



## DECISION RECORD

<b>Service Reference Number</b>	DR/2025/012				
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Chris Jackson, Director of Regeneration and David Bell, Director of Finance and Transformation				
<b>Delegated Authority</b>	<p>Hull and East Yorkshire Unitary Leaders' Board dated 29 January 2025, Minute 29, provided delegation to the Directors of Regeneration and Finance and Transformation for Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire, in consultation with their respective Cabinet Portfolio Holders, are delegated to enter into funding agreements with appropriate providers meeting the terms of the grant for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) subject to confirmation of funding from the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority (HEYCA).</p> <p>HEYCA confirmed allocation of funding to Hull City Council on the 5 March 2025, minute 10 refers.</p>				
<b>Decision:</b>	<p>To award a grant funding agreement 2025/26 to each the following organisations under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), subject to completion of satisfactory due diligence assessments.</p>				
<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Capital £</b>	<b>Revenue £</b>	<b>Total Funding £</b>
141	East Hull Community Farm Limited (Companies Number: 02761648)	Our Farm	0	14,040	£14,040
148	Hull FC Community Sports & Education Foundation (Companies Number: 05826791)	Connecting Communities	0	19,730	19,730
146	Hull Community and Voluntary	Hull Community Centre	0	48,850	48,850

	Services Ltd (Company Number: 01570120)	Collaborative Network			
144	Hull City Council	Improving Community Centres	369,171	0	369,171
143	Hull City Council (Business Support)	Invest Hull	800,000	284,543	1,084,543
149	University of Hull	Hull Innovation Support Programme	228,749	66,416	295,165
145	Humber Learning Consortium (Company number: 04383779)	Exploring Opportunities (delivered by a partnership of 14 Hull organisations)	0	2,540,564	2,540,564
147	Hull Community and Voluntary Services Ltd (Company Number: 01570120)	Working4Good (Volunteer to Employment Pathway Programme)	0	142,738	142,738
142	Humber Community Advice Services Limited (Company number: 08143670)	The Bridge (delivered by a partnership of 7 Hull organisations)	7,108	274,484	281,592
150	Winner – The Preston Road Women's Centre Ltd (Company Number: 05044826)	Women Winning Through	0	109,025	109,025

**Reasons for the Decision:**

1. The grant criteria were established through the [UKSPF](#) based on identified outcomes and outputs that are required to be delivered;
2. The bids were evaluated against the UKSPF Criteria by a bid team, overseen by a cross sector advisory board.
3. Due diligence support is provided through the Legal and Financial Services of the Council, providing assurance that the selected bidders were those that best met the Council's requirements.

**Nature of Decision:****Non-Key**If this is a **key** decision please include the decision's Forward Plan number **n/a**

<p>This is a non-key decision implementing a notice of key decision 0004/24 from December 2024, with the decision made that the Hull and East Yorkshire Unitary Leaders' Board on the 29 January 205 to agree to delegate entering into funding agreements subject to a decision by the Hull and East Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (HEYCA). The HEYCA made a decision to delegate funding to Hull City Council at their meeting on the 5 March 2025, minute 10 refers.</p>	
<p><b>Exemptions</b></p> <p>Is the accompanying formal report (or other documentation where applicable) exempt?  <b>No</b></p> <p>Reason the report (or other documentation) is exempt: n/a</p>	
<p><b>Background and Supporting Information:</b></p> <p>The UKSPF is a Government-led fund providing Hull funding for local investment by March 2026 to build pride in place, supporting high quality skills training, supporting pay, employment and productivity growth and increasing life chances.</p> <p>The Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority has delegated UKSPF continuation funding of £5,152,330 to Hull City Council in 2025/26. This represents a £622K reduction in the allocation to Hull by Government compared to the level of UKSPF received in 2024/25.</p> <p>Hull's UKSPF is overseen by a Local Delivery Partnership Board, which has members from the Council, other public sector, voluntary and community sector and private sector. The Board is supported by a Council team that manages the call for and assessment of grant applications and makes recommendations to the Board for consideration prior to grant awards and subsequently entering into formal funding agreements with the Council as accountable body.</p> <p>Delivery of the UKSPF locally has been achieved through calls for projects that meet the local priorities set out in Hull's Investment Plan agreed with Government. These calls throughout the funding programme have ensured the outputs and outcomes sought by Government and the Council are achieved, and that spending is in line with the annual allocations.</p> <p>Project delivery for UKSPF funding 2025/26 will run from 1 April 2025 until March 2026. Hull City Council only considered applications from 2024/25 projects that were in delivery and are not 'one-off' projects, also where there may be loss of capacity and / or disruption in services to residents, communities and businesses and if staffing, and risks of redundancy may be an issue if not funded. All applications have been assessed following criteria agreed by Hull's UKSPF Board with additional assessment taking into account delivery performance against outputs and outcomes.</p>	
<p><b>Equalities Impact Information:</b>  Does the decision have relevance to equality or affect any group with protected characteristics?</p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>

<p>Hull's Investment Plan supports the Council's Equality and Diversity policy also emphasises the Council's focus on building strong and resilient communities "by safeguarding the most vulnerable, prevention and early intervention and making money go further". The priorities identified within the Investment Plan address the economic challenges set out in Hull's Economic Strategy (2021-2026).</p> <p>There is no likely adverse effect on any group/s with protected characteristics. Delivery of the UKSPF in line with Hull's Investment Plan and the priorities set out within the Government Prospectus will have a net positive effect on the life chances and advances equality of opportunity for those who have experienced socio-economic disadvantages.</p>	
<p><b>Contact Officers:</b></p> <p>Nathan Turner, Head of Strategy and Policy Iain Atkinson, Strategic Delivery and Partnerships Manager</p>	
<p><b>Chief Officer Comments</b></p> <p><u>Comments of the Director of Legal Services and Partnerships (Monitoring Officer)</u></p> <p>The UK Shared Prosperity Fund ("UKSPF") is a Government funding scheme originally from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing &amp; Communities and now by the Ministry of Housing, Communities &amp; Local Government. The funding is designed to be administered at local levels and with the purpose of four objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging</li> <li>- Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest</li> <li>- Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost</li> <li>- Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency</li> </ul> <p>All the grants in this decision record meets the requirements of the UKSPF and will be compliant with the terms of the UKSPF and the Subsidy Control Act 2022. The Council has powers to issue grants under the Localism Act 2011. (PG)</p> <p><u>Comments of the Director of Finance and Transformation (Section 151 Officer)</u></p> <p>The Director of Finance and Transformation notes the award of these grants under the continuing UK Shared Prosperity Fund for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. GS</p> <p><u>Comments of the Assistant Director of Organisation Development &amp; Human Resources and compliance with the equality act</u></p>	

The content of the report is noted. There are no staffing or equality issues arising from this decision for the council. KH

Comments of the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) was part of the previous Government's Levelling Up Fund programme and the new Government have implemented a transition year in 2025/26 for UKSPF. I support the awarding of these grants which will help provide essential support to local businesses and communities.

Scrutiny Comments

This decision has not been subject to pre-decision scrutiny. Ref: Sc8654 [MK].

**Signature of Decision Makers:**

Signed: Signature confirmed                      Director of Regeneration

Date: 18.03.25

Signed: Signature confirmed                      Director of Finance and Transformation

Date: 07.03.25

**Exceptional Circumstances**

Is the decision record currently exempt from publication at the point of decision?

**No**

If yes, what date can the decision record be made public?

Reason the decision record is exempt from publication at the point of decision:

**FOR COMPLETION BY THE SCRUTINY OFFICE:**

Date published on CMIS:

**20/03/2025**

Can the decision be called in?

**No**

Date decision comes into force:

**20/03/2025**