



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Officer Delegated Decision

18 September 2024

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive &
Section 151 Officer



Approval of UKSPF Board funding recommendations

This report provides details of the applications allocated funding from the South Kesteven Prosperity Fund.

Decision made by:	Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive & S151 Officer
Decision:	That the Deputy Chief Executive & S151 Officer <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approves the UKSPF Board decisions to fund a range of projects, as set out in Appendix 1.
Date:	10 September 2024
Public or Exempt:	This report is not exempt from publication
Reasons for exemption:	N/A
Conflicts of interest:	No
Policy compliant:	Yes
Details of delegation:	The Council's Financial Regulations allow the Deputy Chief Executive to approve spend incurred by the Council within the limits set out in the Financial Regulations (Constitution).

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1 The Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To approve three grants in excess of £100,000 that were recommended by the UKSPF Board at their meeting on the 1st August 2024. **Appendix 1** identifies these projects which have a combined value of £244,019.
- 1.2 South Kesteven District Council was formally award £3.9m from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund by Government on 5 December 2022. The budget allocations for 2024/2025 approved by Council on 29 February as part of the Budget Proposals for 2024/2025 and indicative budgets for 2025/2026 and 2026/2027.
- 1.3 Full Council approved the Terms of Reference for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund Programme Board at their meeting on the 26th January 2023.
- 1.4 This gave the Board a specific remit to consider recommendations of the Local Economic Forum in respect of UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund allocations and to make recommendations to executive decision takers in accordance with delegations and financial thresholds set out in the Council's Constitution.

2 Available Options Considered

- 2.1 There are no other options as the grants as provided by Ministry Housing Community and Local Government (MHCLG) is aligned to the SK Investment Plan, which enables South Kesteven District Council to draw down funds which support local projects that deliver outputs/outcomes against the Investment Plan.

3 Preferred Option

- 3.1 To accept the Board's decisions to fund the projects set out in **Appendix 1**.

4 Reasons for the Decision

- 4.1 The grant allocations detailed in **Appendix 1** meet the conditions of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The amount of the funding allocations is monitored to ensure the funding awarded in each financial year meets the allocation for that financial year.

Financial Implications reviewed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer

5 Legal and Governance Implications

- 5.1 The Deputy Chief Executive has the necessary delegated authority to take this decision.

Legal Implications reviewed by: Graham Watts, Assistant Director (Governance and Public Protection) and Monitoring Officer

6 Equality and Safeguarding implications

6.1 There are no equality or safeguarding implications associated with this report.

7 How will the recommendations support South Kesteven District Council's declaration of a climate emergency?

7.1 The UKSPF Rural programme has a focus on carbon reduction and climate change. Applications will be considered that make contributions to the move towards Net Zero.

8 Appendices

8.1 **Appendix 1:** Schedule of projects for approval

Signed by: Richard Wyles

Date: 18 September 2024