross more than one county the due diligence will be undertaken by the Regional Team. For all others, due diligence will be undertaken locally.

Therefore, the date for when papers will be submitted to Cabinet to make a decision is currently unknown as it relies on a number of internal and external factors.

Timescales are challenging for everyone: for the partnership, as well as for successful bidders and work is being done to support smooth processes. For instance, while the online application form is not due to go live until 24th January, detailed Guidance on the process will be published week beginning 16th January, which will give prospective bidders time to start developing their bids. In addition, work is underway for a number of Key Funds to be launched quickly so as to enable cascading of funding to happen as quickly and efficiently as possible. Denbighshire's website is being kept up to date with information on the approach, and on areas that are priorities for the County.

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