

## Report of the Director of Place to the meeting of the South Area Committee to be held on 7 December 2023

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**Subject:**

**UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

**Summary statement:**

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**Equality & Diversity**

The district plan ambitions have been used to design the program for UKSPF in Bradford. The District Plan is underpinned by a cross cutting principle of tackling inequality in our communities. UKSPF will set out a program of activity that supports this as a core outcome. Corporately 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 UKSPF will support this approach and will address inequality and improve opportunities for communities across the district.

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## 2. BACKGROUND

### Year 2 – 23/24

#### Revenue (E12: Community engagement schemes, local regeneration)

To merge the UKSPF allocation for the areas with two other funds (The West Yorkshire Mayor's Cost of Living Fund and The West Yorkshire Mayor's Cost of Living Fund) for a district wide Cost of Living fund. The fund will issue grants to successful applicants to deliver various support to predominantly households in Bradford. These funds administered through Stronger Communities will go live in September 2023.

Bradford South's allocation is £31,628 which has all been allocated for 2023 / 2024 as part of the Combined Fund Bradford South grant awards.

#### Capital (E11: Capacity building & infrastructure support local groups)

The Bradford South committee must ensure their capital allocation (£12,651) is procured, defrayed and drawn down by the council by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. This report provides an outline of the proposed spend across the Bradford South Area as Appendix A.

**Year 3** will bring a much larger funding allocation to the area committees: a total of £400,000 REV and £400,000 CAP. Bradford South's allocation is £84,347 for each pot.

#### Revenue (intervention E35 - Enrichment & volunteering activities)

Activities need to link to **volunteering and community infrastructure** and deliver the following output: *Number of volunteering opportunities supported.*

#### Capital (intervention E11 - Capacity building & infrastructure support local groups)

Activities need to link to similar themes, and deliver on the following:

- Outputs: number of organisations receiving grants / receiving non-financial support
- Outcome: improved engagement numbers

Money needs to be defrayed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, as such each area should as soon as possible start planning for how the funds can be spent. Areas can consider whether they want to join up their budgets, e.g. one fund administrator to offer support / manage grants etc. and should also consider going out to their community for engagement.

## 3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None

## 4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

The capital spend for 2023 / 2024 must be managed by the area office, liaising with the UKSPF Programme Delivery Manager in Bradford Council.

## **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

The allocated funding will be overseen by the Wellbeing Board in Bradford, Chaired by the Council Leader. A project board is in development.

## **6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

Allocation of UKSPF funding must be applied in a consistent manner for which it is provided. This reports to set forth principles of application, and each individual specific proposal must ensure compliance with the criteria.

## **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

The district 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 businesses on decarbonisation and supporting household with the costs of living crisis all support this agenda.

### **7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

Creating civic pride through the implementation of UKSPF will have a secondary benefit of building community cohesiveness and will increase safety and the perceptions of safety.

### **7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

There are no specific issues arising from this report.

#### **7.5.1 TRADE UNION**

There are no specific issues arising from this report.

#### **7.5.2 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

UKSP funding has helped support a number of projects across the Bradford South area covering all of the Wards. These projects support the delivery of the Ward Plans and local priorities.

### **7.7 LOCALITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)**

The UKSP funding provides funding for a broad range of projects which contribute towards the delivery of the Bradford South Locality Plan.

### **7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

The UKSP has funded projects benefiting a combination of youth providers, youth centres and other young peoples' activities.

## **7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT**

There are no specific issues arising from this report.

## **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

None

## **9. OPTIONS**

None.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That the contents of this report are noted.

10.2 That the committee agrees spend activity for the capital allocation for 2023/2024 as outlined in Appendix A.

10.3 That the committee plans agrees for the Grants Advisory Group to work with the Project Delivery Manager and Area Co-ordinator to progress the development of the UKSP funding for 2024 /2025.

## **11. APPENDICES**

Appendix A – Capital spend proposals

## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Previous reports to Area Committees re UKSP funding

**UKSP CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS  
BRADFORD SOUTH AREA**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Great Horton	Friends of Bracken Hill Park	Sports and exercise equipment for Great Horton Ward	£1,608
Queensbury	Highways	Bench for Roper Lane	£1,000
Queensbury	Queensbury Youth Service Team	Equipment and resource for youth activities	£608
Royds	Friends of Harold Park	Picnic Bench replacement (assessable to disabilities)	£1,608
Tong	Tong Youth Service	Towards purchase of equipment and resources	£1,611
Wyke	Bradford Council	New bin citing at Hanson Fold.	£367
Wyke	Green Doctors	62 Warm Packs at £20 per pack (includes a warm blanket, hot water bottle flask hat and gloves - there is scope to increase this number - I am working with Green Doctors to get the best outcome	£1,241
Wibsey	Parish of Mary Mother of God Wibsey (St Winefride's Church)	Part funding towards window replacement	£1,608
		<b>TOTAL TO BE APPROVED</b>	<b>£9,651</b>
Great Horton	Great Horton Village Hall / Great Horton Hub	Furniture and screens to support the development of Great Horton Hub	£1,500
Tong	TFD Centre	Table and chairs	£1,500
		<b>TOTAL APPROVED</b>	<b>£3,000</b>
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>£12,651</b>