

Den Burn Project

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**Funding for Flood Risk
Management Workshop**



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Den Burn Project Description

- Watercourse re-naturalisation
- Reduce flood risk to downstream properties
- Creation of a multi-use path alongside
- Ecological recovery
- Visual amenity
- Improvement of river from poor to good ecological status
- Promote Biodiversity
- Enhance green space

Current status

(initial stage)

- Topo survey
- Bat survey
- Archaeological Survey
- Landownership survey
- Hydraulic Modelling contract is out for tender
- Morphology - contract preparation
- Meetings and workshops
- Water quality monitoring/SEPA
- Discussions with Scottish Water



How potential funding sources was identified and what was the funding for?



- **SEPA (WEF) initially approached ACC**
- **ACC already a partner in BEGIN project**

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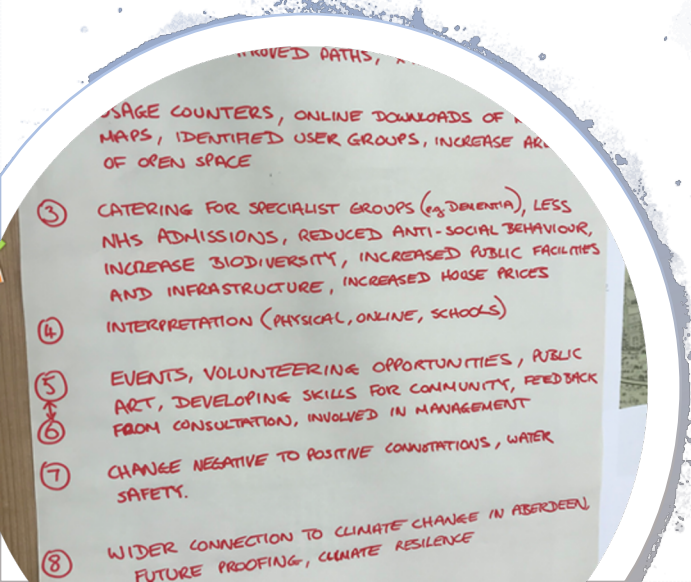


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Water Environment Funding (WEF)

- Aberdeen City Council lead
- SEPA support
- WEF: £58,000 for the development stage of the project
- ACC: £25,000 plus an in kind contribution of officer time of at least 75 staff days
- Funding covers: Survey/Design/Hydraulic modelling/Communication cost/Expertise cost etc
- Future funding for construction works





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- BEGIN: Blue-Green Infrastructure through Social Innovation
- Ten city and six scientific partners from across the North Sea Region
- 3 pilot projects in Aberdeen
- New Den Burn project added to the BEGIN projects list
- (50%) match funding
- Covers cost of Survey/Design/Hydraulic modelling/Communication cost/Expertise cost /ACC staff cost etc
- Does not cover cost of construction works


The role of partnerships, collaboration, skills, expertise available, insider knowledge, experience etc and how you made this happen?

ACC-SEPA

- Fortnight progress call meetings and face to face meetings four times per year /any issues discussed
- Hydraulic modelling contract prepared by ACC and reviewed by SEPA's expertise
- Water quality of Den Burn monitored by SEPA

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- Reporting every 6 months
- Partners meeting every 6 months
- Knowledge exchange of BGI projects (within and outwith UK) of BEGIN partners through meetings/portals etc
- Advice from Universities/CIRIA etc



What make a good application/Example of an unsuccessful application?

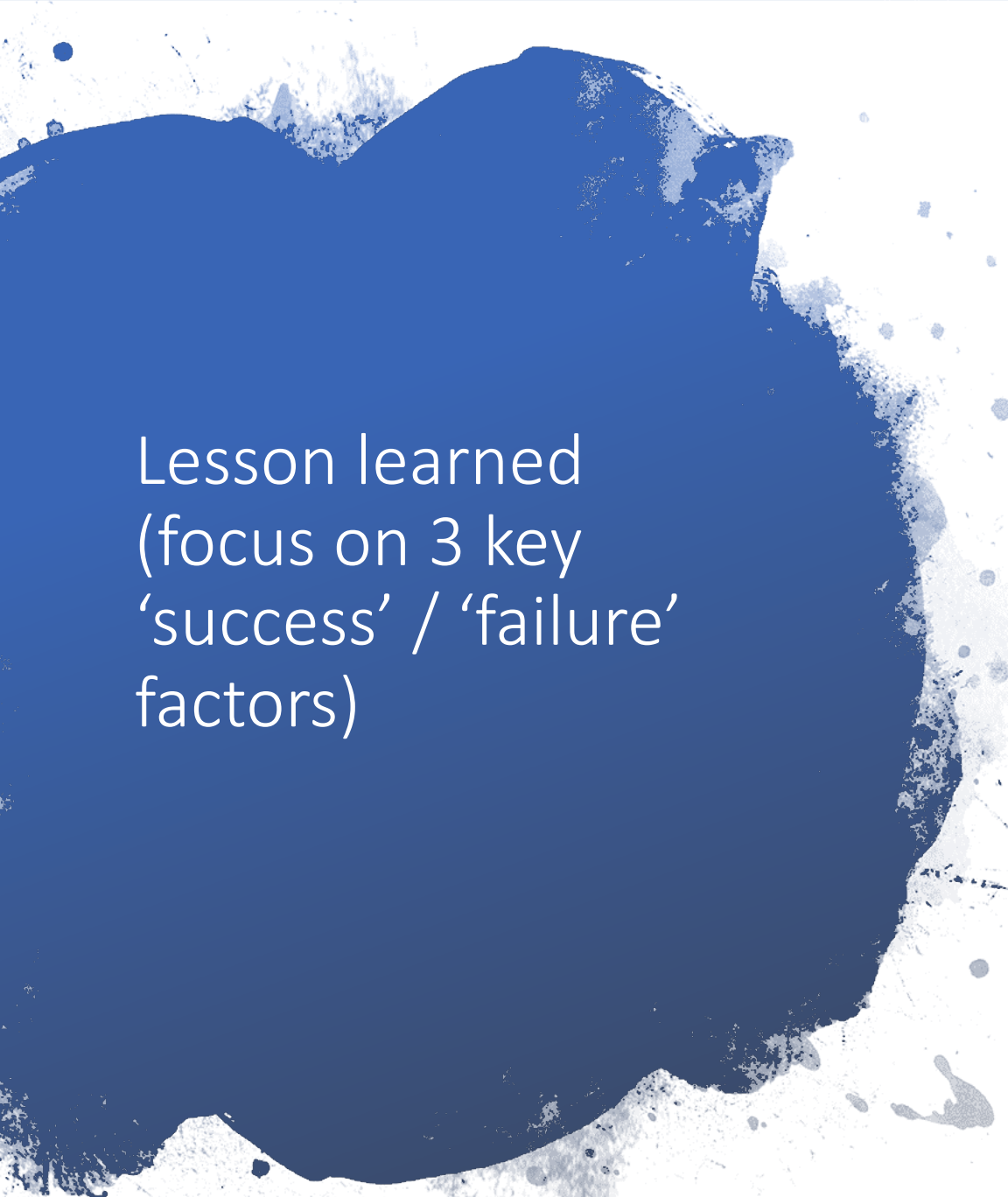
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- Good communication
- Frequent communication
- Both parties benefit
- On time reporting
- Discussion from both sides if any issue/problem arises



Other potential
Funding sources

- SUSTRANS
- SNH,
- etc



Lesson learned
(focus on 3 key
'success' / 'failure'
factors)

- ACC takes more account of the possibility of environment improvements when design flood relief schemes under partnership with WEF and BEGIN
- ACC built good relationship with other North Sea Cities (European Partners) through BEGIN
- ACC built good relationship with a Project Consultant / EU Programmes – Potential funding in similar projects in the future

Thank you

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