



UK Government

**LEVELLING
— UP —**

Welcome to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) stakeholder webinar

The webinar will start shortly

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UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)

- Domestic 3 year capital and revenue allocation replacing EU structural funds
- Links to the governments – Levelling up agenda
- CW&C max allocation is **£12.6mill** (£1.5mill ringfenced for Multiply)
- Allocation made on receipt of Investment Plan (Deadline for submitting plans is 30/6/22 for Multiply and by 1/8/22 for Core UKSPF)
- There are 3 main objectives for the Core UKSPF:
 - Community and Place
 - Supporting local business
 - People and Skills (not available until 2024-5)



Indicative threshold values

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Unringfenced	1,353,550	2,705,099	7,7087,360	11,145,009
Revenue (max)	1,217,295	2,353,436	5,669,888	9,240,619
Capital (min/target)	135,255	351,663	1,417,472	1,904,390
Ringfenced - Multiply	452,673	522,315	522,315	1,497,303
All revenue				
TOTALS	1,805,223	3,227,414	7,609,675	12,642,312

UKSPF – Objectives

Communities and Place

- Strengthening our social fabric and fostering a sense of local pride and belonging, through investment in activities that enhance physical, cultural and social ties and amenities, such as community infrastructure and local green space, and community-led projects.
- Building resilient, safe and healthy neighbourhoods, through investment in quality places that people want to live, work, play and learn in, through targeted improvements to the built environment and innovative approaches to crime prevention.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-interventions-outputs-and-indicators/interventions-list-for-england>



UKSPF – Objectives

Supporting local business

- Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion, through investments that build on existing industries and institutions (retail, hospitality and leisure sector facilities.)
- Promoting networking and collaboration, through interventions that bring together businesses and partners to share knowledge, expertise and resources, and stimulate innovation and growth.
- Increasing private sector investment in growth-enhancing activities



UKSPF – Objectives

People and Skills

- Boosting core skills and support adults to progress in work, by targeting adults with no or low level qualifications and skills
- Reducing levels of economic inactivity through investment in bespoke intensive life and employment support tailored to local need.
- Supporting local areas to fund gaps in local skills provision to support people to progress in work, and supplement local adult skills provision



UKSPF – Multiply

- Part of UKSPF aimed at supporting bespoke numeracy interventions for those aged 19+ without a Grade 4/C qualification or higher
- Free flexible courses that will fit around peoples' lives, complementing existing adult provision, e.g. support with household or business finances, expansion of family learning programmes
- Complimented nationally by a new online platform and free personal tutoring
- Separate Investment Plan needed by end of June
- Total CW&C allocation is £1,497,303.48 ringfenced for Multiply
- Need to improve adult functional numeracy levels, participation and achievement



UKSPF – Investment Plans

- **Multiply investment plan – 30th June deadline**
- **Core UKSPF investment plan – 1st August deadline**
- **Provide Local context – evidence of opportunity and challenges**
 - selection outcomes and interventions – what to target based on locality and priorities under each from menu
 - Delivery – approach to delivery and governance (structure and processes) – engagement undertaken with partners
 - Expenditure and deliverables – what to deliver. Profile of spend for 3 years with outputs and outcomes.



UKSPF – Role of the LA

- Demonstrate clear Stakeholder engagement
 - Employer bodies (chambers) and businesses (large and SMEs)
 - Strategic bodies (LEP)
 - Environmental and rural organisations/forum
 - Public health and Crime
 - Community, voluntary and faith groups
 - Education and skills providers and Employment support services (e.g DWP)
 - MPs
- Introductory webinar 26 May, followed by roundtables for each objective areas and Multiply



UKSPF – Role of the LA

- Provide Governance – internally using DMTs, Capital Investment Board, Inclusive Economy Board
- Cabinet Approvals - Investment Plans to be presented at the 6 July 2022 meeting
- Local Partnership Group (LPG) – to provide advice on strategic fit and deliverability. Utilise the new West Cheshire Anchor Network (with additions)
- Consider alignment with other LAs – Cheshire and Warrington and Mersey Dee Alliance
- Manage the fund – assessment of projects ideas, allocating funding, reporting to Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC)



UKSPF – Progress to date

- Identifying projects that the council are aware of
- Review gaps in previous European Funded programmes
- Consider how funding will be allocated – in house, commissioned, procured or grants
- Website page developed - <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/business/shared-prosperity-fund/shared-prosperity-fund.aspx>
- Meetings with MPs set



Our ask...

- Consider the information available :
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>
- If you are aware of projects that might fit the fund objectives, speak to the relevant Council team or email business.support@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Let's keep talking



Any questions?

