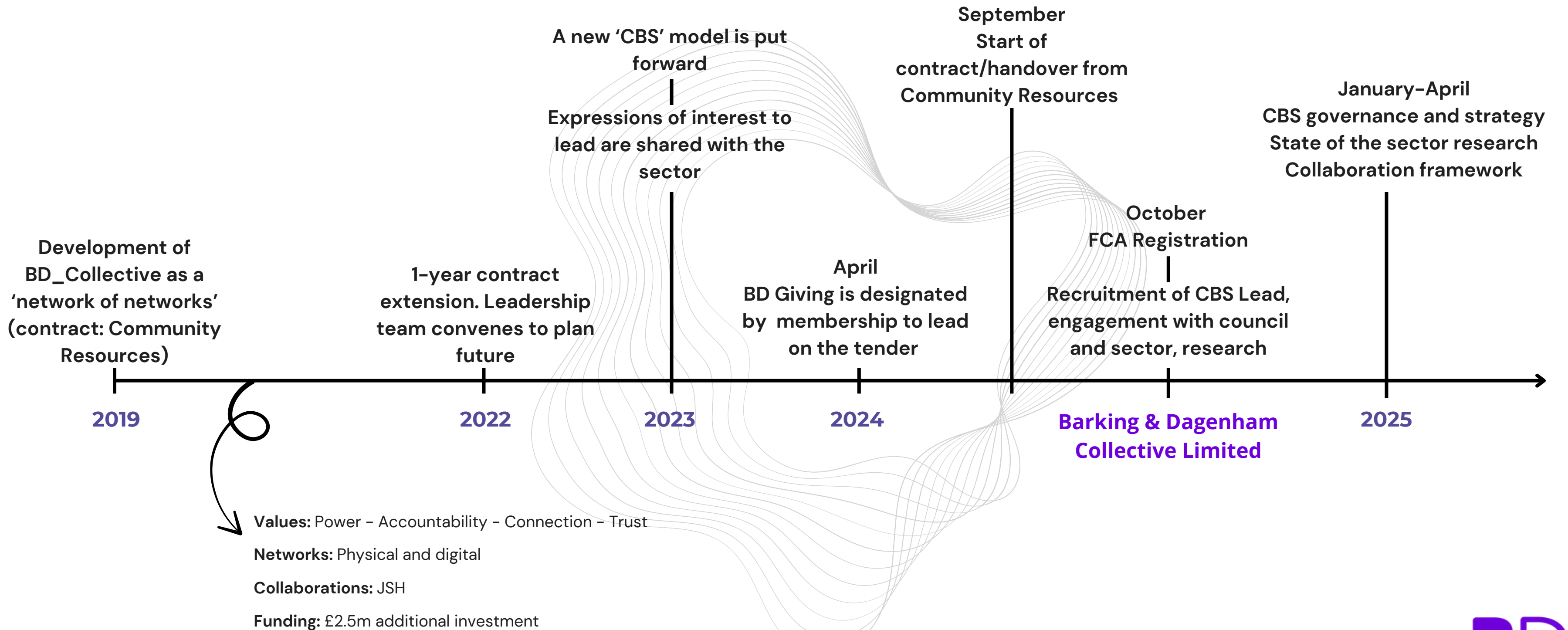




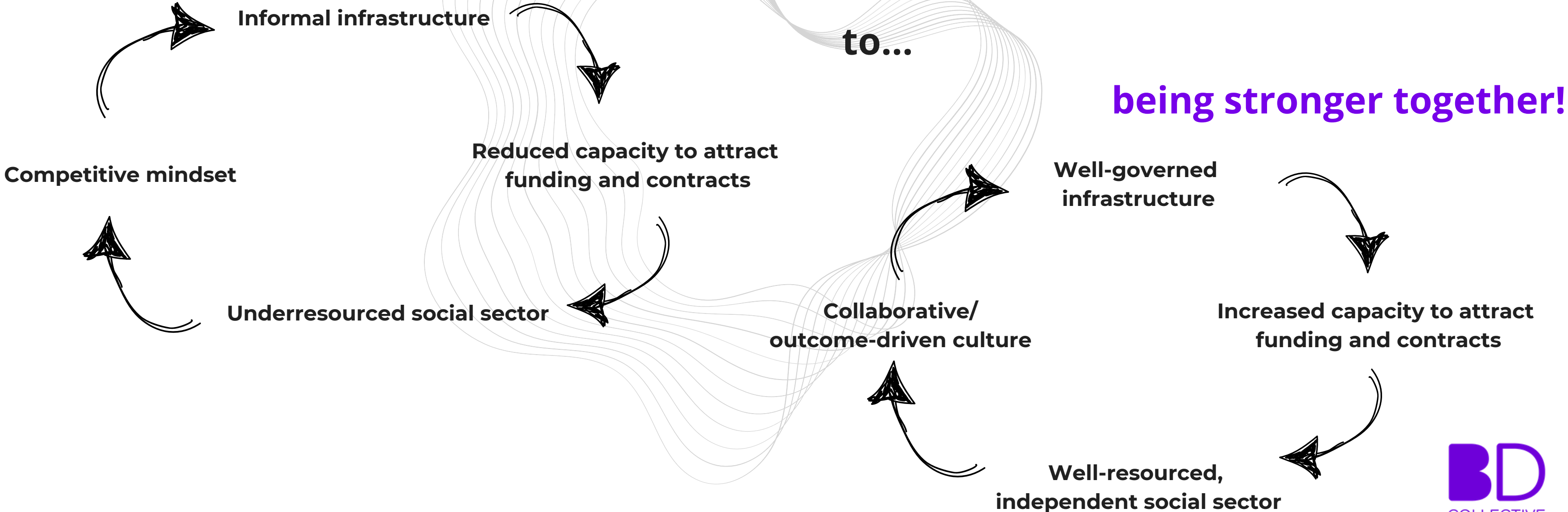
# A New Chapter: Our Community Benefit Society (CBS)

# BD\_Collective Timeline



# Improving the way we work together

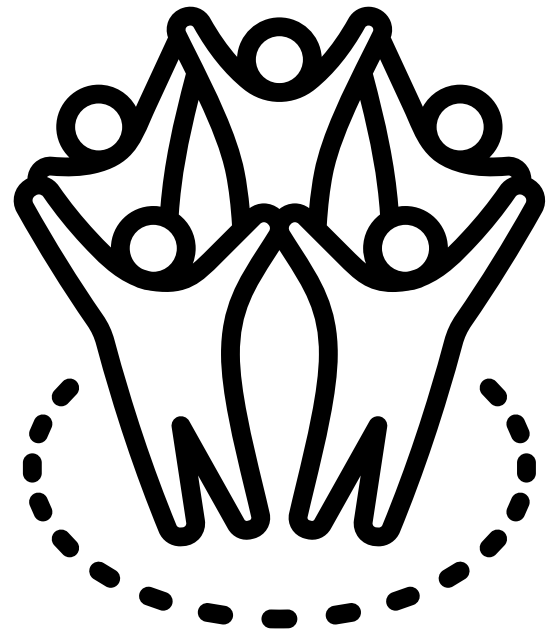
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# **What is a Community Benefit Society? (CBS)**

# What is a Community Benefit Society (CBS)?



## Key features of a CBS

- Legal name for a limited community-led membership organisation
- Must be entirely for the benefit of the community
- Registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014
- Operate on a 'one-member, one-vote' principle

## How can BD\_Collective CBS benefit our community?

- Opportunity for CBS to hold & manage contracts and commissions
- Representation for member organisations of all sizes, equity through one member one vote
- Neutral ground for visibility, sharing access and power across members and networks



**What did we learn from the survey?**

## What most appeals to people about joining a CBS?

- Access to collaborative bids
- Developing relationships with other organisations
- Sharing experiences and good practices

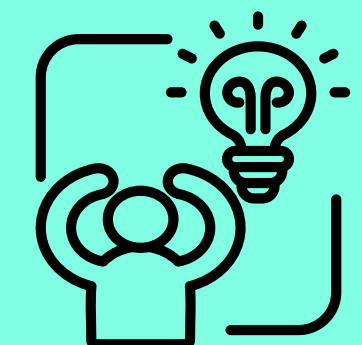
## Where do people care most about transparency in the CBS?

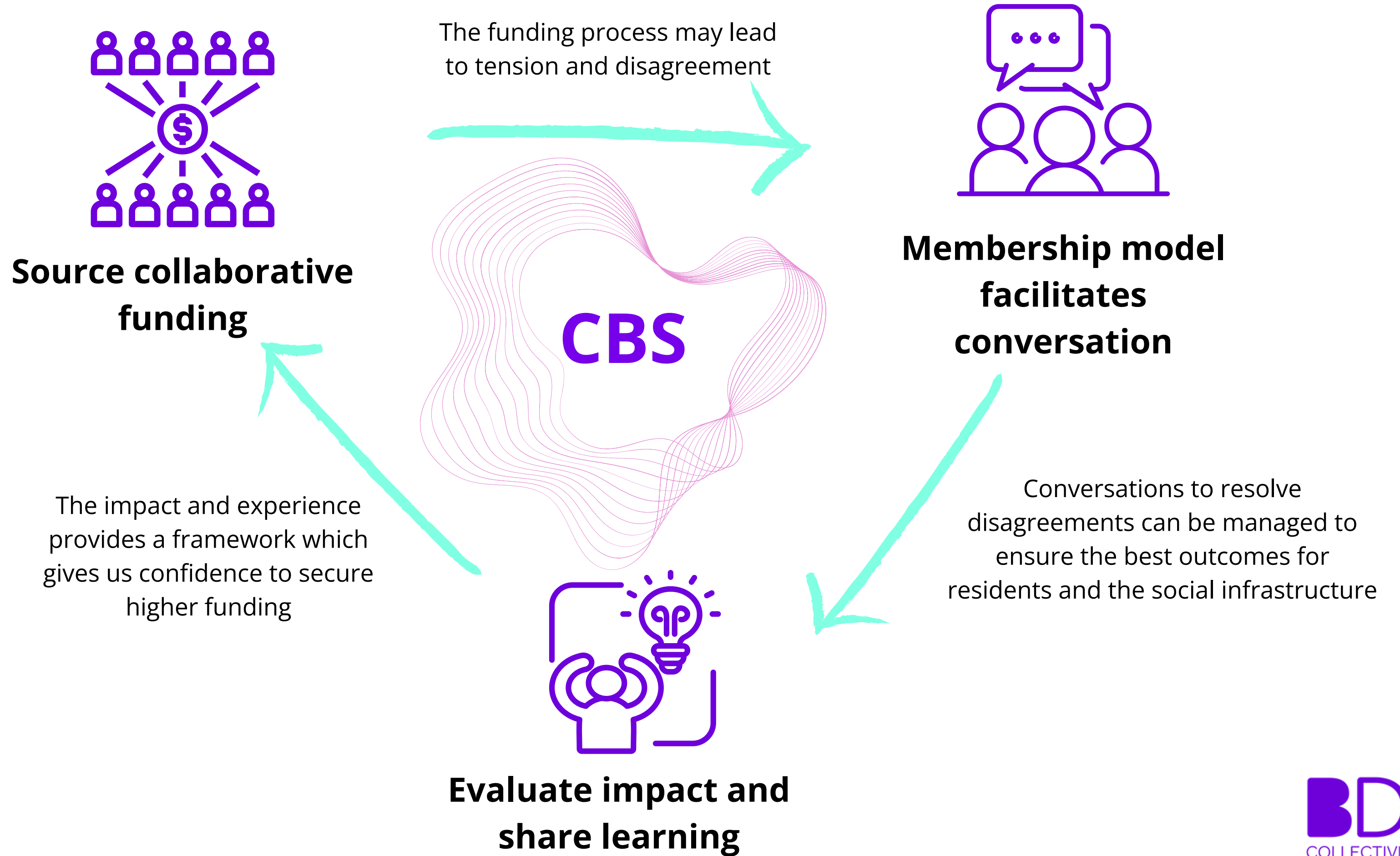
- Developing grant proposals
- Governance and leadership
- Monitoring, evaluation & learning

## What should the CBS focus on to best support its members?

- Fundraising and income generation
- Networking with external organisations
- Facilitating collaboration between members

We think there are 3 common themes that point towards a starting point for what the CBS might look like.









**Current projects undertaken by  
BD\_Collective CBS**

# Social Infrastructure Contract

- BD Giving holding contract on behalf of CBS
- Facilitate development of BD\_Collective CBS into self-governing organisation that can take over this contract as well as other projects
- 3 year contract, £300,000
- Continue to:
  - Develop networks
  - Collaborative joint funding bids as a CBS
  - Engage members through digital platforms, events and activities



The screenshot shows a webpage from Barking & Dagenham Giving. The header includes the logo and navigation links: ABOUT, GET INVOLVED, PROJECTS, RESOURCES, LATEST, and CONTACT. The main content area features a purple box with the 'BD COLLECTIVE' logo. Below this, there is a headline 'A Smooth Transition Building on Strong Foundations' and several paragraphs of text. The text mentions that BD Giving has secured the Council's social infrastructure contract for three years, enabling the borough's voluntary, community, social enterprise (VCSE) and faith sectors to continue to strengthen community support and wellbeing. A quote from Nicki Lane, Head of Place and Programmes at BD Giving, expresses gratitude for the energy and imagination of the team that created BD\_Collective. The page also includes a section titled 'Sharing Resources, Sharing Power' which explains the aim to hold the contract for the first 12-18 months while working towards establishing a BD\_Collective Community Benefit Society (CBS). At the bottom of the page, there is a photograph of a group of people sitting in a room, possibly attending a meeting or event.

Barking & Dagenham Giving

ABOUT GET INVOLVED PROJECTS RESOURCES LATEST CONTACT

We are thrilled to share that BD\_Collective, via Barking & Dagenham Giving, has secured the Council's social infrastructure contract!

Through the collective efforts of social sector partners we secured the social infrastructure contract for three years. This accomplishment enables Barking and Dagenham's voluntary, community, social enterprise (VCSE) and faith sectors to continue to strengthen community support and wellbeing in the borough.

**BD COLLECTIVE**

## A Smooth Transition Building on Strong Foundations

At the beginning of September, we at BD Giving will take the reins from Community Resources, which has acted as the 'Secretariat' for BD\_Collective for the last five years. The win reflects the solid foundation and robust networks the Secretariat facilitated.

All of us at BD Giving would like to say a huge thank you for the energy and imagination that Avril McIntyre and the team brought to creating the BD\_Collective. We aim to continue their success, building an ever stronger VCSE for the residents of Barking and Dagenham!

Nicki Lane, Head of Place and Programmes at BD Giving

### Sharing Resources, Sharing Power

The aim is for us to hold the contract for the first 12-18 months as we work towards establishing a BD\_Collective Community Benefit Society (CBS). Once the CBS is fully operational, it will take over, ensuring continuity and member-led delivery.

A Community Benefit Society is the legal name for a community-led membership organisation. They operate on a 'one-member, one-vote' principle, which means it's a great structure for collaboration and equality between members. This contract is a testament to the power of collaboration within the social sector, which is especially important in an underfunded borough such as ours. Working together we can build stronger, more resilient social infrastructure for Barking and Dagenham.

If you are interested in finding out more about this vital organisation or you're part of a social sector organisation and would like to become a member please email [hello@bdcollective.co.uk](mailto:hello@bdcollective.co.uk)



Read [here](#)

# Neighbourhood Networks

- Contract sign-off imminent
- Two years, £760,000
- Up to 10 hyperlocal Neighbourhood Networks (NN)
- Residents and community-led solutions to improve quality of life + tackle health inequalities

## What's next:

- Opportunities for Collective members to participate
  - Expression of Interest

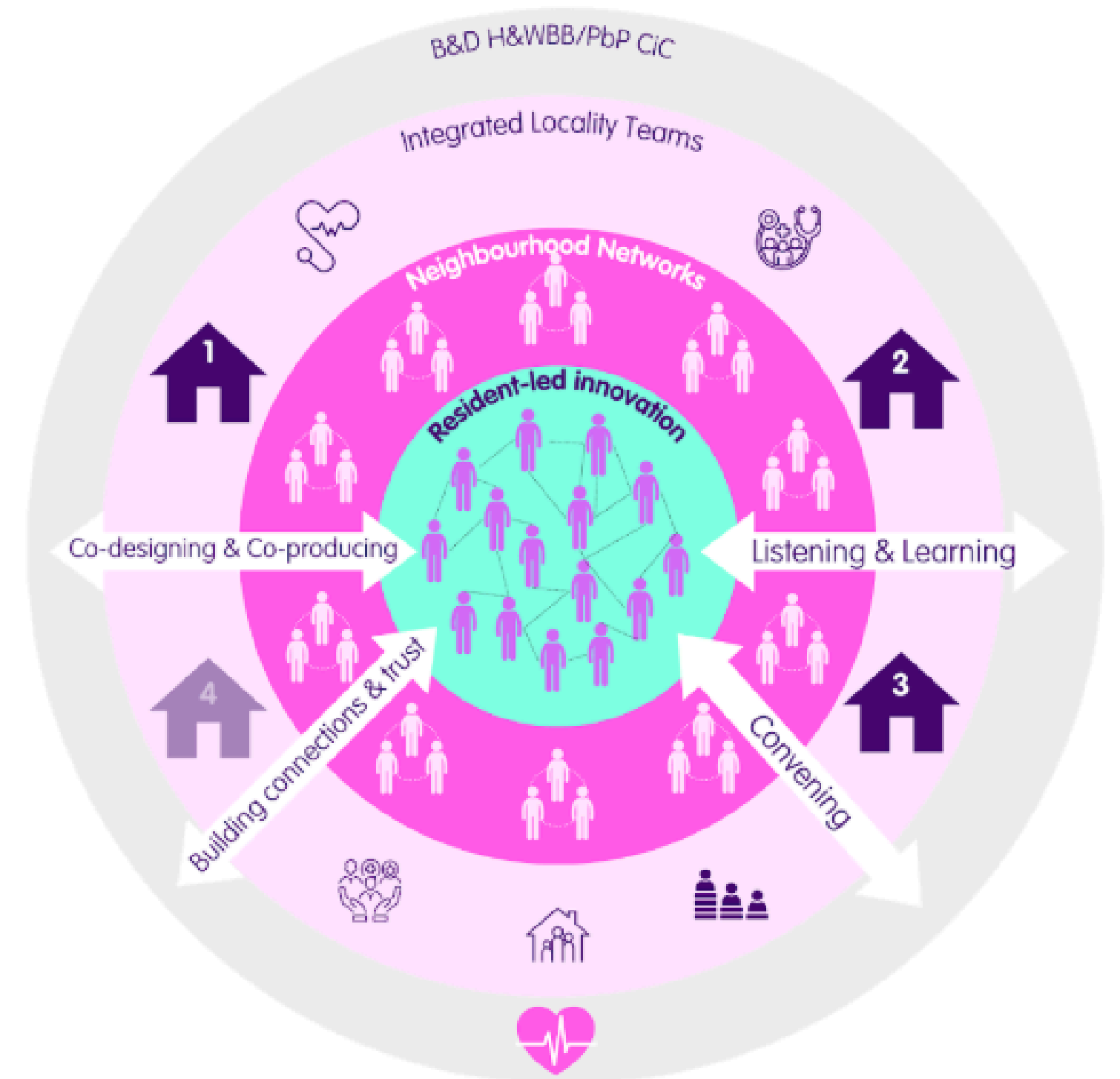


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# Other Projects



- **Diabetes and Health Inequalities**

- Completed four workshops between Jan & Feb
- Facilitated by BD Giving, delivered by several BD\_Collective members

- **GP Pop-ups**

- Four BD\_Collective reps working with public sector partners to shape the next phase

- **Healthy Weight Service**

- Convened by BD\_Collective with two tenders submitted
- Awaiting outcome



# CBS Working Group

# Criteria for CBS Working Group

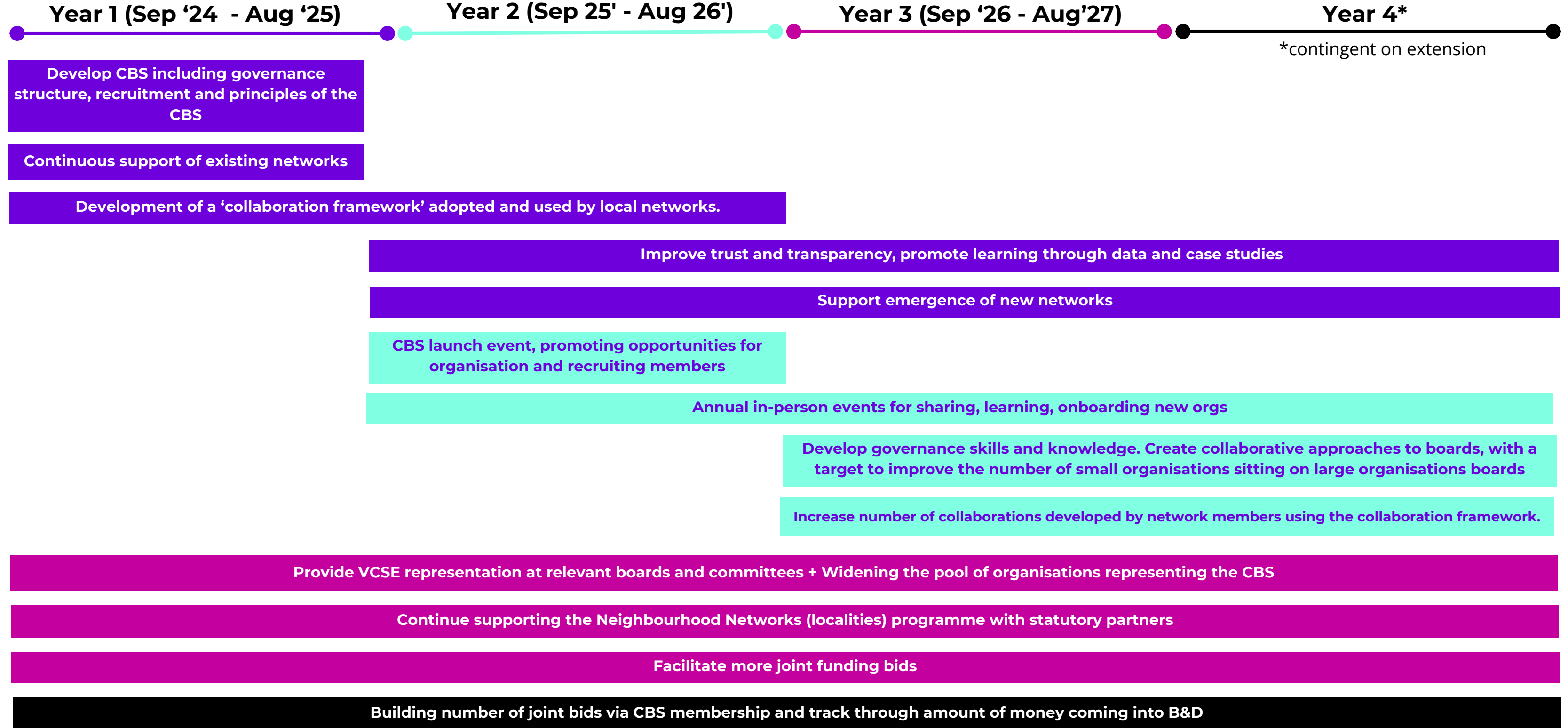
- 6 to 8 individuals
- Six months period
- Prepare CBS for membership launch
- Support development of governance structure
- Review priorities for Board
- Time compensated
- **Applications open until Monday, 7 April 2025**
- Interviews on 16 and 17 April 2025





# **Our Deliverables for the Next 4 Years**

# Deliverables Timeline



Support local networks to build sustainable collaborations to support residents

Develop collaboration between civil society groups and between the sector and partners

Provide representation of the local VCSE sector with the council and other partners

Lead the sector to stimulate new opportunities in the borough





**YOUR TURN:**  
**Interactive Session**