

Appendix C: Themes pertinent for positioning us well for the future

1. We should expect the roles of Welsh Government and the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) to develop, with both playing a more significant role in funding strategies and allocations. DCC should be systematic in how we are gathering and sharing information as these roles take shape.
2. We should assume timelines will continue to be short from notice of a funding opportunity to application deadline, putting significant strain on capacity. DCC should confirm a prioritised list of both revenue and capital project opportunities, with ideas on the list being sufficiently developed through stakeholder engagement, risk assessment and accurate costing to support deliverability as well as cross-checking alignment with Corporate Plan priorities and Corporate/Service risk registers; acknowledging that in itself will take resources and internal capacity to achieve.
3. In strategic and practical terms, we must keep in mind the importance of partnership and collaboration: this was a key element of DCC success in delivering on SPF and LUF to date, and is a focus of our transformation programme.
4. As opportunities take shape, we will need to recognise that capacity to apply for and deliver projects within DCC is lower than earlier funding rounds due to workforce changes. Decisions to proceed or not with opportunities will need to take this into account.
5. Moving forward, it will be important to further consider opportunities to reduce carbon and improve biodiversity outcomes of projects. Projects will also increasingly need to consider how they support communities to adapt to and be resilient in the face of increased flooding, storms and heat.