



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Officer Delegated Decision

14 July 2025

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive
and s151 Officer

Approval of UKSPF Board funding endorsements 2025-26

This report provides details of the applications allocated funding from the 2025-26 South Kesteven Prosperity Fund

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Decision made by:	Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer
Decision:	To accept the UKSPF Board decisions to fund a range of projects via the 2025-26 UKSPF allocations
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 at their meeting held on 22 May 2025.</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 this decision, as granted by the Full Council meeting held on 22 May 2025. The decision must be in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, HR and Economic Development.

Legal Implications reviewed by: James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager

2. The Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 In December 2024 the Government announced an additional or "transition" year of UK Shared Prosperity (UKSPF) funding for 2025-26. The funding has been awarded to all lead authorities which, unlike in previous years, will now be the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority (GLCCA) rather than South Kesteven District Council (SKDC). It has been confirmed by the GLCCA that funding will be distributed to each of the Councils within the Greater Lincolnshire area.
- 2.2 As with the original UKSPF programme, an investment plan setting out how the funds would be allocated has been submitted to the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). Whilst the GLCCA is responsible for the preparation of this investment plan, each Council within Greater Lincolnshire has been asked to provide its own plan to feed into the overall investment plan. On 27 February 2025, Council agreed the broad principles of the SKDC investment plan, and this has been submitted to the GLCCA. The combined investment plan for Greater Lincolnshire was submitted to MHCLG on 30th April 2025 by the GLCCA and has received confirmation of acceptance, following which a grant determination letter has been issued and duly signed by the Council for a total amount of funding of £1,374,763.
- 2.3 At their meeting of the 7th July 2025 the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Board endorsed a proposal to fund a range of projects in line with the investment plan as outlined in Appendix 1 for a collective value of £191,500.

- 2.4 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 2026.

3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 An option discounted was to not fund these projects. 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 three projects identified in Appendix 1.

5. Reasons for the Decision(s)

- 5.1 To commit UK Share Prosperity Funding in line with the intervention plan submitted to the GLCCA.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 Following endorsement by the UKSPF Board at their meeting on 7th July 2025, the Deputy Chief Executive in has made the final decisions on the allocation in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, HR and Economic Development.

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1, list of endorsed projects

Signed by: **Richard Wyles**

Dated: **14 July 2025**