

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted for the Officer or Executive Member
[NO]

Any conflict with any Member concerned **[NO]**

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Legal and Community

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1 Approval to use £100,000 from the April 24 to March 25 UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) for a Council District, Health Hub and Health Inequalities programme (as per the allocation in paragraph 10).

2. DECISION TAKER

2.1 Cllr Alistair Willoughby (Executive Member for Community and Partnerships in consultation with the Service Director – Legal and Community).

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

12 April 2024

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 £510,000 UKSPF is mixed revenue and capital funding has been approved by Cabinet for distribution in 2024/25, and includes £100,000k including community wellbeing, managed by the Community Wellbeing Team.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 There are no other reasonable alternative options.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

6.1 Cabinet approved these overall allocation of funds on 19th March 2024. [\[CLICK HERE FOR CABINET REPORTS & DECISION PAGE\]](#)

6.2 The Executive Member for Communities and Partnership is the decision maker, and Deputy Executive Member for Communities and Partnership have been consulted and are supportive of the proposal.

7. FORWARD PLAN

7.1 This decision follows the original Cabinet decision of 19 March, which was a key decision and that, as per the report [see link above] was a key decision and first notified on the Forward Plan on 16 February 2024. Cabinet approved the allocation detailed in 8.1 E) of the report.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 See report 19 March 2024 [[CLICK HERE](#)]. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UK SPF) was originally launched by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in April 2021 providing funding to every English and Welsh District and Unitary Authority over three years from April 2022 to March 2025.

8.2 On 19th March 2024, Cabinet approved the distribution of £510,000k year three 2024-25 UKSPF funding to a range of projects including £100k.

8.3 To deliver a programme of this scale under very short timescales, the Community Wellbeing Team will:

8.4.1 Utilise the skills and knowledge of an existing team member who is due to leave the Council at the end of April 2024 due to the end of an externally funded contract, and extend their contract to 31/03/25 on a part time basis (20 hours per week): thereafter,

8.4.2 The postholder will be responsible for working with a range of partners to establish, manage and monitor a range of community wellbeing projects.

8.4.3 Coordinate a range of community wellbeing projects across the district including:

- Horticultural therapy for people living with or recovering from mental health conditions.
- Emotional wellbeing groups (Chat café and craft café) for people with low level depression and anxiety or people experiencing social isolation and loneliness.
- Physical and emotional health courses for men, looking at specific men's health issues, and then also for women's looking at specific women's health issues.
- Food education programmes for families experiencing food poverty across the district.
- Wellbeing groups and events for people of all ages experiencing social isolation and loneliness across the district.
- Falls prevention and frailty programmes for older people.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Executive Member has delegated authority to make this decision as per the Cabinet resolution of 19 March 2024, in consultation with the Service Director: Legal & Community. That decision will be subject to a 5 clear working day call-in period, following publication in the Members Information Service (MIS) and on the Council's website.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The cost of this proposal would be covered by the UK Shared Prosperity Funding. This model would see about 25% of the funding used for core staffing costs for session delivery and project management (c.£24k) which is essential to enable the programme to take place. The remaining funding will be spent on the direct delivery of activities for the local community, in the approximate tranches set out in 10.2.

10.2 The approval would be to use the funds allocated, in the following way, *currently equating to £99K* (with some flexibility around the final sum up to the overall maximum £100K figure):

- Horticultural therapy for people living with or recovering from mental health conditions - £13K.

- Emotional wellbeing groups (Chat café and craft café) for people with low level depression and anxiety or people experiencing social isolation and loneliness - £13K.
- Physical and emotional health courses for men, looking at specific men's health issues, and then also for women's looking at specific women's health issues – c.£10K.
- Food education programmes for families experiencing food poverty across the district - £13K.
- Wellbeing groups and events for people of all ages experiencing social isolation and loneliness across the district - £13K.
- Falls prevention and frailty programmes for older people - £13K.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Good risk management supports and enhances the decision-making process, increasing the likelihood of the Council meeting its objectives and enabling it to respond quickly and effectively to change. When taking decisions, risks and opportunities must be considered.
- 11.2 The funding criteria means there is a short timeframe for us to use the allocated money. Therefore, there is a potential reputational risk associated with not using the full allocation and not delivering the maximum support possible. This decision notice aims to mitigate the risk by allowing experienced officers to make the required preparations and commence delivery quickly.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.2 This proposal will target people in the district experiencing health inequalities.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to the matters contained within this report, as there are no recommendations on procurement.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 There are no environmental implications.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 15.1 Utilise the skills and knowledge of an existing Community Wellbeing team member to lead on the delivery of this programme from now until March 2025 on a part time basis.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 16.1 See links to reports and supporting documents as above.

17. APPENDICES

- 17.1 None.

NOTIFICATION DATE



Signature of Service Director Consulted

Date 12.4.24

Signature of Executive Member for Community and Partnerships



Decision Taker

Date 12.4.24

**Please Note: that *unless urgency provisions apply* EXECUTIVE decisions cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days have elapsed after the decision has been taken to allow for scrutiny call-in.
Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**