

Item 8 - UKSPF Progress Update:

1. UKSPF 2022-25 Programme Update

- 1.1 Expenditure of the 2022/25 UKSPF programme which has a total value of £2,810,773 is required by 31 March 2025, with no ability to extend spend or delivery beyond the end of the year. As of 28 February 2025, we can confirm £2,778,687 is either spent or being processed – the remaining £32,085.56 is being allocated across existing projects in the community and place and people and skills priorities to ensure that all funding is spent by 31 March 2025 in line with the government requirements and Lincoln's investment plan. Progress set out in Appendix A below.
- 1.2 A review and assessment of the programme in respect of outputs and outcomes will commence in the first half of 25/26. Capital funding for the community and place priority projects such as Community Hub development at Moorland and Ermine and the community bakery project based in Abbey, have been for new infrastructure to support the development of community service provision that will continue post March 2025, with outputs and outcomes expected in the future.

2. UKSPF 2025/26 Programme

- 2.1 The government announced in the Autumn Budget on 30 October 2025, that there would be a further one-year of UK Shared Prosperity Fund for 2025-26 as a stand-alone programme. As Lincoln is now part of a devolved combined authority, this new allocation has been pooled into a single allocation for Greater Lincolnshire. North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC) is the accountable body for the funding in 2025-26 and will be managing, monitoring and reporting on the overall programme for the Greater Lincolnshire Mayoral County Combined Authority.
- 2.2 The GLMCCA confirmed on 14 February 2025 that:
 - Allocations have been made to each area based on the methodology for 2022-25 programme.
 - No new investment plans are required but a refresh of the existing investment plans is expected to ensure activity reflects the programme and GLMCCA priorities.
 - The GLMCCA have centralised the funding for the Supporting Business Priority and are administering all supporting initiatives through the Lincolnshire Business Hub under a separate Investment Plan proposal.
 - Revised investment plans for each area should go through their own relevant governance process to ensure alignment, local approval and political sign-off. For Lincoln this means the Town Board for comment/input/recommendations and then the City Council's Executive Committee for final decision and approval.
 - Draft revised investment plans to be submitted to NELC by 28 February 2025.

- 2.3 Lincoln's allocation on this basis is a total of £880,902 which comprises £143,680 capital and £737,222 revenue funds for spend and delivery by 31 March 2026.
- 2.4 A refreshed draft investment plan for Lincoln's UKSPF 2025-26 allocation was submitted on 27 February 2025 following a discussion at Town Fund Investment Sub Committee on 18 February 2025. This follows a review of projects within the existing programme that were successfully and effectively delivering the target outcomes and outputs and the capital projects where early activity could be continued and built upon to maximise their impact in those deprived areas. In addition, there was a review of the evidence base, the emerging anti-poverty strategy work in Lincoln and consultation feedback on the Council's Vision 2030 work to ensure projects and activity met local needs and priorities. The draft investment plan prioritises funding for the community and place and people and skills priorities given the GLMCCA's approach to the Supporting Business priority. This draft investment plan is attached below as Appendix B.
- 2.5 A further update was received on 05 March 2025 from NELC which confirms the following:
- NELC will issue Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to each council area in April 2025.
 - Overall Investment Plan agreed locally and uploaded by 18 April 2025.
 - First payments by early June 2025 (anything prior is at risk).
 - Review of delivery in September 2025 so programme needs to be well underway and committed to avoid clawback/reduction of funding.
 - Full review of programme in January 2026 to ensure spend and delivery achievable by 31 March 2026.
- 2.6 Lincoln's investment plan has to be confirmed at the next Executive meeting on 24 March 2025 to meet the GLMCCA timetable. The feedback from this Town Deal Board meeting will therefore be reported back to the Council's Executive meeting and taken into consideration when making the final decision.

3. **Recommendations**

- 3.1 The progress on 22-25 delivery and spend be noted.
- 3.2 Consideration of the 25/26 draft programme be given.

22-25UKspf Project Programme

No.	Project Title	Allocation	Expected Spend Q4 24/25
C&P1	Cost of Living	£128,334	132,030
C&P2	Community Grants	£300,000	300,000
C&P3	No Wrong Door	£53,510	53,510
C&P4	Community Hubs Feasibility	£58,625	785,265
C&P5	Ermine Community Hubs	£654,375	
C&P6	Moorland Community Hub	£300,000	335,480
C&P7	Community Bakery	£150,000	150,000
C&P8	Collaboration Project	£29,500	29,500
C&P9	Age UK	£100,000	100,000
C&P10	Better Together	£25,000	25,000
SLB1	Lincs Business Growth Hub	£145,595	145,595
SLB2	City Bus Advisor/support	£100,000	100,000
SLB3	EV Academy	£50,000	50,000
SLB4	MAE Training Bursary	£21,416	21,416
SLB5	Air Source Heat Pump Training	£50,000	50,000
SLB6	Carbon Literacy	£8,000	8,000
P&S1	Restore	£76,418	76,418
P&S2	MAE Skills Programme	£107,168	107,168
P&S3	Pioneers Project	£20,464	26,674
P&S4	NEET Employment Skills	£32,000	41,970
P&S5	Ted X project	£2,000	2,000
PM	Programme Management	£238,664	238,662
	Contingency/underspend		32,086
	TOTAL	£2,810,773	2,810,773

APPENDIX B Draft 25/26 UKSPF Investment Plan

Investment Priority; Communities and Place		Project						
Theme	Sub-theme:	Title and brief description	New or continuation from 22-25	Is the project specific to location, or could it be delivered across a wider area?	Revenue Grant (£)	Capital Grant	Match Funding (£)	Total Cost
Healthy, Safe and Inclusive Communities	Healthy: Improve health and well-being	Initiatives will include; Cost of living programme; No Wrong Door project; Age UK project . These initiatives are targeted at addressing the health and well-being issues associated with cost of living crisis, isolation amongst the elderly and vulnerable and digital exclusion.	Continuation	Local	£186,755.00	£0.00	£0.00	£186,755.00
Healthy, Safe and Inclusive Communities	Inclusive: Bringing communities together, tackling homelessness	Initiatives will include Anti Poverty Strategy and action plan and Neighbourhood working engagement toolkit ; A City wide Community Grant Scheme; Ermine Community Hub Project - a programme of community engagement targeted to local need, including better digital connectivity and safe places for the young. Moorland Community Hub - programme of activity targeted to community need. A programme of initiatives targeted at community development and cohesion.	Continuation	Local	£386,602.00	£43,680.00		£430,282.00
Healthy, Safe and Inclusive Communities	High streets and town centres improvements	South High Street place-shaping framework to promote and enable South High Street to be a diverse, vibrant and sustainable neighbourhood; Greening the City Project - capital works aimed at supporting City centre vibrancy	New	Local	£20,000.00	£100,000.00		£120,000.00
					£593,357.00	£143,680.00	£0.00	£737,037.00
Investment Priority; Supporting Local Business		Project						
Theme	Sub-theme:	Title and brief description	New or continuation from 22-25	Is the project specific to location, or could it be delivered across a wider area?	Revenue Grant (£)	Capital Grant	Match Funding (£)	Total Cost
					£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Investment Priority; People and Skills		Project						
Theme	Sub-theme:	Title and brief description	New or continuation from 22-25	Is the project specific to location, or could it be delivered across a wider area?	Revenue Grant (£)	Capital Grant	Match Funding (£)	Total Cost
Employability		Our Community Bakery - support for hard to reach NEETs to access education, training and employment.	Continuation	Local	£60,000.00			£60,000.00
Employability	Supporting people to progress towards and into employment	Teenage Market Project - upskilling young people to use their creativity, entrepreneurship and innovation to explore self-employment opportunities through local market use and targeted events.	New	Local	£20,000.00			£20,000.00
					£80,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£80,000.00