



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP

UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) in Edinburgh.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is recommended to note:
- i. The progress made with the delivery of programmes in Edinburgh funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund; and
 - ii. The continued engagement with the UK Government regarding future UK Government Structural Funding.

3. Main Report

- 3.1 An Edinburgh UK SPF Programme Management Office (PMO) was set up in 2023 and continues to oversee and manage the delivery of UK SPF in Edinburgh. This includes 33 grant funded projects and a suite of projects for the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region, as part of the Regional Prosperity Framework (RPF) Delivery Plan
- 3.2 The PMO also submit reports to the UK Government on behalf of the Edinburgh “Multiply” programme, part of a national UK SPF adult numeracy programme, which is being managed and delivered by the Council through the Children, Education and Justice Service.
- 3.3 The PMO recently conducted a review of UK SPF delivery which is attached in Appendix 1. The summary statistics of activity undertaken so far and impact achieved is also provided in Appendix 1.
- 3.4 Overall, UK SPF delivery has been successful in Edinburgh. Highlights include over 26,000 households having received support with food, welfare advice or energy efficiency; more than 20,000 m² of green space improved and more than 700 businesses having received support.
- 3.5 UK SPF is now in its final year of delivery and all projects are working towards completion by 31 March 2025 or before. The next steps for UK SPF, or any replacement UK Structural Funding programme, beyond the end of March 2025 are not yet clear.

- 3.6 As arrangements for a new structural funding programme are not yet in place, Scottish Local Authorities are currently lobbying UK Government for a continuation of the current programme, at the same funding level as in 2024/25.
- 3.7 The Council will continue to liaise with projects on the implementation of the Edinburgh programme of delivery in the meantime and to engage with the UK Government, requesting a continuation of the current programme until arrangements for a new programme or alternative structural programme funding is in place.

4. Contact

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Appendix 1 – UK Shared Prosperity Fund Edinburgh Progress Review – April 2024