




## RECORD OF OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS

TITLE:	Awards under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund
DECISION:	<p>Decision to undertake separate awards to successful applicants of the UK Shared Prosperity/Rural Prosperity Fund Programme through the open Communities and Place grant Scheme. Specifically, funding will be made available to the following project:</p> <p><b><u>Fenside Community Centre/Volunteer It Yourself -£25,300</u></b></p> <p>Refurbishment of Fenside Community Centre in Boston, engaging a cohort of at least 15 NEET or at-risk young people (16+) to learn vocational construction skills while improving a key community facility. Activities include painting, repairs, and outdoor improvements, with mentoring from professional tradespeople. Participants gain City &amp; Guilds Entry Level 3 qualifications.</p>
DECISION MADE BY:	Matthew Hogan - Assistant Director - Strategic Growth and Development
DATE DECISION MADE:	26/08/25
REASON FOR DECISION:	<p>As part of HMG's Levelling Up Agenda and in line with the commitments made by Boston Borough in the UKSPF Prospectus and Investment Plan, we have committed to invest in high-impact projects across three core themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communities and place - Supporting community groups and investment in community facilities; enhancing the cultural and heritage offer; widening the use of community buildings; initiatives to help support our town centres.</li> <li>• Supporting local business - Helping local businesses invest for future growth; growing the food processing, horticulture, and logistics sector; encouraging new businesses to establish; helping the local social and community enterprises to innovate and grow.</li> <li>• People and skills - Developing skills and employment opportunities within the fresh food, food processing and logistics sectors; creating new training hubs; supporting local residents with skills and access to employment.</li> </ul> <p>These allocations principally meet the objectives that we have committed to under the Communities and Place Theme, with the projects passing a rigorous two-Panel assessment process following an open process. We are confident that they can deliver the outcomes expected from the Programme quickly and substantively. This has been the basis of the decision.</p>
DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	These funds were allocated on a competitive basis, based on a round of submitted Full Applications to the UK Shared Prosperity and Rural Prosperity Fund. The alternative would be to not award the funding, which would bring severe reputational risk to the Council both with the public and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION:	This involves the disbursement of UK Shared Prosperity/Rural Prosperity Funding in Boston Borough, with the allocation of funds per project being

	as follows: Fenside Community Centre – Volunteer it Yourself. £25,300.00 – Revenue.		
AUTHORITY FOR DECISION:	Authority delegated to the Assistant Director – Strategic Growth and Development		
CONSULTATION WITH PORTFOLIO HOLDER REQUIRED:	YES	PORTFOLIO HOLDER SIGNATURE: (If consulted)	
SUPPORTING PAPERS:	UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus, found at the following link: <a href="https://www.boston.gov.uk/article/23066/UK-Shared-Prosperity-Fund">https://www.boston.gov.uk/article/23066/UK-Shared-Prosperity-Fund</a>		
OFFICER/COUNCILLOR INTERESTS DECLARED:	None		
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Notes: When the decision has been made the relevant officer should complete the report within 14 days and send it to Democratic Services for publication on the Council's website in accordance with the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014.