

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

9 September 2022

Decision No: (CAB 22/23 34162)

DECISION-MAKER:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE (PARAGRAH 1.2 OF THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION)
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Communities & Customer Engagement
SUBJECT:	UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and Multiply Programmes
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THE DECISION

- (i) To delegate authority to the Executive Director, Communities Culture and Homes to take all actions necessary to accept the grants and deliver the projects until March 2025.
- (ii) To accept, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, a grant of £1,544,238 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, £1,182,512 from the 'Multiply' Programme, along with a £20,000 revenue contribution towards development costs of the UKSPF Investment Plan.
- (iii) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, revenue expenditure £1,310,517 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and £1,182,512 from the 'Multiply' Programme during the Financial Years 2022/23 – 2024/25 and capital expenditure of £253,721 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund during the Financial Years 2022/23 – 2024/25.
- (iv) To approve the Council to act as Accountable Body for the administration of grant funding for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and for the Multiply Programme.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has allocated the Council £1,564,238 of UK Shared Prosperity Fund (over three Financial Years) (Including £20,000 development costs). In addition, the Department for Education (DfE) has offered an allocation of £1,182,512 (over 3 years) to the Council to deliver the 'Multiply' Programme.
2. Government requested that local authorities draft Investment Plans for each programme and aims to notify the Council in September (Multiply) and October (UKSPF) regarding its considerations and if it has approved the proposed uses of funding.
3. Cabinet consideration to accept the funding is requested in September 2022, and the decision to sign Funding Agreements and begin delivery delegated to the Executive Director for Communities, Culture and Homes, as the Government's confirmation of each Investment Plan may not

dovetail with the Council's decision making timetable. Ensuring a prompt start can be made to delivery will lessen the risks of an underspend in 2022/23.

4. Under Financial Procedure Rules, the matter requires a decision to accept the grant awards from the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities, and the Department for Education

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

To not accept the grants would result in the loss of external funding that will assist in improving the basic numeracy levels of residents, and a range of interventions to improve community safety, the living environment, community engagement, business support and employment/skills in the city.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

The Cabinet meeting on the 13th September has been cancelled/postponed due the nation entering a period of national mourning following the death of Queen Elizabeth II on the 8th September 2022.

SCC has already been advised by the Department for Education that the proposals for the Multiply programme are approved and government officials are requesting that SCC enter into the formal agreement to be able to receive funds and begin delivery of the programme. Any delay to the decision to accept these funds, will delay SCCs ability to meet the requirements of the programme.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 9th September 2022

Decision Maker:
Chief Executive

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on 20 September 2022

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*