



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update

1. Executive Summary

1.1 This report provides an update on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) in Edinburgh following the confirmation of funding from UK Government.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Board is recommended to:

- i. Note that UK Government have now approved Edinburgh's UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan and confirmed the previously announced Edinburgh allocation of UK Shared Prosperity Funding for 2022/23;
- ii. Note the progress made confirming funding to successful projects so that they can progress with project delivery;
- iii. Note the ongoing sign off process for the Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan and the intention to align funding with the projects agreed in the Delivery Plan.

3. Main Report

3.1 On [13 April 2022](#), the UK Government published a prospectus for the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund. As part of the Levelling Up programme, and as a successor to European Union Structural Funds, the fund proposed that local interventions should be focussed across three investment themes - Community and Place, Supporting Local Business and People and Skills.

3.2 A national adult numeracy programme "Multiply" is also being funded through UK SPF and the Edinburgh Multiply programme is being delivered by the Council through the Education and Children's Service.

3.3 UK Government confirmed Edinburgh's UK SPF allocation for 2022/23 on 6 December 2022, which was accepted, by the Council, on 7 December 2022.

3.4 UK Government have also approved Edinburgh's UK SPF Investment Plan and confirmed they are happy with the intended activities, outcomes and outputs of the programme planned for delivery up to 31 March 2025.

3.5 Approved projects have now had confirmation of their funding allocation for 2022/23 and 2023-25, subject to UK Government funding confirmation in due course.

- 3.6 A list of grant funded projects and their intended outcomes and outputs is provided in Appendix 1 and 2.
- 3.7 31 projects are now progressing with project delivery and one project (ACE IT) has chosen to withdraw their project from the programme due to a restructure of their organisation. Officers have considered other projects offering digital skills and are confident that the intended activities of ACE IT (digital skills delivery for over 50's) can be supported by these other programmes, with additional support from the Programme Management Office. It is therefore being recommended that the unused funding from the Ace IT project (£139,800) is reinvested into the funding available for Regional Prosperity Framework (RPF) activities for Edinburgh.
- 3.8 The RPF Delivery Plan is currently being considered by the Local Authorities within the Region and the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee. Once that plan is signed off, work will be carried out to ensure that the SPF funding is aligned with the RPF Delivery Plan.
- 3.9 Due to the delayed confirmation of funding nationally, the reporting schedule from UK Government has been amended and the first report on activities will now be submitted to UK Government at the end of March 2023, with details on further requirements to be confirmed shortly.
- 3.10 UK Government have also confirmed that, due to the delays in confirmation of funding, there will be a one-off possibility to carry forward unspent 2022/23 funding into next financial year, on the condition that a clear and detailed plan is provided for how the underspend will be used in 2023/24. It is anticipated that the funding will be added to providers' allocations in 2023/24.
- 3.11 A UK SPF Grants Manager has been recruited for the Programme Management Office in Edinburgh. The Manager is employed by Capital City Partnership and will work alongside the contract managers supporting other Council funded projects, to monitor and oversee the daily running of the programme.
- 3.12 In addition, the Council's Sustainability Team have been consulted about the carbon impact assessment of SPF activities and have agreed to support funded projects to carry out carbon impact assessments (CIA), where required, to ensure there is consistency with future reporting. Due to the delays in funding, it is anticipated that all capital funded projects will start in 2023/24 at the earliest, which will allow time for CIAs to be completed.

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Appendix 1: Projects to be funded through the City of Edinburgh SPF Investment Plan. Some projects plan to deliver under more than one theme but are listed in the theme where the main outcomes are expected.

SPF Theme – Communities and Place		
Organisation Name	Project Name	Description
CHAI Community Help & Advice Initiative	Enabling Financial Resilience for Edinburgh Citizens	Increase current welfare rights and debt advice services within locality community mental health and locality recovery hubs. Expand Growing Families pilot which supports health visitors when asking financial inclusion question.
Corstorphine Craigsbank Parish Church	East Craigs Easy Cafe	Upgrading existing community hall by extending the kitchen to broaden its use. A not-for-profit community café will be run providing volunteers work experience, enhancing social capital in an area with pockets of social deprivation whilst combatting social isolation.
City of Edinburgh Council - Community Centres	Support to Community Centre Management Committees in Edinburgh	Provide support, development and access to resources to Community Centre Management Committees across the city to enable them to develop sustainable plans for the future and strengthen capacity to deliver services in their local communities.
Cyrenians	Cyrenians Levelling Up Initiatives	Set of levelling up initiatives that take a public health approach to reducing homelessness and increasing wellbeing and prosperity across Edinburgh.
Edible Estates CIC	Edinburgh Growing Together	Edinburgh Growing Together would support community gardens in Edinburgh's council estates with project anagement/development and community engagement support alongside improvements to infrastructure including new connections to the water mains, new tool storage units, renovation of paths and growing beds.

Empty Kitchens Full Hearts	Empty Kitchen Full Hearts Kitchen Assistant Programme, Volunteer Programme and Garden Regeneration	EKFH will build upon its core service delivery - turning surplus food into meals that are delivered to those in need across Edinburgh - with volunteering and job opportunities through Kitchen Assistant and Volunteer Programmes and create a green space within the local community through the regeneration of a garden area.
Turn2Us/ Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council	Anti Poverty Grants Programme	Supporting 100 individuals in poverty identified through Turn2us Edinburgh Trust grants referral partners to sustainably support people with the cost of living.
City of Edinburgh Council Forever Edinburgh	Forever Edinburgh Engaging the local community in Edinburgh's Culture and Tourism Offer.	Engage residents in Edinburgh's cultural offer by launching 'Resident First', inviting residents to enjoy new exhibitions / visitor products first.
Fresh Start	Fresh Connections A Fresh Start Programme to Support People Thrive Not Survive.	To help people thrive, not survive. By tackling poverty at a community level, preventing recurring or first-time homelessness, and increasing life chances through community learning activities.
The Poverty Alliance	End Poverty Edinburgh	End Poverty Edinburgh is an independent group of citizens formed during the latter stages of the Edinburgh Poverty Commission as a recommendation of their 2020 report, 'A Just Capital', to work closely with Edinburgh Council and include voices of experience in efforts to end poverty in the city
Southside Community Centre Association	Southside Soil, Seed and Soul	To clear and replant an overgrown garden at the front of Southside Community Centre (SSCC) while creating practical volunteering opportunities and skill development for local community groups. To scope out plan for disabled access to front instead of back door.

City of Edinburgh Council	South Queensferry Accessible Public Conveniences	The construction of accessible new public conveniences at Hawes Pier, South Queensferry
Space The Broomhouse Centre and Lifecare	Employment Vibes	Vintage Vibes, innovative social support for lonely/isolated over 60s through long-lasting weekly 1:1 volunteer friendships.
Spartans Community Football Academy SCFA	Here For Good	The redevelopment of our Community Youth Work Space will enable wider access to opportunity for local people and reinforce our aim of supporting a thriving neighbourhood that is healthy and safe.
Volunteer Centre Edinburgh	Local Volunteering Gateways	Working with local partners in each of the four localities we will develop a holistic programme of gateway opportunities, formal volunteer opportunity development and capacity building for Volunteer Involving Organisations to directly tackle exclusion and inequality of opportunity in communities.

SPF Theme – Supporting Local Business

Name	Description
Business Gateway	Additional services to the baseline Business Gateway offering which will increase the numbers of high value start-up businesses, increase start-up numbers from previously underrepresented demographics and support first time exporters to enter new markets.
Codebase Green Tech and Medtech	GreenTech Accelerator programme that teaches entrepreneurial skills to build new startups. Development of an investment fund that educates and then funds Medtech startups.
Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce - 20	Net Zero Edinburgh, which will: - support SME's make a just transition to net zero - deliver a five step programme, supported by events, toolkits and knowledge sharing - align with the Just Economic Transition programme - support innovative decarbonisation projects
Everyone's Edinburgh - Business For Good	Delivering a single, clear strategy and message from a newly formed Partner Alliance to drive business engagement with the principles and practice of 'business for good'. This will create a



critical mass of businesses actively using our advice, education, training and network to positively shift the business ecosystem.

Forever Edinburgh Destination Marketing To extend The Story Never Ends visitor campaign in Y1 and develop a new city marketing campaign for 2023-25.

SPF Theme - People and Skills

Organisation Name	Project Name	Description
APEX Scotland	Steps to Skills Academy	Delivery of sector-based skills academy, targeting sectors that are experiencing recruitment challenges, with a focus on those aged 16 and over with a history of offending and/or at risk of offending. 1-2-1 support, life, and career skills, accredited and non- accredited training, sector-based placements and employer engagement
Capital City Partnership	MacMillan Skills Hub	The MacMillan Skills Hub will offer a local corridor of support in an area of high deprivation, with the focus on access to training, careers advice and job matching to opportunities created through the significant regeneration plans at the Waterfront development.
The Challenges Group	Making Work Work	Making Work Work – for Women Returners (MWW) Programmes to connect women to learn, collaborate, create, catalyse change and make work work. Physical and virtual spaces which facilitate hybrid and virtual working and promote the social economy.
Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre Volunteering	ERCC Volunteering & Training Programme	Volunteering opportunities for women, who will develop transferable trauma informed skills and knowledge supporting those affected by sexual violence. Volunteers will undergo a bespoke rape crisis training program and supervised long term placement at ERCC.
Edinburgh Women's Aid	Works 4 Woman	Works4Women is an employability programme that supports women who have experienced domestic abuse. It is run by Edinburgh Women's Aid in partnership with Shakti Women's Aid (which serves women in the BME community). We propose



		continuing and expanding the capacity of our comprehensive services through an additional part-time staff member.
Enable Scotland	All in Edinburgh	The Edinburgh Supported Employment Consortium (ESEC) will deliver a supported employment model increasing jobs and supporting retention of jobs for those clients furthest removed from the labour market.
Networking Key Services (NKS) Limited	Communities Empowered	NKS will empower South Asians through build capacity and resilience and, use asset-based approach where people realise their skills to improve their life chances. By establishing a baseline of needs and skills through a survey, enhancing existing and learning new skills will be supported along with training volunteer equality champions.
People know How	Reconnect Edinburgh	Partner with organisations/local communities to run weekly digital & wellbeing support sessions for 40 plus weeks each year. Coordinate with EVOC to deliver digital training sessions to third sector staff member/volunteers to become Tech Buddies
The Bike Station	Shifting Gears	Funding for our flagship community programme Shifting Gears, an evidence-based approach to support marginalised communities and those from low-socio economic backgrounds to recover from the pandemic, mitigate the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and climate emergency, enhance life and employment skills, and provide much needed work experience and employment opportunities.
Young Persons Consortium	The Young Person's Consortium Edinburgh: Opportunities for All	The Young Person's Consortium will deliver employability and enterprise support to unleash the economic potential of 15-30-year-olds furthest from the labour market. We will offer impactful interventions/activities, tailored to the needs of individuals and employers/businesses. Provision will reduce economic inactivity and boost job prospects/Covid recovery, reflecting UK and national/local priorities

Appendix 2: Programme Outcomes and Outputs

Communities and Place Outputs	
Number of commercial buildings developed or improved (numerical value)	92
Number of organisations receiving non-financial support (numerical value)	15
Number of facilities supported/created (numerical value)	50
Number of local events or activities supported (numerical value)	1,095
Amount of green or blue space created or improved (m2)	4,000
Number of events/participatory programmes (numerical value)	120
Number of volunteering opportunities supported (numerical value)	575
Number of projects (numerical value)	200
Number of people reached (numerical value)	115,000
Number of people attending training sessions (numerical value)	130
Number of feasibility studies supported (numerical value)	1
Number of households receiving support	3000

Communities and Place Outcomes	
Greenhouse gas reductions (decrease in Tonnes of Co2e)	435
Improved perception of facilities/amenities (% increase)	200
Increased users of facilities/amenities (% increase)	100
Improved perception of facility/infrastructure project (% increase)	80
Improved engagement numbers (% increase)	50
Increased number of web searches for a place (% increase)	2
Volunteering numbers as a result of support (numerical value)	950
Increased number of projects arising from funded feasibility studies (% increase)	50
Number of premises with improved digital connectivity (numerical value)	15

Supporting Local Business Outputs	
Number of businesses receiving financial support other than grants (numerical value)	50
Number of businesses receiving non-financial support (numerical value)	392
Number of businesses receiving grants (numerical value)	60
Number of potential entrepreneurs provided assistance to be business ready (numerical value)	300

Supporting Local Business Outcomes	
Number of new businesses created (numerical value)	335
Number of businesses introducing new products to the firm (numerical value)	50
Number of organisations engaged in new knowledge transfer activity (numerical value)	250
Number of businesses with improved productivity (numerical value)	50
Number of businesses increasing their export capability (numerical value)	60

People and Skills Outputs

Number of economically inactive people engaging with keyworker support services (numerical value)	485
Number of economically inactive people supported to engage with the benefits system (numerical value)	320
Number of socially excluded people accessing support (numerical value)	300
Number of people supported to access basic skills (numerical value)	50
Number of people receiving support to gain employment (numerical value)	200
Number of people supported to engage in life skills (numerical value)	2,275
Number of people supported onto a course through providing financial support (numerical value)	45
Number of people supported to participate in education (numerical value)	5
Number of volunteering opportunities supported (numerical value)	810
Number of people retraining (numerical value)	75
Number of people in employment engaging with the skills system (numerical value)	20
Number of people supported to gain a qualification or complete a course (numerical value)	1,529

People and Skills Outcomes

Number of people sustaining engagement with keyworker support and additional services (numerical value)	120
Number of people in employment, including self-employment, following support (numerical value)	80
Number of people in education/training (numerical value)	65
Number of people experiencing reduced structural barriers into employment and into skills provision	110
Number of people gaining qualifications, licences and skills (numerical value)	5
Number of people engaged in life skills support following interventions (numerical value)	1,100
Number of people gaining a qualification or completing a course following support (numerical value)	1,479