

Report of the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 18th January 2024

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Subject:

UK Shared Prosperity Fund Year 3 allocation Bradford South.

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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Overview & Scrutiny Area: Regeneration

1. SUMMARY

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2. BACKGROUND

Following actions agreed in the December 2023 Bradford South Area Committee meeting, this paper provides information to allow members to:

- Agree activity and spend for the capital fund element of the Y3 (24/25) budget.
- Set out the budget, eligible activity and output targets for Y3 (24/25) for Bradford South.

Year 2 – 23/24 overview:

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 was £31,628.

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 31st March 2024.

See the definition of capital spend enclosed as Appendix A (provided by Bradford Council finance team). In addition, clarification has been sought from the council's capital spend team from Bradford East that provides further examples for eligible activity:

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 combined £168,694.

Revenue: Intervention E35 - Enrichment & volunteering activities.

Activities must clearly demonstrate links to the enhancement of **volunteering and community infrastructure** and deliver the following output:

- *Number of volunteering opportunities supported.*

Capital: Intervention E11 - Capacity building & infrastructure support local groups.

Activities must clearly demonstrate links to similar themes, and deliver on the following:

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

Appendix A sets out definitions of capital spend.

Projects and / or activities awarded funding must be completed and funding defrayed by 31st March 2025. As such each area should as soon as possible start planning for how the funds can be spent.

It is proposed that the funding is allocated through an open invite process initially assessing applications received through the Grants Advisory Group with support from the UKSP Programme Delivery Manager and Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office. Proposals will then be presented to the Bradford South Area Committee meeting to determine.

Timeline of proposed activities:

- 18 January 2024 – Bradford South Area Committee approves process including application form, criteria and approach
- 25 January 2024 – Call out advertised for Year 3 UKSP Bradford South funds.
- 22 February 2024 – Closing date 4pm for applications.
- 29 February 2024 – Grants Advisory Group meeting
- 7 March 2024 – Bradford South Area Committee determines decision
- 21 March 2024 – Grant agreements issued
- 1 April 2024 – Payments made to successful applicant organisations

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are no other considerations.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

The UKSP funding allocated is managed locally by Area Offices, determined by each of the Area Committees, liaising with the UKSPF Programme Delivery Manager.

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. There are a range of measures in place to assess project risks working closely with the Neighbourhoods and Community Services.

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 and also fully comply with monitoring requirements.

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

This is detailed within the main body of the report and is key to the successful delivery of the programme.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

See above.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The district plan contains specific outcomes that relate to children and young people. Interventions planned will bring direct and indirect benefit to them as a result of the district plan being the backdrop to the program.

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

- 1) That the Bradford South Area Committee agrees spend activity for the capital allocation for 24/25 as outlined within this report working collectively with the UKSP Programme Delivery Manager and Bradford South Area Co-ordinator.
- 2) That the Bradford South Area Committee approves the application form and criteria.
- 3) That the UKSP Programme Delivery Manager and Bradford South Area Co-ordinator present a report to the 7 March 2024 Bradford South Area Committee to determine applications for 2024/2025 funding.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A – Capital project definition

Appendix B – Draft application form and criteria for approval

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

“UK Shared Prosperity Fund” (Document S): Considered by the Bradford South Area Committee on 7 December 2023.

CAPITAL SPEND DEFINITION

Projects – Revenue or Capital

It is important to establish whether a project is revenue or capital.

There are many sources of funding, e.g. grants, S106, corporate funding, third party contributions etc, when the funding is received it is worth looking at the paperwork as it may indicate the type of grant (revenue / capital or both).

To check if the project is revenue or capital use the Definition of Capital Test below.

When established then the relevant codes should be set up;

Revenue – cost centre / SIO

Capital – WBS element and Profit Centre (if funding is from third party, e.g. grants, S106 & contributions) Sometimes funding is from Direct Revenue Funding.

1. Definition of Capital

Legislation requires the council to follow accounting standards which define Capital Expenditure as follows. The basic provisions are that expenditure can be capitalised where the costs relate to:

- acquisition, reclamation, enhancement or laying out of land
- acquisition, construction, preparation, enhancement or replacement of roads, buildings and other structures
- acquisition, installation or replacement of movable or immovable plant, machinery, apparatus, vehicles or vessels.

The legislation also allows us to treat grants to other bodies as capital, where the spend is not on our own assets but where they meet the above criteria – this is known as Revenue Expenditure Funded for Capital Under Statute (REFCUS)

The useful economic life must be greater than one year and the value of the asset is over the de-minimus level of £10,000

2. S106 Capital Projects

At present there are three S106 set up for different departments

CAP-00444 Affordable Housing S106
CAP-00703 Highways S106 projects
CAP-00705 Recreation S106 projects

Within each of these there are many WBS elements relating to the funding streams, these

in turn should match the profit centre funding the expenditure, at the end of the year each WBS element is settled to either the asset register or REFCUS.

3. Other Capital Projects

When a project is identified as capital, a **Request for Scheme to be Added to SAP** form should be completed and if a grant or contribution is used for funding, then a copy of this should be sent through with the request for the records.

When a code is set up it will be shown on the capital monitor which is produced and sent out to service on a quarterly basis, this shows the spend to date and money received in profit centres. It should be updated by the service with a forecast budget and comments explaining changes between the spend and forecast

Contacts

Revenue – please talk to Financial Services, there is a representative for each service

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Request for Scheme to be Added to SAP						
Name of Scheme						
Description of scheme						
Please give details of the assets being created or enhanced						
Name of Person Responsible for the project						
Cost Centre linked to authorisation						
Is the asset owned by the Council		Yes/No				
If No please specify body owning asset						
Applicant No for the scheme						
How has scheme been approved (Executive approval/external funding) <i>Please provide written confirmation of external funding-attach copy of Funding Agreement Letter</i>		If by Decision of executive please give date				
		If wholly funded externally please give details of source of funding				
Source of Funding		2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000
Corporate Resources/Capital receipt						
Specific Grants (<i>give details</i>)						

Developers Contribution					
SPE Borrowing					
Prudential Borrowing					
Direct revenue Funding					
Total					

Please attach a breakdown of the spend by asset

Draft application form Year 3 UKSP funding

To be tabled at the Bradford South Area Committee