

# Prospering from the Energy Revolution:

A UK initiative to stimulate the growth of Smart Local Energy Systems

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# Outline:



- 1) UK energy system challenges
- 2) The opportunity for a fresh approach
- 3) Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund
- 4) The Prospering from the Energy Revolution programme
- 5) Next steps
- 6) Questions for this audience
- 7) How to get involved
- 8) Q&A

# The UK is facing multiple energy system challenges

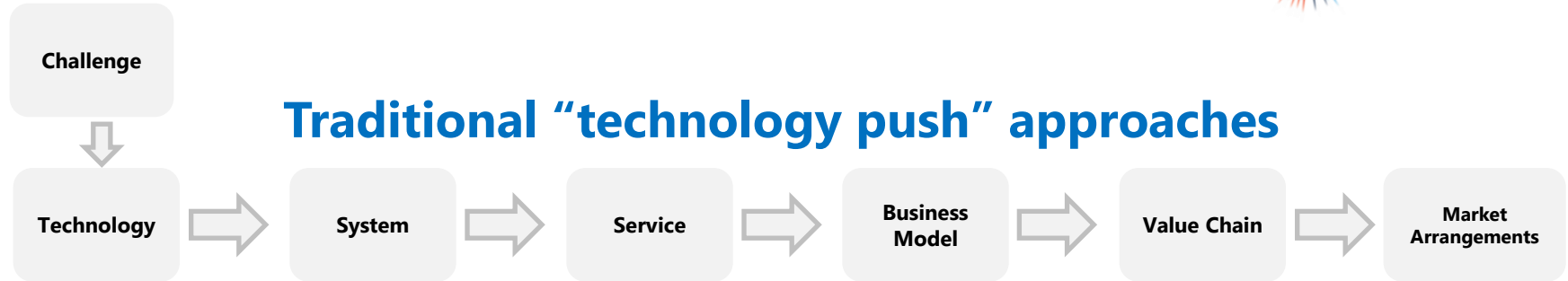


- Clean Air
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Comfort (e.g. summer & winter)
- Mobility
- Cost competitiveness
- Fuel poverty
- Energy (in)security incl. cyber
- Changing consumer preferences
- Environmental and social changes
- Economic growth
- Supply chain and skills development
- Network constraints & investment

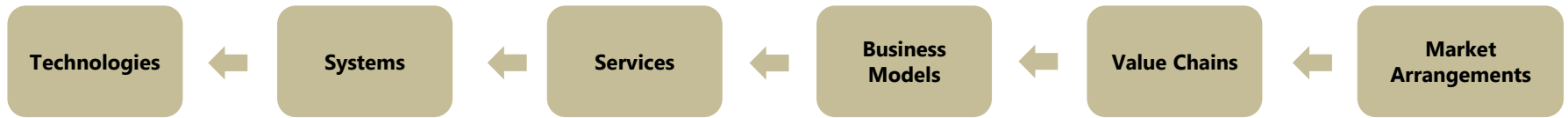
At a time when our energy supply and demand are changing rapidly

- Decommissioning of older fossil and nuclear power stations.
- Rise of wind and solar power generation and novel energy storage
- Adoption of electric vehicles
- Smart meter roll-out and convergence with new digital platforms and consumer-based control systems
- Evolving demand-side, energy storage and peer-to-peer markets
- Emergence of hydrogen and bio-energy value chains
- Changing workforce

# Hypothesis: Better outcomes by changing our approach



**Combined with better "market pull" approach...**



**Should deliver better outcomes**



# Prospering from the Energy Revolution: Opportunities for fresh approaches



- Increasing number and quality of local energy initiatives, with several successful demos
- Cost reduction and emissions reduction by looking at power, transport, heat and storage together?
- Replace asset-based and kWh-based approaches with service models
- New digital infrastructure and data management to manage distributed assets flexibly rather than centralised approach
- Strong UK research, financing, policy backdrop

# Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund... ...not business-as-usual Innovation



- Focused on **improving productivity and economic benefit** across the UK
- Learning from DARPA & ARPA-E approach
- Clear **measureable** challenges
- Needs clear **industry buy-in** to be successful and should be **ambitious**



# Prospering from the Energy Revolution: Our challenge:



Prove by 2022 that local, investable, consumer-centric energy approaches can create prosperous clean energy communities across the UK

## Inputs

£102.5 million HM Government Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund  
Matched local, regional & private investment  
BEIS, OFGEM, UKRI, industry and local alignment & support  
Leading recent and ongoing energy system research, development and initiatives

## Activities

Energy Revolution Research Consortium  
Concept and Design studies  
Detailed Designs  
Demonstrators  
Collaborative R&D projects  
Supportive infrastructure and outreach  
International engagement

## Desired Outputs

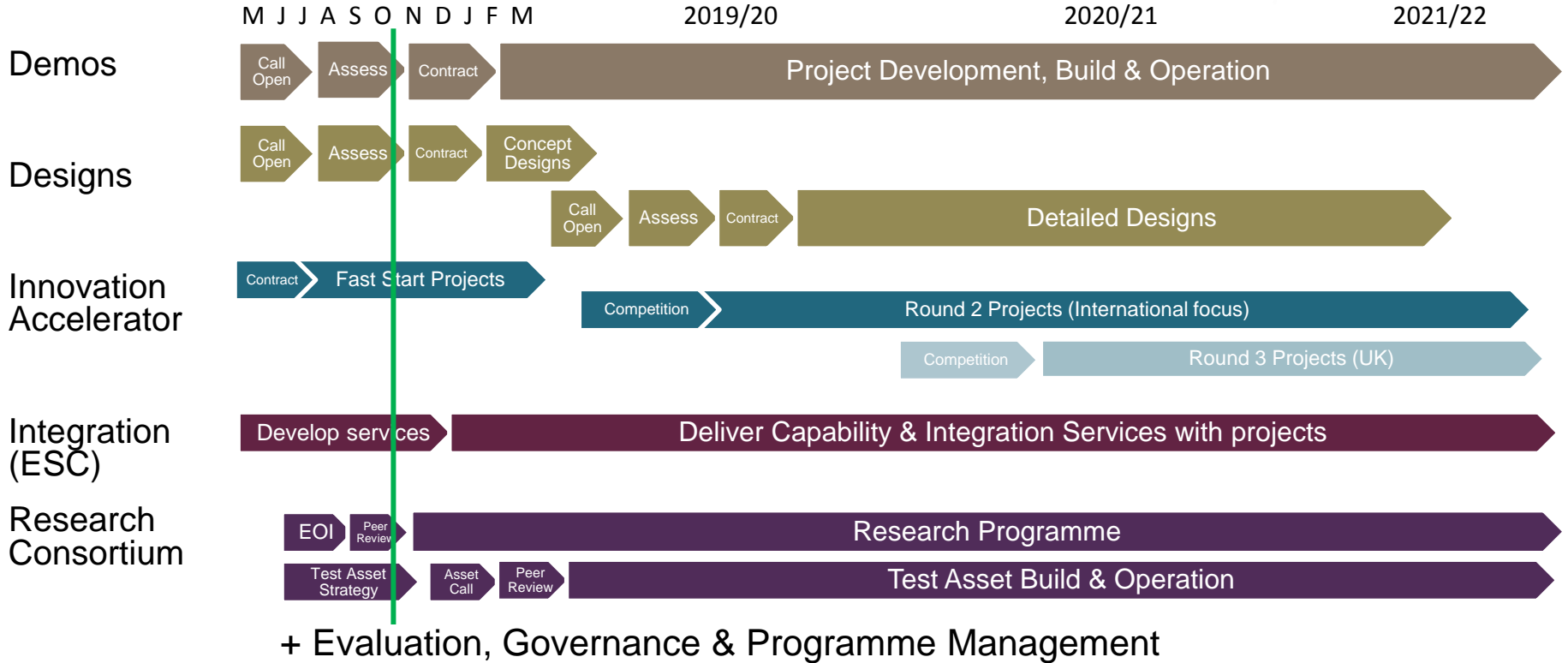
Validated integrated, intelligent and investable approaches that reduce energy system costs and emissions  
High value job creation in demonstrator areas  
New knowledge and practical insights about local energy system implementation

## Desired Outcomes

Local business models scaled and replicated  
cleaner, cheaper energy services  
Accelerated progress to meet carbon and air quality targets  
more prosperous and resilient communities  
whole system benefits  
10x future private investment  
new products and services commercialised



# Prospering from the Energy Revolution: Our timescales

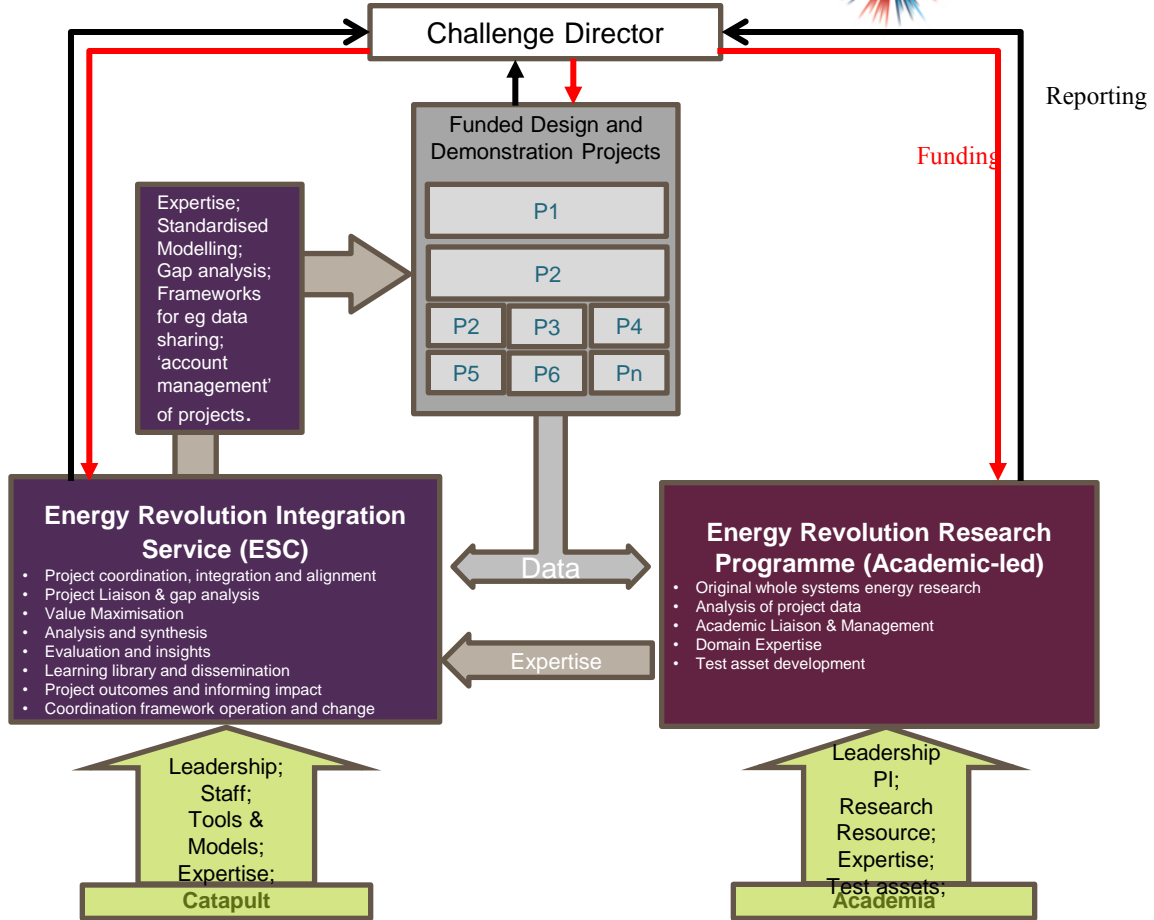


# Our approach: Integration & Research Service Model



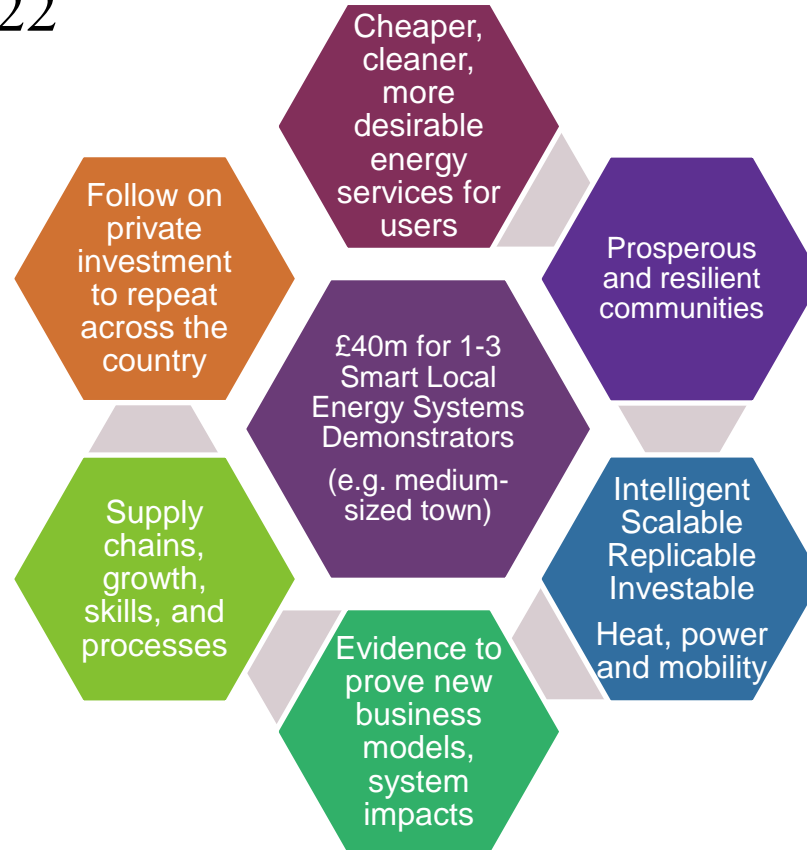
Delivering:

- Integrated projects
- Co-ordinated outputs
- Insights & knowledge



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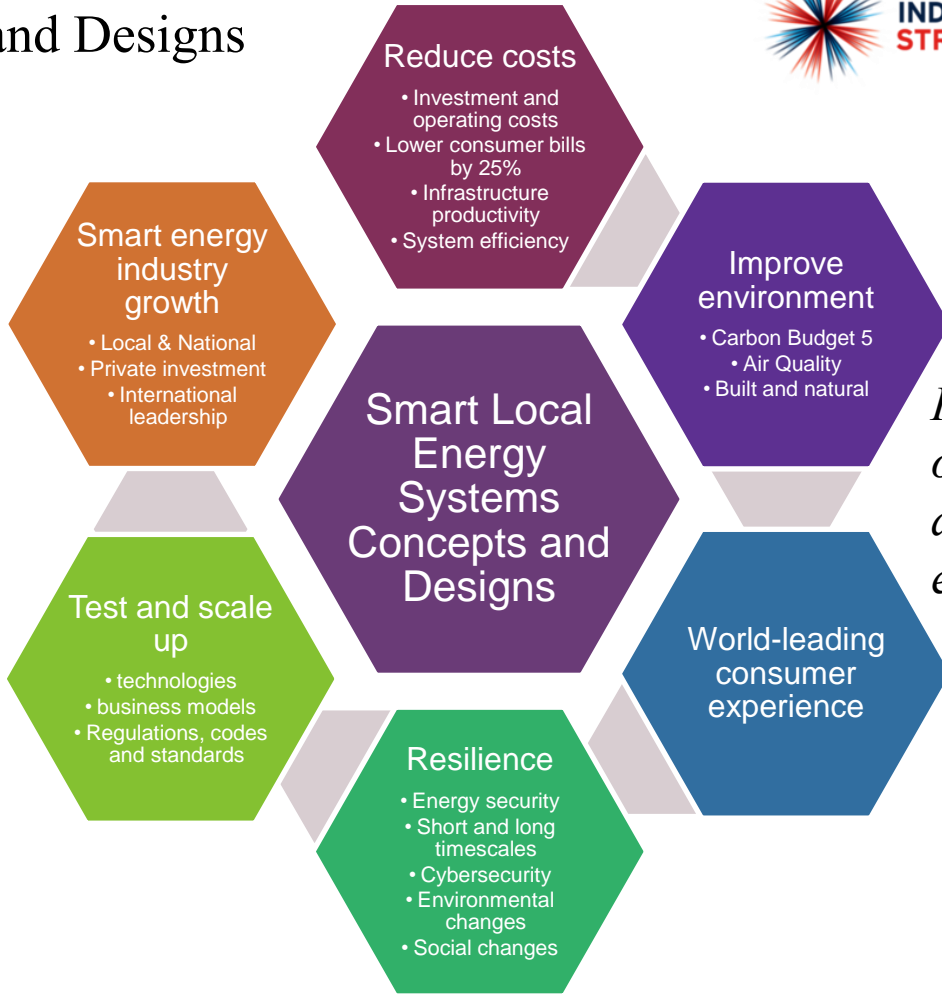
# £40 m collaborative R&D grant funding for Smart Local Energy System Demonstrators that will deliver ambitious outcomes by 2022



# £1.5 million grant funding available for a portfolio of 10-20 Smart Local Energy System Concepts and Designs

These will give an opportunity to develop and assess radical concepts and designs for smart local energy systems holistically, in terms of their local and national economic, environmental and societal benefits.

The best of these will be invited to participate in a subsequent funding competition for detailed development.



*Key outcomes desired by early 2020s*

# Prospering from the Energy Revolution: Next steps:



- Announce and start-up the smart local energy system concept, designs & demonstrators (Dec 18- Feb19)
- Announce and start up research programme (by Nov/Dec 2018)
- Energy Revolution Integration Service to support projects to work together and provide rapid feedback to stakeholders
- **International engagement – *your advice appreciated!***



# Prospering from the Energy Revolution:

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