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| Report to: | Community and Enterprise Resources Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 29 August 2023 |
| Report by: | Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) |

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| Subject: | UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update |
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ◆ update the Committee on the progress of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan

2. Recommendations

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the progress of the UKSPF be noted;
- (2) that the expenditure profile set out in Table 1, and the Activity Plan detailed in Appendix 1, be approved;
- (3) that it be approved that the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) be given delegated powers, as set out in section 4.8 of the report; and
- (4) that it be noted that progress reports will be brought to the Committee annually.

3. Background

3.1. As previously reported in August 2022, South Lanarkshire Council received a conditional allocation of £12,221,811 from the UK Government providing a mix of capital and revenue funding for projects which meet the UKSPF 4 investment themes:-

- ◆ communities and place
- ◆ support for local business
- ◆ people and skills
- ◆ multiply

The fund runs for 3 financial years from 2022/2023 to 2024/2025.

3.2. At the Committee meeting of 9 August 2022, the Committee considered a report outlining the approach in South Lanarkshire and agreed to work as part of the Glasgow City Region (GCR) with a single Investment Plan for the Region.

3.3. The Committee also agreed the priorities for South Lanarkshire and agreed further reports would be brought to Committee on the detailed outcome of the Investment Plan and progress.

3.4. The Glasgow City Region Investment Plan of a combined total value of £73,874,280 was submitted on 30 August 2022.

4. UKSPF South Lanarkshire Investment Programme

- 4.1. Approval of the Investment Plan was received from the UK Government on 5 December 2022 and following the conclusion of the grant agreement and assurance documentation the Council received the 2022/2023 allocation of £1,865,176 in February 2023.
- 4.2. Due to the delay in the approval of Investment Plans, the UK Government recognised the need for councils to reprofile the expected spend in years one and 2 of the UKSPF programme. A reprofiling exercise along with credible plans for the spend in 2023/2024 was prepared by the Council. These plans were collated and submitted by the GCR in March 2023 and recently approved by the UK Government. The Council's revised spend profile is set out below in Table 1.

Table 1 - UKSPF Expenditure Profile

| INTERVENTION THEME | Year 1 2022/2023 (£) | Year 2 2023/2024 (£) | Year 3 2024/2025 (£) | Total (£) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Community and Place Intervention | 255,531 | 1,370,260 | 2,073,000 | 3,698,791 |
| Local Business Intervention | - | 994,893 | 2,071,611 | 3,066,504 |
| People and Skills Intervention | - | 913,332 | 2,028,140 | 2,941,472 |
| Multiply Intervention | 50,000 | 1,269,368 | 706,804 | 2,026,172 |
| 4% Management | 74,607 | 127,617 | 286,648 | 488,872 |
| TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET | 380,138 | 4,675,470 | 7,166,203 | 12,221,811 |

- 4.3. Each UKSPF Intervention Theme has a selection of priorities. Following the work set out in the previous report, budgets have been allocated to priorities as set out in the Activity Plan in Appendix 1 delivered by different services across the Council and partners.
- 4.4. The UKSPF allows councils to use up to 4% of the allocation for management and administration. As a result, the Council can access £0.489 million over 3 years to manage the programme.
- 4.5. Aligned with the UKSPF priorities are a range of outputs and outcomes as summarised at Appendix 2.
- 4.6. Delivery across the programme has commenced and will be monitored by officers within Enterprise and Sustainable Development Service. A cross resource programme governance group has been established to monitor progress and advise on changes to expenditure profiles and outcomes and report to the Director of Community and Enterprise.
- 4.7. Quarterly and 6-monthly monitoring and reporting to GCR and the UK Government will be undertaken. Depending on the nature and the scale of any changes to the approved financial profile detailed in Table 1 approval is required from either GCR or the UK Government.

- 4.8. To ensure the effective delivery of the UKSPF Programme in South Lanarkshire and minimise the risk of underspend, delegated authority to the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) is sought to:-
- ◆ approve quarterly and 6-monthly monitoring reports for submission to GCR and the UK Government
 - ◆ approve financial changes both within interventions and between interventions as detailed in Table 1
 - ◆ approve changes to outputs and outcomes at intervention level as detailed in Appendix 2
 - ◆ approve guidance to challenge funds and grant programmes developed to deliver approved UKSPF activities as detailed in Appendix 1
- 4.9. Each Service will remain responsible for ensuring that it has the appropriate authority to deliver activity, including where appropriate relevant Resource Committees.
- 4.10. Annual progress reports will be provided to Committee and will provide an update on project activity and expenditure as well as outcomes and outputs.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. The UKSPF allows for 4% of the allocation to be used for the management and administration of the fund. This will be used to fund existing staff within Economic Development and Finance and Corporate Resources which will be undertaken within existing staffing resources.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The UKSPF represents additional resources to deliver the Council's Economic Strategy, Tourism Strategy and Social Economy Strategy.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. Across the 3 Investment Themes there are interventions that will support the reduction of carbon emissions and priorities such as investing in green business infrastructure which will also support the Council's sustainability objectives.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no other implications as a result of this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. The Investment Plan will require an Equality Impact Assessment to be completed.

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Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

7 August 2023

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs

- ◆ Working with and respecting others
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ Ambitious, self-aware and improving
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ Excellent employer

Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve

Outcomes

- ◆ Our children and young people thrive
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee 9 August 2022 – UK Shared Prosperity Fund

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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