



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Officer Delegated Decision

24 February 2025

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and
s151 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:	Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer
Decision:	To accept the UKSPF Board decisions to fund a range of projects via the UKSPF
Date:	24 February 2025
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:	<p>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).</p> <p>Full Council, in approving the governance associated with the UK Shared Prosperity Board, agreed a specific delegated authority which provides the Deputy Chief Executive with the ability to take this decision.</p>

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1 The Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To approve the grants endorsed by the UKSPF Board on 27th January 2025 and those applications or grants under £5,000. Appendix 1 identifies a total of twelve projects that were supported, which combined have a value of £241,024.92.
- 1.2 In accordance with the decision taken by Council in July 2023, any application for less than £5,000 does not need to be presented to the UKSPF Board for review.
- 1.3 All applications have been reviewed by officers and the Local Economic Forum to ensure that they meet the requirements of the UKSPF programme.
- 1.4 To note the UKSPF Programme Monitoring and Evaluation framework which, in accordance with MHCLG funding conditions, establishes the requirements on the Authority to deliver robust Value for Money and compliance with regulations regarding the use of public monies. At a delivery level this consists of requiring all projects to adhere to CPR 2015 for all expenditure and to provide evidence at the request of the Authority. Monitoring of outputs & outcomes is captured via an initial baseline assessment upon application and 'Project Completion Reports' submitted by fund beneficiaries upon delivery of their project(s). A review of all projects to date is currently being scoped in preparation for project closure in March 2025.

2 Available Options Considered

- 2.1 There are no other options as the grants provided by DLUHC are 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 and internal committee decisions to fund the twelve projects.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The recommendations for the grant awards have been undertaken in accordance with the grant allocations and agreed criteria.

Financial Implications reviewed by:

5 Legal and Governance Implications

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

Legal Implications reviewed by:

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, list of endorsed projects

Signed by:

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Date: 24 February 2025

