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Reason for this Report

1. To provide an update on the development of Local Innovation Partnership Fund (LIPF) for Cardiff Capital Region (CCR).

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SEWCJC):

   a) Note the update on the development of the LIPF for CCR paying particular attention to the Local Anchor Institution role;

   b) Make a decision to allow CCR to perform a project lead role with about 1.5FTE pa (recoverable) of resource

Background

3. The Local Innovation Partnership Fund (LIPF) is a £30m UKRI-led programme intended to strengthen regional innovation systems and accelerate innovation-led economic growth through adoption, diffusion, commercialisation and deployment of innovation.

4. Across the region, substantial innovation strengths already exist through universities, businesses, national assets, cluster organisations, and previous investment programmes. However, barriers relating to coordination, adoption, integration, deployment risk, validation, commercialisation and market diffusion continue to limit economic scaling and repeatable exploitation.

5. The LIPF programme provides an opportunity to strengthen the regional innovation ecosystem by enabling innovation developed within the region to be deployed, reused, adopted and commercialised repeatedly across organisations and sectors.

6. The overall ambition is to transition from isolated innovation activity toward repeatable and scalable commercial application capable of generating sustained economic growth, productivity improvement, investment attraction and long-term regional competitiveness.

Cluster & Portfolio Selection

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10. Following an evidence-led assessment process undertaken with the Regional Growth Board acting as the interim triple helix governance mechanism, the following areas were identified as the strongest fit for the LIPF programme:

Compound Semiconductors – Advanced Systems

11. Advanced Systems represents a distinctive regional strength spanning:
    - compound and wide-bandgap semiconductors;
    - photonics and sensing;
    - embedded computing;
    - systems integration;

- packaging and reliability engineering; and,
- deployment into real-world applications.

12. CCR possesses a unique end-to-end ecosystem spanning research, fabrication, integration and deployment. The opportunity identified through LIPF is not solely upstream research capability, but the strengthening of downstream system integration, validation, deployment and commercial exploitation.

Creative Industries – Creative Technologies

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    - AI-enabled production;
    - immersive and virtual production;
    - computational creativity;
    - reusable production workflows;
    - digital production infrastructure; and,
    - scalable creative IP models.

14. The strategic opportunity identified is to move from project-based innovation toward reusable and adoptable tools, methods and workflows capable of repeated commercial deployment across firms and markets.

15. CCR will coordinate portfolio development activity through a hybrid approach comprising a cluster body led proposal development; and an open call process.

16. This is intended to balance established cluster capability and strategic coordination with openness to wider regional opportunity.

17. Projects will be assessed through a structured process including:
    - gateway eligibility checks;
    - scope alignment;
    - strategic fit assessment;
    - deliverability assessment;
    - co-investment and leverage assessment;
    - risk assessment;
    - impact assessment; and,
    - contribution to step change and localised compounding.

18. CCR will consolidate assessment findings and recommendations for consideration by the Innovation Partnership.

19. UKRI will retain final approval authority regarding the submitted portfolio and individual projects.

Local Anchor Institution

20. For South East Wales, Cardiff Capital Region has been assigned the role of LIPF Lead Body responsible for formal submission of the LIPF portfolio to

UKRI ensuring it reflects the local innovation strategy, the partnerships collective ambition and capabilities, and meets all readiness criteria.

21. UKRI typically issues funding directly to research organisations and businesses. However, UKRI also offers an alternative approach to delivering the LIPF. Specifically, for places to nominate an eligible local anchor entity to carry out due diligence, contracting, and administering finances to partners in business-led projects, while UKRI continues to administer grants to research organisations through established channels

22. The nominated anchor organisation must meet strict assurance criteria and demonstrate efficiency and value for money in administering grants. The anchor entity will be required to comply with UKRI's terms and conditions, funding assurance and subsidy control requirements. They will be eligible to receive a capped contribution of up to £300k per annum towards operational delivery costs taken from that place's award.

23. If places choose not to adopt this alternative approach to funding delivery, or where there is not the institutional capacity available to manage or distribute this funding at a local level, UKRI will make awards through its standard award processes to academic led projects and to partners of business-led projects.

24. After conducting its own internal analyses and receiving feedback from various sources, including other earmarked city regions in LIPF, CCR holds the evidence to confidently recommend declining the Local Anchor Institution role, with UKRI administering finances for the CCR LIPF.

25. CCR will focus on our role as Lead Body, facilitating the coordination and collaboration of a diverse set of stakeholders to deliver LIPF portfolio activities in line with local economic priorities. This decision does not reduce Cardiff Capital Regions influence on the shape of LIPF, as the anchor role is merely a financial administrative one with no real significance beyond the awarding of grants.

Project Lead Role

26. CCR would like to be a project lead within LIPF. We would have oversight of a number of creative industry led workstreams, particularly those from the Open Call that we ran.

27. This will be a lightweight role, essentially tasked with aggregating quarterly reports from the workstreams and uploading them to the UKRI reporting platform.

28. This provides us with useful interaction with the portfolio but without the contractual, financial and due diligence burden that would go with the Anchor role.

29. For LIPF UKRI can pay 100% of eligible costs, and then organisations have to adhere to subsidy rules if they are applicable. The activity would be non-economic in nature for this role in LIPF so no unfair advantage can be gained by CCR by undertaking this role. We would expect this could support up to 1.5FTE pa

30. We require a decision from the CJC to be able to undertake this role and commit CJC resources.

Timeline

31. Key milestones with indicative dates include:

Action	Due date	Status
UKRI/Innovate UK award data	September 2025	Acquired
Academia, public and private consultation and sector input data	October/ November 2025	Workshops undertaken
		Completed
Business based data gathering	October/ November 2025	Completed
Societal input	November 2025	Workshop/drop-in sessions undertaken
Cluster identification decision	December 2025	Completed
Readiness check submitted	February 2026	Completed
Open/closed engagement for project proposals	March - May 2026	Ongoing
Prioritisation and portfolio finalisation	June 2026	
Final portfolio submission to UKRI	June 2026	
Grant award confirmations	Late Summer 2026	

Financial Implications

32. As set out above this report recommends declining the Local Anchor Institution role, instead focussing on a facilitatory and coordinating role. As a consequence, CCR would not have the administrative costs or financial risks associated with anchor institution status. Should we be a Project Lead it is anticipated that this would require 1.5 FTEs pa, the costs of which would be fully in arrears from UKRI on a quarterly basis.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

33. Regulation 14 of the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021 allows the CJC to do anything to facilitate or which is incidental or conducive to the exercise of its functions, such as the actions recommended in this Report.

Well-being of Future Generations

34. The Corporate Joint Committees (Amendment of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015) Regulations 2021 bring CJCs within the scope of Parts 2 and 3 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

35. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on public bodies to carry out sustainable development, meaning the process of improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action aimed at achieving the well-being goals of:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
- A globally responsible Wales

and by acting in a way which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

36. In order to act in accordance with the sustainable development principle, when exercising its functions, the Committee must take account of the following things:

- the importance of balancing short term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to meet long term needs;
- the need to take an integrated approach to achieving the well-being goals;
- the importance of involving others with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and of ensuring those persons reflect the diversity of the population of the region;
- how acting in collaboration with others could assist to meet the region's well-being objectives;
- how deploying resources to prevent problems occurring or getting worse may contribute to meeting the region's well-being objectives.

37. In developing the Recommendations of this report, regard has been had to the well-being duty arising under the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 ('the Act').

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion

38. The Equality Act 2010 (Public Authorities subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty) (Wales) Order 2021 amended Part 2 of Schedule 19 to the Equality Act 2010 to provide that Corporate Joint Committees are subject to the Public Sector Equality duty set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

39. The Equality Act 2010 (Authorities subject to a duty regarding Socio-economic Inequalities) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2021 amended section 1 of the Equality Act 2010 in order to add Corporate Joint Committees to the list of relevant authorities subject to the Socio Economic Duty.

40. The Committee must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to: (1) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited under the Act; (2) advance equality of opportunity

between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not; and (3) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not.

41. The characteristics protected under the Act are:

- age;
- disability.
- gender reassignment.
- marriage and civil partnership.
- pregnancy and maternity.
- race.
- religion or belief.
- sex; and
- sexual orientation.

42. Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

(a) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
(b) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
(c) encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

34. CCR is committed to advancing the economic development of the Region, through its investments and projects across key portfolio areas and its additional statutory powers. The LIPF programme will adhere to the objectives and measures as established in the CCR Strategic Equality Plan and there will be controls around Equality, Diversity and Inclusion across the programme and for individual projects.

Welsh Language Implications

36. The Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015 (Amendment) Regulations 2021 bring Corporate Joint Committees within the scope of the standards specified by the No.1 Regulations.

37. In accordance with the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, consideration has been given to the impact the recommendations made in this report may have on opportunities for people to use and promote the Welsh Language, whether the proposals treat the Welsh Language more or less favourably than the English Language, and opportunities for increasing the positive effects, or decreasing the negative effects, of the proposals on the Welsh Language.

38. No negative impacts were identified which would prevent approval being sought to implement the recommendations of this report.

Risk Management

39. This fund is ultimately owned by UKRI, requiring their final sign off on portfolio project choices. This shares risk with UKRI in terms of programme and project delivery, and transfers risk to them for some elements.

40. The need to carefully manager reputational risk is clear, related to both our regional stakeholders and UKRI. This is an opportunity to solidify our position, role and capability within the region through this work. It is also an opportunity to set the mechanism that more UK Government money will flow through.

41. To mitigate this, CCR will deliver the programme professionally and in a considered manner. UKRI currently have strongly supported and approved CCR's set up and planning through our inclusive approach and being data/ evidence driven.

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Local Innovation Partnerships Fund. Corporate Joint Committee briefing update note

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Prifddinas Ranbarth Caerdydd | Cardiff Capital Region

A short brief to update Corporate Joint Committee on the fund progress by the Innovation Team at Cardiff Capital Region. This follows the note offered in November to the CJC board.

1. Context and Purpose

The Local Innovation Partnership Fund (LIPF) is a UKRI-led programme intended to strengthen regional innovation systems and accelerate innovation-led economic growth through adoption, diffusion, commercialisation and deployment of innovation.

Across the region, substantial innovation strengths already exist through universities, businesses, national assets, cluster organisations, and previous investment programmes. However, barriers relating to coordination, adoption, integration, deployment risk, validation, commercialisation and market diffusion continue to limit economic scaling and repeatable exploitation.

The LIPF programme provides an opportunity to strengthen the regional innovation ecosystem by enabling innovation developed within the region to be deployed, reused, adopted and commercialised repeatedly across organisations and sectors.

This includes strengthening:

- local supply-demand relationships;
- pathways from R&D into deployment;
- adoption confidence;
- commercialisation routes;
- investment readiness;
- scale-up capability; and,
- repeatable innovation deployment.

The overall ambition is to transition from isolated innovation activity toward repeatable and scalable commercial application capable of generating sustained economic growth, productivity improvement, investment attraction and long-term regional competitiveness.

2. CCR Strategic Approach to LIPF

CCR is approaching LIPF as a strategic place-based intervention designed to accelerate innovation-led growth through adoption and diffusion.

The programme is therefore not intended to operate as a general innovation grant programme or a continuation of existing R&D funding models.

The CCR approach prioritises:

- adoption-led innovation activity;
- scalable and reusable capability;
- commercial deployment;
- diffusion of innovation across organisations and supply chains;
- localised economic compounding;
- increased private investment leverage; and,
- strengthening of cluster ecosystems.

This means the programme is particularly interested in interventions that:

- enable technologies or methods to be repeatedly adopted;
- remove barriers to deployment and commercialisation;
- strengthen localised innovation supply and demand;
- create reusable infrastructure, tools, methods or systems;
- improve pathways to market;
- accelerate scaling and adoption; and,
- contribute to long-term cluster competitiveness.

CCR's approach also recognises that innovation impact is rarely created through isolated projects alone. Instead, economic impact emerges where ecosystems create conditions for repeated deployment, commercial confidence, collaboration and scaling.

The programme therefore seeks to create cumulative impact through a portfolio of activity that strengthens adoption capability at cluster and system level.

Projects will be expected to demonstrate alignment with this philosophy.

3. Local Anchor Institution

For South East Wales, Cardiff Capital Region has been assigned the role of LIPF Lead Body, responsible for:

- **Convening and coordinating the partnership**.
- **Formal submission of the proposal** ensuring it reflects the local innovation strategy, the partnerships collective ambition and capabilities, and meets all readiness criteria.
- **Managing the project portfolio process**, including overseeing development, prioritisation through Triple Helix governance, and formally submitting the portfolio for quality assurance.

In addition to the Lead Body role, there is an option to also assign the role of the 'Local Anchor Institution' for the LIPF programme. UKRI typically issues funding directly to research organisations and businesses. However, UKRI also offers an alternative approach to delivering the LIPF. Specifically, for places to nominate an eligible local anchor entity, such as a research organisation or regional body (such as, a Corporate Joint Committee), to carry out due diligence, contracting, and administering finances to partners in business-led projects, while UKRI continues to administer grants to research organisations through established channels. This approach is designed to empower places that wish to have a greater role in administering funding, while ensuring value for money by avoiding any duplication of UKRI's capabilities in funding research organisations directly.

The nominated anchor organisation must meet strict assurance criteria and demonstrate efficiency and value for money in administering grants. As it would be responsible for distributing grants to partners on business-led projects, the anchor entity will be required to comply with UKRI's terms and conditions, funding assurance and subsidy control requirements. They will be eligible to receive a capped contribution of up to £300k per annum towards operational delivery costs taken from that place's award.

If places choose not to adopt this alternative approach to funding delivery, or where there is not the institutional capacity available to manage or distribute this funding at a local level, UKRI will make awards through its standard award processes to academic led projects and to partners of business-led projects. In all cases, UKRI will maintain oversight of project and anchor entity performance and have overall responsibility and accountability for the LIPF.

CCR, as the lead organisation, and the Local Innovation partnership will still retain the local decision-making capacity and the role of delivery partner with UKRI, irrespective of who acts as the anchor.

After conducting its own internal analyses and receiving feedback from various sources, including other earmarked city regions in LIPF, CCR holds the evidence to confidently recommend declining the Local Anchor Institution role, with UKRI administering finances for the CCR LIPF.

The additional burden on the organisation would be significant, with new roles needing to be created and specialists recruited to be ready for an August 2026 start. The cost of the additional organisational and financial burden would be at least £393,718 per annum and would negatively impact the capacity of multiple teams such as Innovation, Finance and Legal & Governance. Therefore, the Anchor institution role would actually cost the organisation at least £468,590 over the five-year programme, with in our opinion, a limited return of value for that investment.

Instead, CCR will focus on our role as 'Lead Body', facilitating the coordination and collaboration of a diverse set of stakeholders to deliver LIPF portfolio activities in line with local economic priorities. This decision does not reduce Cardiff Capital Regions influence on the shape of LIPF, as the anchor role is merely a financial administrative one with no real significance beyond the awarding of grants. However, CCR will need to agree with UKRI non-legally binding 'ways of working' for the delivery phase setting out clear shared expectations and supporting the delivery high-quality outcomes for the region through LIPF.

The Executive Director for Policy, Impact and Partnerships met with Joanne Allison UKRI's Director of Place where assurances were made on the collaborative approach between CCR and UKRI on the LIPF. In addition, that UKRI have built the relevant capacity within its team to deliver a high-quality Anchor Institution service for South East Wales. It was agreed that CCR should focus on the quality and impact of the LIPF investment portfolio for the region.

4. Project lead role

CCR can be a project lead within LIPF. We would have oversight of a number of creative industry led workstreams, particularly those from the Open Call that we ran.

This will be a lightweight role, essentially tasked with aggregating quarterly reports from the workstreams and uploading them to the UKRI reporting platform.

This provides us with useful interaction with the portfolio but without the contractual, financial and due diligence burden that would go with the Anchor role.

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5. Cluster Selection and Strategic Rationale

Following an evidence-led assessment process undertaken with the Regional Growth Board acting as the interim triple helix governance mechanism, the following areas were identified as the strongest fit for the LIPF programme:

Compound Semiconductors – Advanced Systems

Advanced Systems represents a distinctive regional strength spanning:

- compound and wide-bandgap semiconductors;
- photonics and sensing;
- embedded computing;
- systems integration;
- packaging and reliability engineering; and,
- deployment into real-world applications.

CCR possesses a unique end-to-end ecosystem spanning research, fabrication, integration and deployment.

The opportunity identified through LIPF is not solely upstream research capability, but the strengthening of downstream system integration, validation, deployment and commercial exploitation.

The cluster demonstrates:

- strong export-led market opportunity;
- mature delivery capability;
- substantial prior coordinated investment;
- credible adoption pathways;
- significant supply-chain opportunities; and,
- strong alignment to UK industrial priorities.

Creative Industries – Creative Technologies

Creative Technologies focuses on reusable and transferable creative production capability rather than one-off content creation.

This includes areas such as:

- AI-enabled production;
- immersive and virtual production;
- computational creativity;
- reusable production workflows;
- digital production infrastructure; and,
- scalable creative IP models.

The strategic opportunity identified is to move from project-based innovation toward reusable and adoptable tools, methods and workflows capable of repeated commercial deployment across firms and markets.

The cluster benefits from:

- a strong production base;
- established innovation coordination;
- significant prior investment and delivery activity;
- high levels of creative capability; and,
- growing opportunities in technology-enabled creative production.

Cyber / Data / Trusted AI

Cyber/Data/Trusted AI has been positioned as a cross-cutting enabling capability rather than a standalone vertical cluster within LIPF.

Its role is expected to support adoption, trust, assurance, security and deployment capability across the wider portfolio.

Health Technologies

Health Technologies demonstrated substantial long-term opportunity and strong regional capability. However, the assessment concluded that regulatory complexity, delivery risk, system dependencies and the maturity of coordinated delivery mechanisms reduced alignment with the immediate requirements and timescales of the current LIPF programme.

This does not reduce the strategic importance of Health Technologies to the region.

6. Step Change and Localised Compounding

A central objective of the LIPF programme is the delivery of a “step change” in cluster performance and regional innovation impact.

For CCR, step change means moving beyond isolated or one-off innovation activity toward repeatable deployment, scalable capability and sustained economic impact.

The programme seeks to strengthen localised compounding effects.

Localised compounding occurs where innovation developed within the region creates reusable capability that can be repeatedly adopted by other organisations, sectors or supply chains, generating cumulative economic impact over time.

This can include:

- repeat technology adoption;
- reusable tools and workflows;
- strengthened supply-chain participation;
- repeat deployment into operational environments;
- increased investor confidence;
- scaling of SMEs and spinouts; and,
- stronger regional collaboration and knowledge transfer.

The highest-value opportunities are expected where innovation can diffuse across multiple organisations and where adoption creates wider market confidence and follow-on activity.

The intention is therefore not simply to fund collaborative projects, but to strengthen the conditions that allow innovation adoption and scaling to occur repeatedly across the regional economy.

7. Good LIPF Activity

Projects brought forward through the portfolio process should demonstrate clear alignment with the strategic objectives of LIPF.

Strong LIPF activity is likely to demonstrate:

- credible pathways to adoption and commercial deployment;
- scalable or reusable capability;
- repeatable application beyond a single organisation or pilot;
- strong alignment to cluster strengths and objectives;
- realistic co-investment and leverage potential;
- identifiable market or operational demand;
- contribution to localised compounding effects;
- clear delivery capability and implementation readiness;
- evidence of additionality;
- contribution to regional economic impact; and,
- potential to strengthen long-term cluster competitiveness.

The programme is particularly interested in activity that enables wider diffusion of innovation across firms, supply chains or sectors.

The Innovation Partnership should also be mindful of characteristics which may indicate weaker alignment to LIPF objectives, including:

- isolated pilot activity without scaling logic;
- activity heavily dependent on ongoing public subsidy;
- weak or unclear commercial pathways;
- limited evidence of adoption demand;
- projects focused primarily on upstream R&D without deployment routes;
- activity lacking reusable or repeatable capability;
- consultancy-led activity without wider ecosystem impact; and,
- projects with limited contribution to cluster-level outcomes.

The purpose of challenge within the Innovation Partnership is not to discourage innovation ambition, but to ensure alignment with the strategic purpose and delivery requirements of LIPF.

8. Role of the Innovation Partnership

The Local Innovation Partnership acts as the strategic local governance mechanism for the LIPF programme.

The Partnership is expected to operate as an evidence-led, challenge-oriented and strategically focused decision-making forum representing industry, academia, public sector and wider regional interests.

The role of the Partnership includes:

- shaping the strategic direction of the portfolio;
- challenging alignment to LIPF objectives;
- reviewing assessment outcomes and recommendations;
- considering strategic fit and balance across the portfolio;
- supporting transparency and accountability;
- ensuring place-based impact remains central to decision making; and,
- supporting portfolio adaptation where required.

Members are not expected to act solely as sector representatives or institutional advocates.

The Partnership should instead collectively assess whether activity contributes to the wider strategic objectives of:

- innovation-led growth;
- adoption and diffusion;
- economic scaling;
- commercialisation;
- leverage;
- additionality; and,
- long-term regional competitiveness.

9. Portfolio Development and Assessment Process

CCR will coordinate portfolio development activity through a hybrid approach comprising:

Cluster body led proposal development; and an open call process.

This is intended to balance established cluster capability and strategic coordination with openness to wider regional opportunity.

Projects will be assessed through a structured process including:

- gateway eligibility checks;
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- contribution to step change and localised compounding.

CCR will consolidate assessment findings and recommendations for consideration by the Innovation Partnership.

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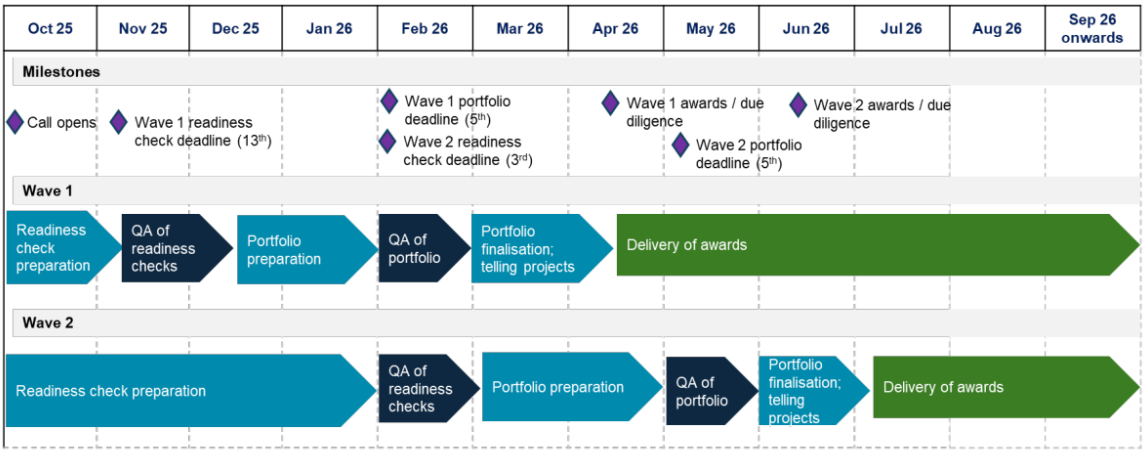
10. Updated LIPF Timeline

An updated programme timeline (subject to change) is as follows:

1. CCR Open call opened – 16th April
2. CCR Open call closes – 18th May
3. CCR Open call marking period – 25th – 29th May
4. Local Innovation Partnership meeting and Recommendations - 15th June
5. Portfolio submission to UKRI Independent Panel - 25th June
6. Projects go live in late summer