

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 9 May 2023

UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that Committee notes the interim report provided to UK Government and the progress made so far with UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) programme delivery in Edinburgh.

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Report

UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report provides a summary of the interim report provided to the UK Government on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) programme delivery in Edinburgh.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee have previously agreed the programme of projects delivering the UK SPF in Edinburgh.
- 3.2 On [1 December 2022](#), Committee agreed that regular reports would be provided updating on the progress of UK SPF delivery.

4. Main report

- 4.1 Due to the delayed confirmation of funding nationally, the reporting schedule from UK Government was amended and an interim report on programme spend was submitted to UK Government on the 17 March 2023.
- 4.2 Forecast programme spend for 2022/23 was detailed as per the table below.

Priority	Forecast Spend at end of 2022/23 Financial Year
Communities & Place	£309,692.20
Local Business	£50,744.00
People & Skills	£211,911.00
Multiply	£0.00
Management & Administration	£39,362.20

- 4.3 A request has been made to UK Government to carry forward the unspent 2022/23 allocation (£672,440.80 for UKSPF and £647,290 for Multiply). It is anticipated that this will be added to Edinburgh's allocation in 2023/24 and all delivery partners have reprofiled their expected outcomes accordingly.
- 4.4 A full report on 2022/23 delivery is due for submission to UK Government in May 2023.

- 4.5 The Multiply programme activity has been planned and agreed by the Council's Lifelong Learning team and the Edinburgh Community Learning and Development Partnership but delivery has been delayed due to capacity issues. These issues have now been resolved and delivery is scheduled to commence imminently.
- 4.6 The Council's Sustainability Team have completed their assessment of the successful capital funded projects and their carbon impact. Support is provided to projects by the Edinburgh UK SPF Programme Management Office (PMO) to implement recommendations and also to ensure that the recording of outcomes and outputs, relating to carbon impact for future reporting, is consistent across projects.
- 4.7 Two officers have now been recruited by Capital City Partnership for the PMO in Edinburgh. They will support the Council's SPF Contract Manager with the monitoring, compliance and development of Edinburgh's UK SPF programme.
- 4.8 The PMO will continue to make links across projects, including networking and training sessions. The communications plan for the programme will ensure that actions are in place to promote opportunities available and showcase Edinburgh's SPF projects.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Council officers and the PMO will continue to liaise with projects on the implementation of the Edinburgh programme of delivery.
- 5.2 A further update on progress will be provided to Committee following the next report that is submitted to UK Government.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 No additional costs to the Council are expected for the delivery of programmes outlined in this paper.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 To support the development of Edinburgh's UK SPF Investment Plan, engagement and promotion activities were held with stakeholders as outlined in previous reports.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus](#),

9. Appendices

- 9.1 None.