

# UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) – Draft selection sheet – for illustrative purposes only



## 1. Communities and place



### Objectives:

- Strengthening our social fabric and fostering a sense of local pride and belonging, through investment in activities that enhance physical, cultural and social ties and amenities, such as community infrastructure and local green space, and community-led projects.

Building resilient, safe and healthy neighbourhoods, through investment in quality places that people want to live, work, play and learn in, through targeted improvements to the built environment and innovative approaches to crime prevention.

Government interventions		Suggested local response	✓ or ✗
E1	Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets, including better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs.	1. Raising general awareness – information, adverts, workshops and exhibitions in public spaces to change perceptions and make towns more disability-friendly and inclusive	
		2. Work with relevant groups to identify areas of improvement and highlight accessible areas already within our towns	
		3. Fitting ramps to places that have step access	
		4. Well-placed seating areas or benches	
E2	Funding for new, or improvements to existing, community and neighbourhood infrastructure projects including those that increase communities' resilience to natural hazards, such as flooding. This could cover capital spend and running costs.	5. Install mobile cameras which can be easily moved to hotspot areas of anti-social behaviour and crime	
		6. Have all council alarm and monitoring systems integrated and controlled from a central location to help keep people safe and reduce costs. Use could include supporting traffic management by providing real-time updates on traffic congestion via social media; increase public safety at major public events, from festivals to football matches; support tourism by beaming the images of famous landmarks	
		7. Implement a capacity-building project in collaboration with County Emergency Planning colleagues to up-skill the third sector in the development and implementation of parish-level emergency plans	

E3	Creation of and improvements to local green spaces, community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces.	8. Linked to the imminent Tree Strategy, increase tree canopy and green cover (work in partnership with the Woodland Trust)	
		9. Greening of streets, buildings and other public spaces. Roofs and walls covered in plants, street trees and small pocket parks in between buildings	
		10. Allocate space for informal cultural activities, making links with the provision of recreation space and green infrastructure to identify opportunities to provide multi-functional spaces.	
		11. Develop, in collaboration with community partners, a network of Men's Sheds ( <a href="https://menssheds.org.uk/">https://menssheds.org.uk/</a> ) as social spaces to up-skill residents, provide support to local communities at a practical level, social prescribing and engender social interaction to improve mental health and wellbeing.	
		12. Partner with local civic societies on long-term actions to improve waterways by using soft-engineering techniques to create in-channel improvements that will maintain flows, keeping channels clear and less likely to flood.	
E4	Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions that make up the local cultural heritage offer	13. Work with local mental health charities, community woodland, waterways, gardens, and orchard groups to develop projects to promote good mental health and wellbeing through environmental and nature-based activity.	
		14. Small Creative Grants Programme (Capital) to provide support and investment to small and emergent events and festivals throughout district to include commemorative events with specific links and relevance to the community.	
E5	Design and management of the built and landscaped environment to 'design out crime'.	15. Improvements to, and refurbishments of, ancient market crosses, war memorials and other historic monuments across the network of 86 villages and 61 parishes of the district to ensure sustainability of the district's history.	
		16. Engage women, girls, and other marginalised groups in a 'safety audit' to learn which areas of the community need improving in terms of lighting, sightlines, accessibility and other safety issues. Link to the Lincolnshire Concordat <a href="http://lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk">Lincolnshire concordat (lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk)</a> .	
		17. Delivery of interventions/improvements to public venues, parks and opens spaces to ensure the	

		safety of residents, audiences, and visitors against all forms of crime.	
E6	Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities.	18. A programme (through all the senses) of temporary and permanent public art commissions that invite residents and artists to smile, explore, unite, and create. Public art around communities and town centres – such as a competition to enables villages (mosaic in the park).	
		19. Development of a series of ‘word walk’ public art installations across the district working with local schools and groups to create in-laid tiles to walkways featuring the words of local people to tell the local story.	
		20. Creation, in collaboration with a number of visual artists, of a series of practical art installations depicting the history of the District.	
E8	Funding for the development and promotion of wider campaigns which encourage people to visit and explore the local area.	21. Enhance the HelloSK town app (developed as part of the Welcome Back Fund) and increase functionality, such as additional plug-in services.	
E10	Funding for local sports facilities, tournaments, teams and leagues; to bring people together.	22. Programme of interventions to contribute towards improved access and inclusion at sports facilities with a particular focus on women and girls and people with a disability – Community support grant scheme.	
		23. Modernisation of facilities across the district, including urban sports.	
		24. Contribute to improved environmental sustainability of sports facilities across the district.	
		25. Partner with Inspire+ on a programme of taster sessions for young people to get active in sport. Link with local clubs to promote the activities provided to enable to progression from taster to regular participation in sport and physical activity leading to better physical and mental wellbeing amongst young people.	
E11	Investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.	26. Devise capacity building grant schemes, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a ‘get started’ fund to support the creation of community and voluntary organisations which facilitates community self-help, create resilient communities and reduce demand on council services.</li> <li>• To support the development of groups and projects which offer preventive, community-based services (such as avoiding food waste). This fund would aim to help communities to build capacity,</li> </ul>	

		<p>to enable and encourage self-help resulting in a reduction in reliance on the council and other public services.</p> <p><i>Note – West Lindsey Council offering to co-create a capacity fund initiative with us</i></p>	
		27. Develop, in areas of higher deprivation, a network of Peer Connectors. Residents employed to work in their own neighbourhoods to deliver community projects and to be the conduit between community, the Council and other public sector organisations working to improve the local area.	
E13	Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change.	28. Establish a climate action challenge fund (covering land use and green infrastructure; energy; built environment; transport; waste and community engagement.	
		29. Employ an advisor to work in the community to advise on energy efficiency in resident's homes, community and faith venues to help tackle the increasing impacts on cost of living relating to fuel and energy bills.	
E14	Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.	30. Linked to proposal E2 - Feasibility study on installing mobile cameras which can be easily moved to hotspot areas of anti-social behaviour and crime.	
		31. Linked to Proposal E3 – Commission report on living roofs and walls.	
		32. Linked to Proposal E5 – Commission an assessment of public venues, parks and open spaces where large-scale events take place to determine requirements for security interventions/improvements to ensure the safety of residents, audiences and visitors.	
		33. Linked to Proposal E8 – Tourism Trail for SK; Feasibility assessment on opportunities to develop destination appeal and enhance the development of businesses in SK – Link to the Explorer's Road touring route along the great North Road <a href="#">The Explorer's Road - Discover South Kesteven</a> .	
		34. Linked to Proposal E10 - Fund the Mere's Leisure Centre refurb and community hub proposal offering a wide range of new and exciting opportunities that will benefit residents and support children and young people to reach their full potential – in preparation for a UK	

		Government Levelling Up Round 3 (LUFR3) application.	
<b>Please turn over (to page 6) for Section 2 regarding supporting local business</b>			

## 2. Supporting local business

Consideration should be made to segmenting our business population, focusing on specific interventions that will best meet local business need. This can be informed by early engagement with local business representatives.



### Objectives:

- Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion, through investments that build on existing industries and institutions, and range from support for starting businesses to visible improvements to local retail, hospitality and leisure sector facilities.
- Promoting networking and collaboration, through interventions that bring together businesses and partners within and across sectors to share knowledge, expertise and resources, and stimulate innovation and growth.
- Increasing private sector investment in growth-enhancing activities, through targeted support for small and medium-sized businesses to undertake new-to-firm innovation, adopt productivity-enhancing, energy efficient and low carbon technologies and techniques, and start or grow their exports

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E16	Investment in open markets and improvements to town centre retail and service sector infrastructure, with wrap around support for small businesses.	35. Produce a study to assess whether reconfiguring and investment in new stalls and marketing (such as makers and artisan specialists focusing on local provenance) would provide improved potential for the districts markets - include electric infrastructure.	
		36. Produce feasibly and proof of concept around establishing and marketing, a street food festival – to include starter guides for opening a pop-up food stall and a local food and drink business toolkit with handy tips and advice, social media and marketing support, menu inspiration and case studies of local businesses.	
		37. Champion the idea of start-up and early-stage businesses (akin to a mini business trade fair and exhibition) through utilising all SKDC markets. Identify a routeway to full retail space occupancy.	
E17	Funding for the development and promotion (both trade and consumer) of the visitor economy, such as local attractions, trails, tours and tourism products more generally.	38. Rebuild the DiscoverSK website - build an integrated brand and digital experience that's as good as the real thing. Ensuring compatibility between all social media channels and website. Focus on areas strengths, such as food and drink	
		39. In recognition of post pandemic/Brexit labour shortages – support delivery of training and	

		employment initiatives that promote the visitor economy as a viable, long-term career choice.	
E18	Supporting Made Smarter Adoption: Providing tailored expert advice, matched grants and leadership training to enable manufacturing SMEs to adopt industrial digital technology solutions including artificial intelligence; robotics and autonomous systems; additive manufacturing; industrial internet of things; virtual reality; data analytics. The support is proven to leverage high levels of private investment into technologies that drive growth, productivity, efficiency and resilience in manufacturing.	40. Through working with local manufacturing employers, develop and tender a support programme specifically targeting the identified needs of local businesses i.e. plug-into existing programmes and create something specific to South Kesteven which has the potential to partner with universities.	
E20	Research and development grants supporting the development of innovative products and services.	41. Design and administer a grant programme to support this intervention.	
E23	Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks.	42. Provide capacity building funding to our local business clubs in order to enhance their existing support to their members and ensure closer alignment with the wider aspirations of the District. Focus on early-stage businesses, peer group and master planning. Contribute towards supporting the costs associated with local membership to access crucial business services.	
E24	Funding for new and improvements to existing training hubs, business support offers, 'incubators' and 'accelerators' for local enterprise (including social enterprise) which can support entrepreneurs and start-ups through the early stages of development and growth by offering a combination of services including account management, advice, resources, training, coaching, mentorship and access to workspace.	43. Identify and develop a network of accredited business hubs that can specialise in specific elements of the startup journey.	
		44. Bring forward centres of entrepreneurial excellence to support wider promotion of South Kesteven as a great place to start and grow 'a business without boundaries'. This includes utilising council assets (such as arts centres) and includes rural areas.	
		45. Utilise existing SKDC facilities that can provide 'drop in' support, advice and guidance to people looking to start their own business.	

E26	Support for growing the local social economy, including community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises.	46. A key component of the offer available through our identified centres of entrepreneurial excellence.	
E30	Business support measures to drive employment growth, particularly in areas of higher unemployment.	47. Correlated to the business clubs, work with local employers to deliver 'careers fairs' and target locations linked to higher levels of unemployment in the District.	