DSO Forecasting: one version of the truth with multiple uses

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One version of the truth, multiple uses

A single forecasting methodology - ATLAS

Demand and DG forecasts

Regulatory reporting

- Load index report
- EREC P2 compliance
- Week 24 submission

Allow us to

Identify network capabilities

And identify

- Opportunities for Flexible Services
- Requirements for network investment

Planning

- New Connections
- Strategic reinforcement

Analytics

ROCBA

Allow us to

Compare investment options

providing

Best value for money for customers

Stakeholder information

- Long Term Development Statement
- DFES report

Methodology for choosing the right intervention

A single forecasting methodology - ATLAS

Demand and DG forecasts are produced on an annual basis using the ATLAS methodology.

Network capabilities assessed

Comparisons with historic loading data and updating demand forecasts results in identifying a network need.

Tender for Flexible Services

Network investment planning and optioneering

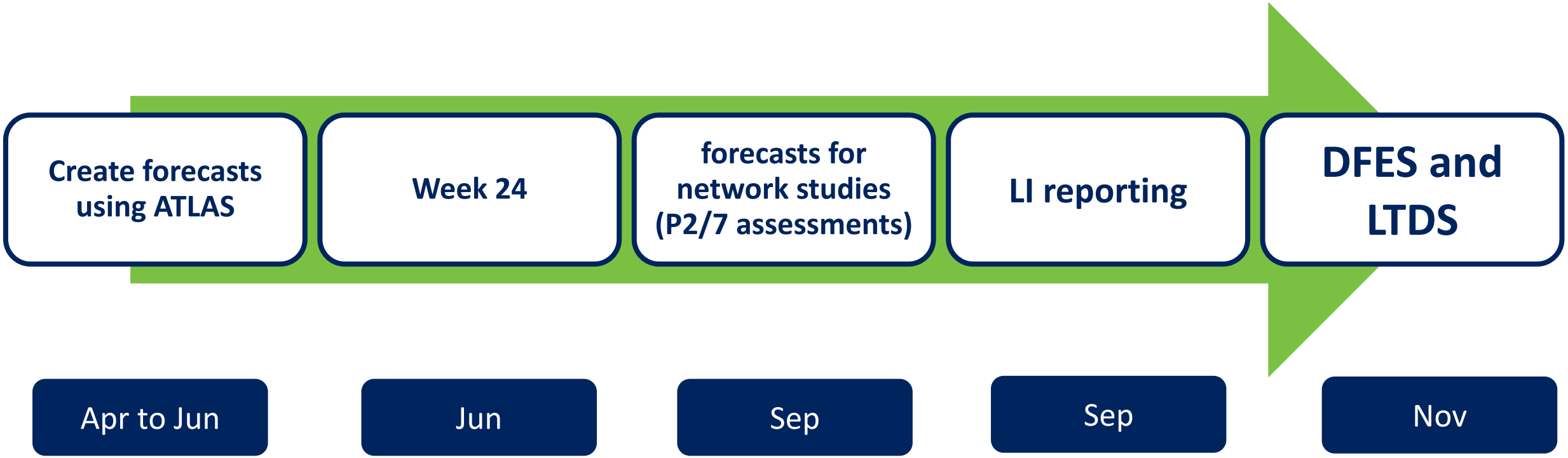
ROCBA analysis

Our ROCBA modelling tool uses our demand forecasts to look at the capacity provision and compare the costings associated with different solutions.

Implement solution

The solution implemented will be the most value for money for customers whilst still ensuring a strong and reliable network capable of meeting future needs.

Forecasting production and publication timeline



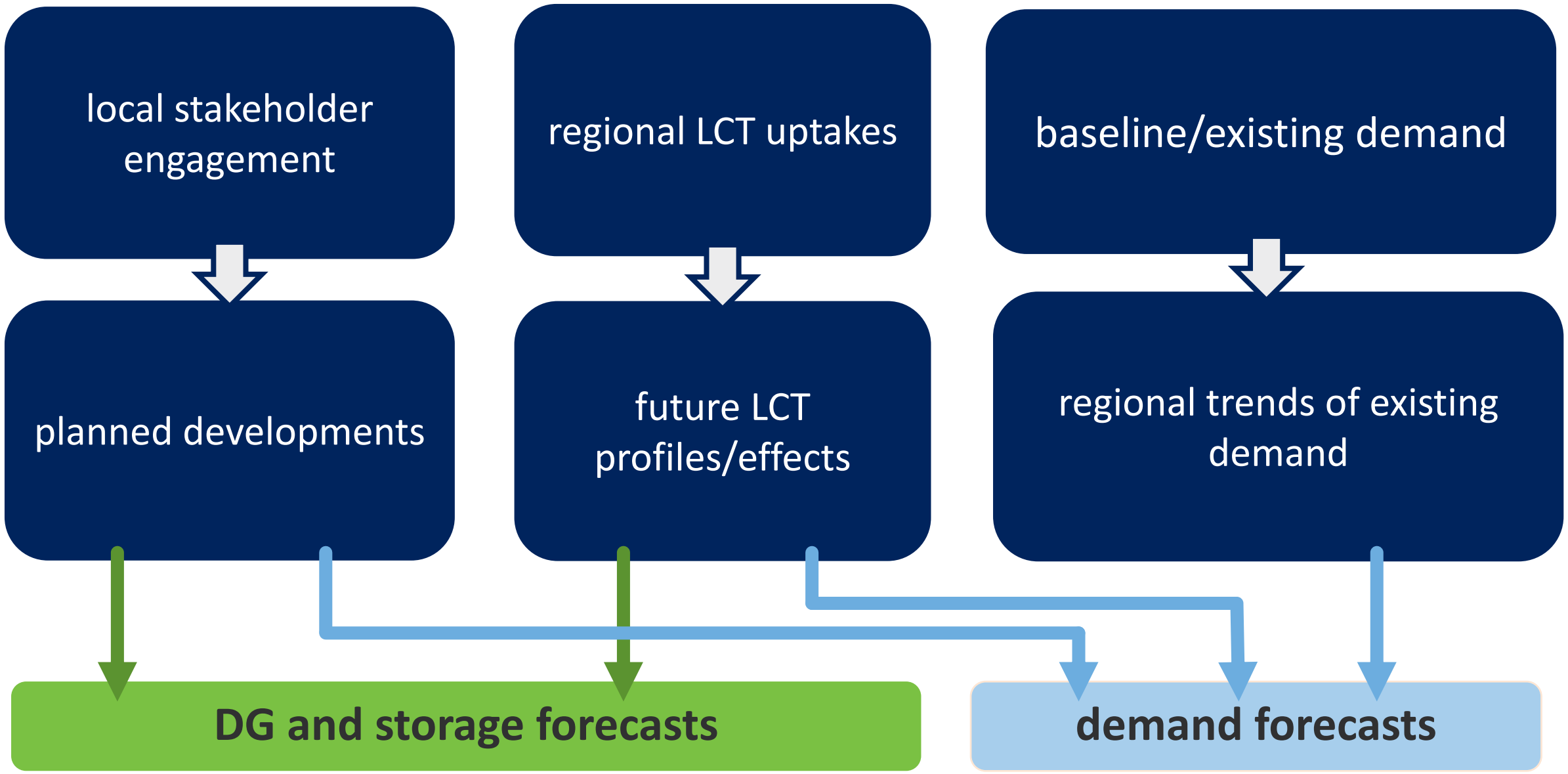
Long and short term forecasting in a flexible world

Our ATLAS forecasting methodology allows us to produce long term forecasts and identify when we may potentially require flexible services.

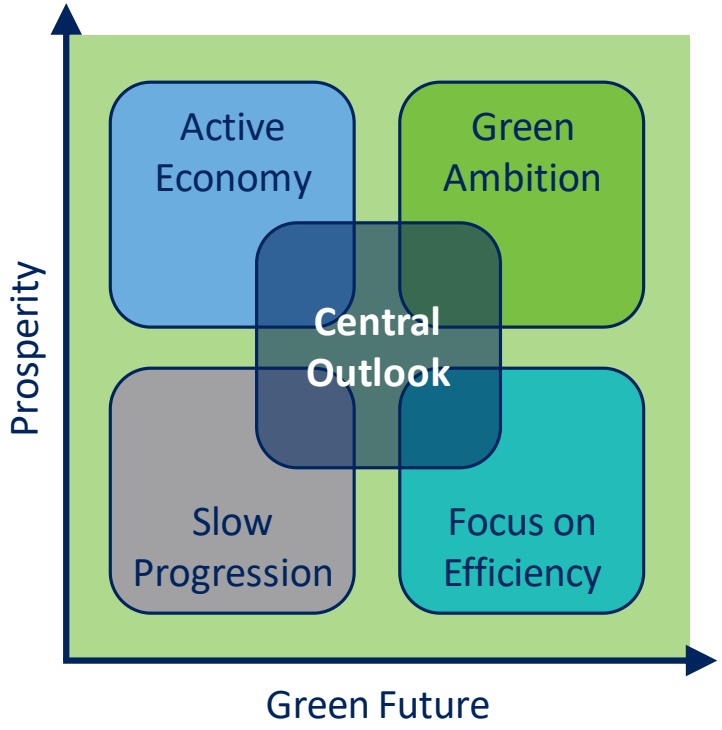
IN THE FUTURE

Our Active Network Management (ANM) system will facilitate short term forecasting, providing a more up to date and accurate view of when a DER will be utilised, allowing them to participate in a lot more revenue streams.

Long term forecasting



Distribution Future Electricity Scenarios (DFES) and decision making



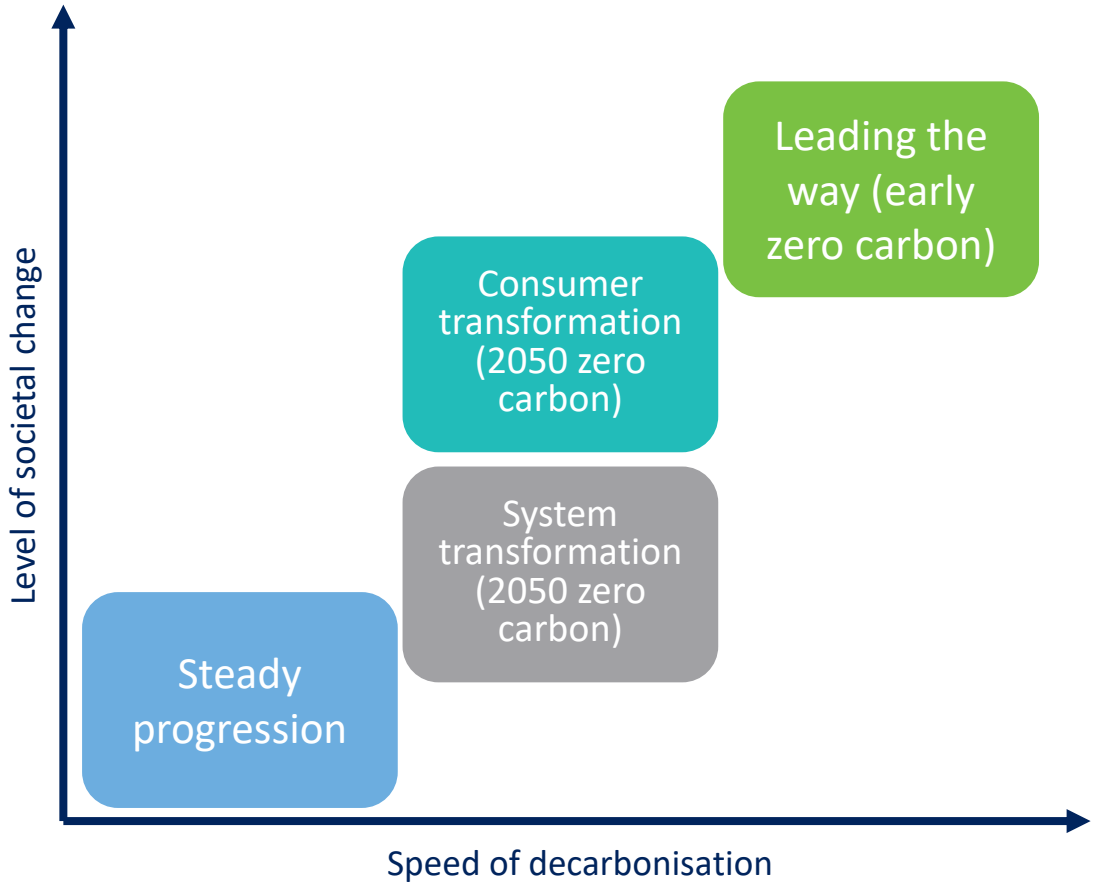
- Electricity North West used four demand & generation scenarios and a Central Outlook in **DFES 2019**. Each scenario driven by different financial and green future factors.

- Investment decisions mainly informed using **Central Outlook** → average/central assumptions, not least worst regret decisions, but with average/central risk.

- Real Options Costs & Benefits Analysis (ROCBA) tool → optimal solution from the comparison of financial results and risks using all scenarios and Central Outlook.

DFES 2019 document & workbook

Net zero carbon scenarios in DFES



- Supporting standardisation with other DNOs in the DFES (scenario framework based on approved by Ofgem for the ESO FES, common DFES outputs).
- Two net zero carbon scenarios meeting net zero carbon by 2050, one before 2050 and one not meeting the target.
- Framework still allowing the use of a Central Outlook scenario using average/central assumptions across all scenarios.