

Report of the Shipley Area Co-ordinator to the meeting of Shipley Area Committee to be held on Wednesday 8th November 2023

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Subject:

Allocation of Combined Funding 2023-2024

Summary statement:

This report summarises the applications received from eligible local organisations, across the Shipley 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 Shipley.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area: Corporate

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report summarises the applications received from eligible local organisations, across the Shipley Constituency, from the amalgamation of funding from the UK Share Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), West Yorkshire Mayor's Cost of Living fund (CoLF) and Household Support Fund (HSF).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Applications from eligible local organisations across the Shipley constituency were invited to apply from the total funding of £81,992. 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, hot water bottles, flasks, blankets)

- 2.2 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 South, Bradford East, Bradford West, Shipley and Keighley.

- 2.3 The Stronger Communities Team developed a single application process and criteria required for the combined funding and these funds will be administered through this team. The funding went live in September 2023 with a closing date for receipt of applications of 30 September 2023.

2.4 Funding Allocation and delivery plan

- 2.4.1 The minimum grant value an organisation could apply for in each constituency was £2,000 and the maximum grant value up to £10,000. The grant must be spent by 31st March 2024 and monitoring forms to be returned by end of June 2024.

- 2.4.2 Funding is delegated to Area Committees to distribute to the Voluntary and Community Sector, the Grants Advisory Group (GAG) is made up of elected members nominated by the Area Committee at the beginning of each municipal year to help support the decision-making process in conjunction with the Area Co-ordinator. The GAG considered the applications on the 18th of October for Area Committee approval on November 8th, 2023.

- 2.4.3 Monitoring and evaluation will be undertaken, and the information collected will include:
- a. nature of the support received (e.g. warm space/food parcel etc)
 - b. financial value of the support (estimated where appropriate)
 - c. other key beneficiary information as far as possible, including ward, gender, ethnicity, and disability.

- 2.4.4 Data will be collected (including case studies) to enable the timely evaluation of Fund impacts to be undertaken by the Combined Authority, such as:
- a. improved health and wellbeing,
 - b. increased aspirations/motivation/participation,
 - c. reduced barriers to inclusion and employability,

Should approval be given grant will be allocated in November 2023. Projects are to be completed by the 31st of March 2024 and completed monitoring forms returned by 30th June 2024

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The recommended allocations from GAG only accounted for £40,198.65. This means £41,793.35 is left unallocated. Therefore, and a second round of applications will need to be relaunched on 9th November.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 Shipley has an overall allocation of £81,992. Any projected underspends from partner organisations will be reported to the Area Office as soon as relevant parties are aware to enable the GAG to redistribute quickly.

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

- 7.1.1 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

- 7.2.1 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

- 7.3.1 There are no community safety implications arising from this report.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- 7.4.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

7.5 TRADE UNION

7.5.1 There are no trade union implications arising from this report.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.6.1 This funding will to improve quality of life for residents across the Shipley constituency and support priorities in the ward plans 2023 to 2025.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE LOCALITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 To support the delivery of priorities in the Shipley Locality Plan.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

7.8.1 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

7.9.1 There are no issues arising from this report.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 There are no not for publication items.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 To agree the proposals for the allocation of funding outlined in Appendix 1.

9.2 To amend the proposals for the allocation of funding.

9.2.1 To agree timelines for the allocation of any funding not allocated from the first call out in conjunction with the Area Co-ordinator.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Area Committee agree the proposals for the funding allocations as outlined at Appendix 1.

10.2 That the Grants Advisory Group be thanked for their work with this funding.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 - Proposed Allocation of funding.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 None