



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Officer Delegated Decision

3rd November 2025

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive
and s151 Officer

Approval of UKSPF funding and updated intervention plan 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 approve 2025-26 UKSPF allocation to a specific project and updated intervention plan allocations for the 2025-26 UKSPF scheme.
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 on 22 May 2025, in approving the governance associated with the UK Shared Prosperity Board, agreed a specific delegated authority which</p>

provides the Deputy Chief Executive with the ability to take this decision.

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 on the 4 September 2025 it was reported to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Board there was £19k unallocated across the total intervention plan which is now being allocated to an identified project as outlined in Appendix 1.
- 2.4 In addition to this it was also communicated to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Board that in order to ensure fully committed spend of the total funding allocated to the Council it has been necessary to adjust some of the funding amounts across the intervention categories within the overall investment plan. This has been agreed with the GLCCA and Appendix 2 provides an updated summary of the latest investment plan for the Council as reported to the GLCCA. The total amounts allocated to each intervention theme will be split between revenue and capital to meet the minimum funding criteria as previously agreed with the GLCCA.
- 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 allocation of £19k to the one project identified in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 To approve the updated intervention plan in line with previously allocated project funding as outlined in Appendix 2.

5. Reasons for the Decision(s)

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

6. Consultation

6.1 Following endorsement by the UKSPF Board at their previous meetings for project funding allocations relating to the 2025-26 UKSPF scheme the intervention plan has been updated in line with these endorsements. The Deputy Chief Executive 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, endorsed project

7.2 Appendix 2, Updated intervention plan for 2025-26 UKSPF Funding

Signed by: Richard Wyles
