



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Officer Delegated Decision

19th March 2025

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive
and s151 Officer

Approval of UKSPF Board funding endorsements

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

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Decision made by:	Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer
Decision:	To accept the recommendations of the UKSPF Board decisions to fund a range of projects via the UKSPF
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 accepted the total pot of UKSP funding at their meeting held in January 2023. The Deputy Chief Executive has the delegated authority at Part 3(c) of the Constitution, section 20 to 'manage services within budgets made or approved by the Council.'</p>

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance

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

Financial Implications reviewed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 The Deputy Chief Executive has the necessary delegated authority to take these decisions, which should have been recommended by the UKSPF Board.

Legal Implications reviewed by: James Welbourn, Deputy Monitoring Officer

2. The Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 At their meeting of the 27th January 2025 the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Board endorsed a proposal to fund a range of projects, should there be any underspend on the programme. It was agreed that the Chief Executive and S151 Officer will then make the final decisions on their allocation in consultation with the Chairman of the UKSPF Board and Leader of the Council. The seven projects identified in Appendix 1 represent the conclusion to those discussions and have a collective value of £315,930.

- 2.2 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.

3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 An option discounted was to not fund these projects and return any underspend on the programme to the Government. This was discounted because it would not support the delivery of outputs/outcomes in the UKSPF Investment Plan.

4. Preferred Option

- 4.1 To approve the seven projects identified in Appendix 1.

5. Reasons for the Decision(s)

- 5.1 To commit remaining UK Shared Prosperity Funding.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 Following endorsement by the UKSPF Board at their meeting on January 27th, 2025, the Chief Executive and S151 Officer have made the final decisions on the allocation in consultation with the Chairman of the UKSPF Board and Leader of the Council.

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1, list of endorsed projects

Signed by: **Richard Wyles**

Dated: **19 March 2025**