

Report of the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on Wednesday 28th February 2024

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Subject:

Update on Allocation of Combined Funding 2023-2024

Summary statement:

This report provides an update on funding awarded across the Bradford West Constituency, from the amalgamation of funding from United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), West Yorkshire Mayor's Cost of Living fund (CoLF) and Household Support Fund (HSF).

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

Decisions will need to be made in line with Equal Rights legislation. This will require Area Committees to assess the potential equality impact of any decisions they make. The District Plan and Locality Plans are underpinned by a cross cutting principle of tackling inequality in our communities. These combined funds will set out a program of activity that supports this as a core outcome. As a Council, we have committed to keeping equalities at the heart of what we do - 'This means everyone can access services regardless of their background, that we embrace our different communities across the whole district and that we build an inclusive organisation.' In collaboration with partners, we will support this approach, address inequality, and improve opportunities for communities across Bradford West.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area: Corporate

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the allocation of funding awarded across the Bradford West Constituency, from the amalgamation of funding from United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), West Yorkshire Mayor's Cost of Living fund (CoLF) and Household Support Fund (HSF).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (CBMDC) via its Constituency Area Offices invited applications from eligible local organisations to apply for funding available from The West Yorkshire Mayor's Cost of Living Fund (WYCA CoLF) £287,000, Household Support Fund (HSF) £172,000 and United Kingdom Share Prosperity Fund, UKSPF £135,000. These are actual sums for community grants once £120,000 has been transferred from the Cost of Living Fund to Bradford Credit Union for affordable loans and support for school uniforms.

- 2.2 The UKSPF Programme replaces the European Structural and Investment Fund following Brexit. The UK government released the UKSPF prospectus in April 2022 as part of its central mission to level up the whole of the United Kingdom. The allocation for West Yorkshire is £80,486,557 over a 3-year period, with £7,578 million allocated for the Bradford District. It is a three-pillar framework for allocating this funding:

Pillar 1 - Communities and Place
Pillar 2 - Supporting Local Business
Pillar 3 - People and Skills

- 2.3 Applications from eligible local organisations across the Bradford West constituency were invited to apply from the total funding of £142,192.00. The funds from CoLF, HSF and UKPSF were combined to provide emergency local services and support during the cost-of-living crisis, specifically for food banks/parcels, warm places debt advice and support for mental health.

Examples of support can be (not an exhaustive list):

- Food (or other such as hygiene, clothes) parcels
- Establishing new or extending existing warm places
- Support and advice
- Measures to improve energy efficiency for households
- Tangible items for vulnerable groups (slow cookers, air fryers, hot water bottles, heaters, flasks, blankets)

- 2.4 All grants will be distributed via the Area Co-ordinator's Neighbourhood Teams who cover the 5 Parliamentary Constituencies in the district, which are Bradford West, Bradford East, Bradford South, Shipley and Keighley.

- 2.5 The applications were recommended through the Bradford West Area Grants Advisory Groups (GAGs) meeting on the 7th October 2023 and approved at Bradford

West Area Committee meetings held on 25th October 2023.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 funded reallocated.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 Total funding of £142,192.00.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 There are no risk management or governance issues.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 There are no legal appraisal issues to highlight.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The District Plan and Locality Plan is underpinned by sustainability goals. As the priorities have been set using the District Plan, the outcomes achieved from this funding help us achieve our district goals on sustainability.

7.2 TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY IMPLICATIONS

The work planned on greening areas of Bradford, working with community groups on decarbonisation and supporting households with the costs of living crisis all support their agenda.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

There are no community safety implications arising from this report.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

7.5 TRADE UNION

There are no trade union implications arising from this report.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

This is detailed within the main body of the report and is key to the successful delivery of the grants allocated, to improve quality of life for residents across the Bradford West constituency, to support the Bradford West Ward Plans.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE LOCALITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

As above in 7.6 and to support the delivery of priorities in the Bradford West Constituency Locality Plan.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The District, Locality and Ward plans contain specific outcomes that relate to children and young people. Grants allocated from these funding pots will bring direct and indirect benefit to them, addressing local priorities of need and deprivation.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

There are no issues arising from this report.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

There are no not for publication items.

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 To agree the proposals for the allocation of funding outlined in Appendix B.
- 9.2 To amend the proposals for the allocation of funding

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the Area Committee agree the proposals for the funding allocations as outlined at Appendix B.
- 10.2 That the Grants Advisory Group be thanked for their work with this funding.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A - Allocated of funds.
Appendix B – Reallocation of adjusted balance

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Bradford West Area Committee 25th October 2023 Allocation of Combined Funds 2023-20

