

# Finance Structures



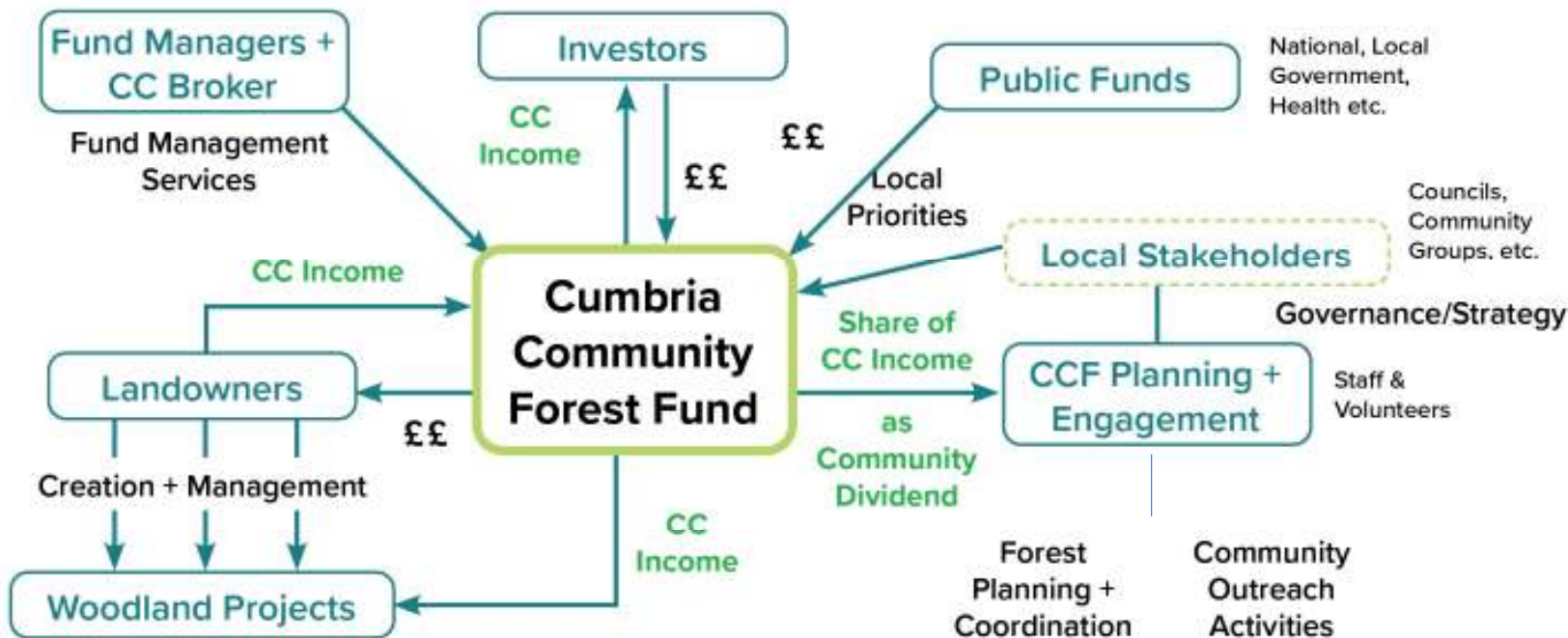
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- Investor interest in ‘climate-positive’ investments (as opposed to ‘passive’ ESG) is growing but experience and understanding levels low
  - Pro-active engagement with investors is therefore vital
- ‘Blended finance’ structures allow the combination of standard investment techniques with additional value-capture tools such as carbon credits
- Collective action will create potential for standardisation and aggregation and maximise value for local stakeholders (vs one-off contracts)
- Community engagement / empowerment can also be improved via collective structures

# Possible Structure for Community Coastal Forest



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CC = Carbon Credits  
CCF = Cumbria Community Forest

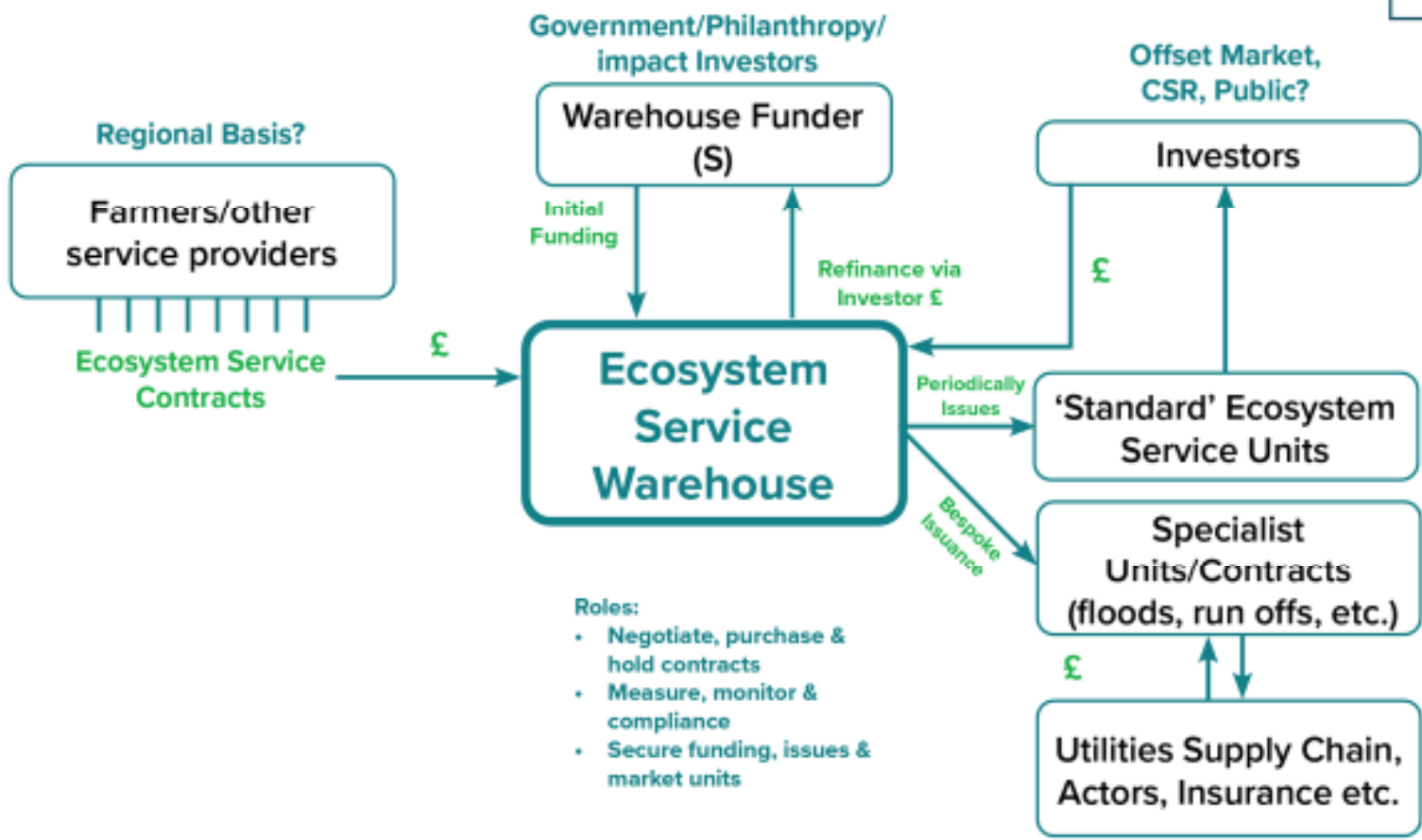
- Ensure community engagement throughout
- Maximise financial and amenity benefits
- Maximise carbon credit income via aggregation

# Ecosystem Service Warehouse Fund

Notes  
Flows



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- Maximise aggregation potential via standardisation
- Issue both 'vanilla' offset units investable by the mainstream market and specialist contracts
- Community engagement in warehouse governance

Figure 7. Ecosystem Service Warehouse Funding Structure

# Investment Pipeline



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- The ‘ingredients’ for sustainable prosperity are widespread in Cumbria
- But investors are diners not cooks
- A co-ordinated approach is required to create a pipeline of ‘investable’ or ‘bankable’ projects and businesses that can be connected to sources of finance with a good chance of success
- This in turn requires a ‘whole-system’ approach:
  - Identify projects / business ideas that will deliver net zero ambitions
  - Help developers / entrepreneurs to develop these to investment readiness
  - Engage investors throughout and connect them with ‘oven ready’ opportunities
- How to achieve this?