

REPORT TO CABINET

Open (Appendix 1 Exempt)		Would any decisions proposed:			
Any especially affected Wards	Discretionary	Be entirely within Cabinet's powers to decide		YES	
		Need to be recommendations to Council		NO	
		Is it a Key Decision		YES	
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		Other Members consulted: E&C Panel			
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Financial Implications Yes	Policy/ Personnel Implications No	Statutory Implications NO	Equal Impact Assessment YES If YES: Pre-screening/ Full Assessment	Risk Management Implications No	Environmental Considerations Yes
Appendix 1 to the report is not for publication, the paragraph of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act considered to justify that is paragraph 3					

Date of meeting: 04 March 2025

WEST NORFOLK PROSPERITY FUNDING (UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND AND RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND) 2025/26 PRIORITIES

Summary

Cabinet has previously approved the programme of investment for UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) for 2022-2025 and for Rural England Prosperity Funding (REPF) for 2023-2025. An additional 'transitional' year of UKSPF funding for April 2025 - March 2026 was announced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) in December 2024. This report sets out the proposed spending priorities for this funding to facilitate both essential continued programme delivery and alignment of investment with the delivery of the West Norfolk Economic Strategy priorities.

At the time of writing there has been no announcement from DEFRA regarding any additional REPF funding for 2025/26 but this report also sets out a proposed programme for continuation should further rural funding be allocated.

As with previous cabinet reports it is essential to also agree in advance the best approach for expediting any 'in year' programme adjustments that may become necessary to ensure achievement of full spend in 2025/26 by the government deadline of 31 March 2026.

Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Approve alignment of 2025/26 UKSPF investment with the West Norfolk Economic Strategy.

2. Approve the £600,773 UKSPF investment programme for 2025/26 as set out in Table 2, Section 3 in line with the indicative budget allocations in Appendix 1 (EXEMPT).
3. Approve proposals in Section 4 for investment of REPF funding for 2025/26 should an additional allocation be awarded.
4. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Regeneration, Housing & Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Business to approve budget allocation variations (including removal of any ongoing funding for at risk projects) of UKSPF funding for 25/26 to ensure fulfilment of spend.

Reason for Decision

To ensure timely and impactful delivery of the additional year of UKSPF funding stream in line with government guidance, the West Norfolk Economic Strategy, the West Norfolk Investment Plan and Corporate Business Plan objectives. To also enable swift commencement of a REPF investment programme should additional funding be allocated. Delivery of prosperity funding will continue to support residents and business to; build pride in place, provide high quality skills training, support employment opportunities, growth in productivity and increase life chances.

1. Background

- 1.1 The UK Shared Prosperity Fund was a central pillar of the previous government's Levelling Up agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK to replace EU structural funds which ended when the UK left the European union. The 2022-25 programme provided £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025, with all areas of the UK receiving an allocation from the Fund via a funding formula rather than a competition. It will help places right across the country deliver enhanced outcomes by investing funding where it is needed most: building pride in place, supporting high quality skills training, supporting pay, employment and productivity growth and increasing life chances.
- 1.2 UK Shared Prosperity Funding (UKSPF) has been reviewed and repositioned as part of the new government's plan for change. The Autumn Budget announced further UKSPF funding for local investment for the period April 2025 to March 2026, and in December 2024 the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) published local allocations for a 'transitional year' of funding for 2025/26 together with an [UKSPF 2025/26 technical note](#).
- 1.3 For 2025/26 a £110,922 capital and a £489,852 revenue allocation of UK Shared Prosperity Funding has been confirmed for King's Lynn and West Norfolk, giving a total of £600,773 for an additional one year of investment. MHCLG has advised that the UKSPF extension year will provide a smooth transition from the existing UKSPF programme to a new, future funding framework. This allocation represents just under 45% of the 2024/25 budget currently in delivery.
- 1.4 For 2025/26, MHCLG has simplified the UKSPF interventions and has aligned these with the government's five missions: to kickstart economic growth, make Britain a clean energy superpower, take back our streets, break down barriers to opportunity, and to build an NHS fit for the future. UKSPF can still fund the range of activity it has previously, but programmes will need to consider updated local, regional and national policies and priorities. These include but

are not limited to the '[Get Britain Working](#)' white paper and '[Invest 2035: the UK's modern industrial strategy](#)' green paper.

- 1.5 As a lead local authority, the Borough Council has flexibility to invest the funding across the range of activities which represent the right solutions for our area. The original UKSPF allocation for 2022-2025 was awarded against the priorities identified within the West Norfolk Investment Plan (WNIP), as approved by Cabinet in July 2022. Lead local authorities are not required to submit a revised investment plan for the transitional year and the 2025/26 programme is not limited to the original WNIP so long as activities align with fund guidelines. The additional year of funding provides a local opportunity to align UKSPF investment with the West Norfolk Economic Strategy, which was approved by Cabinet in December 2024.
- 1.6 As with the original programme UKSPF can be used to complement and add value to other funding streams. The funding cannot be used for statutory provision.
- 1.7 At the time of writing this report there has been no announcement on the continuation of REPF funding for 2025/26. A verbal update on this will be provided at the Cabinet meeting. This report anticipates a potential for a further allocation of REPF and section 4 sets out pre-emptive proposals to deliver additional rural investment should it be made available.

2. Strategic Context

- 2.1 The UK Shared Prosperity Fund's mix of revenue and capital funding is to ensure places deliver directly on the foremost government Mission to kickstart economic growth. Alongside this, it will support the four remaining Missions, helping those at risk of being left behind and boosting community cohesion, including supporting efforts to address homelessness.
- 2.2 There is a clear alignment of the UKSPF themes with the West Norfolk Economic Strategy (WNES), which identifies that a vibrant economy encompasses not only economic growth but also the wellbeing of our residents and communities, and the sustainability of our towns, places, and natural environment.
- 2.3 Figure 1, page 4 shows the three investment priorities for UKSPF (Communities & Place, Supporting Local Business, and People & Skills), their underlying themes and the sub-theme/scope of each. It shows how the five Government Missions will be delivered by UKSPF activity under each priority and theme.
- 2.4 Figure 2, page 4 shows the five strategic pillars of investment outlined within the WNES. These pillars guide investment to ensure inclusive, sustainable, and prosperous economic growth for our residents and businesses while ensuring that our beautiful heritage, landscape and natural resources can continue to be responsibly used by our community and tourists.
- 2.5 Table 1, page 4, shows the interrelationship between the Government's UKSPF priorities and the strategic pillars of the WNES.

Fig. 1: UKSPF investment priorities and the government's Missions ([UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025-26: Technical note](#))

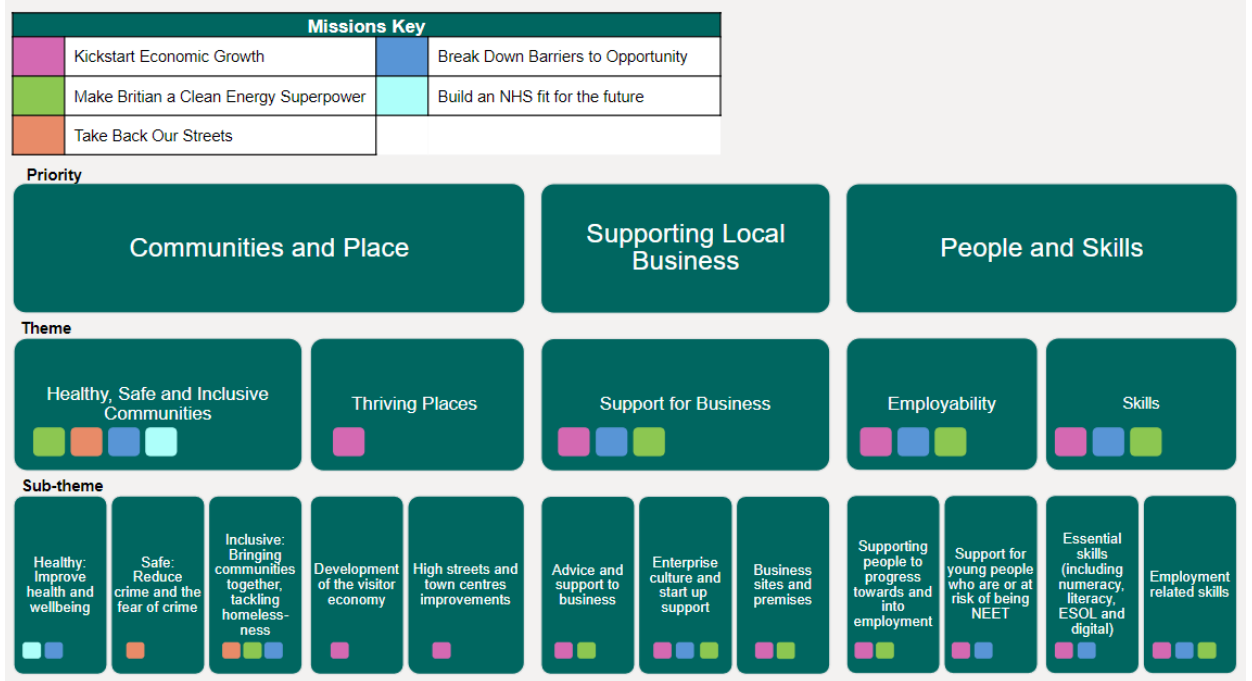


Fig.2: West Norfolk Economic Strategy: Our Vision for 2045



Table 1: Relationship between UKSPF priorities and WNES strategic pillars.

UKSPF Priority	UKSPF Theme	WNES Strategic Pillar
Communities & Place	Healthy, Safe and Inclusive Communities / Thriving Towns	Thriving towns
Communities & Place	Healthy, Safe and Inclusive Communities	Healthy inclusive and connected communities.
Supporting Local Business	Support for Business	Productive jobs and businesses.
People & Skills	Employability / Skills	Access to education and good work.
Communities & Place / Supporting Local Business	Healthy, Safe and Inclusive Communities / Support for Business	Managed natural resources.

2.6 The West Norfolk Investment Plan (2022), has guided local investment of Prosperity Funding from 2022-2025, setting out local priorities within four key themes: Leading as a Centre of Excellence for the Visitor Economy; Embedding

approaches that are Active, Clean & Green; Strengthening local enterprise and innovation systems; and Supporting people to access opportunities. Whilst the WNIP priorities are still very relevant to UKSPF investment it is recommended that Cabinet approve alignment of 2025/26 UKSPF investment with the West Norfolk Economic Strategy as the most comprehensive and up to date vision for West Norfolk to ensure the borough council targets funding where it is needed most.

- 2.7 Although an announcement on REPF has not been received to date, the guidance for delivery of this fund from 2023/24 to 2024/25 has been in alignment with the UKSPF priorities for local communities and businesses, with additional rural interventions focusing on diversification of farm businesses, development of products and facilities, and supporting new and improved community infrastructure. Rural investment priorities therefore also align with the West Norfolk Economic Strategy, encompassing the objectives for healthy inclusive and connected communities, thriving towns, and productive jobs and businesses, all underpinned by the sustainable management of our natural resources. Any extended REPF investment would continue to deliver against these priorities alongside any updated REPF guidance.

3 Local Approach to Allocation of UKSPF 2025/26 'Transition Year Funding'

- 3.1 The allocated UKSPF budget for 2022-2025 is £1,836,407. Of this, £1,350,112 (73%) sits within the 2024/25 delivery year against a broad programme of projects. By contrast the allocated funding for 2025/26 equals £600,773, representing a 55% reduction in available funding between the two budget years. No carry forward UKSPF budget from 2024/25 delivery is allowable and the transition year provides funding for 12 months of activity only.
- 3.2 A programme review has been undertaken as far as practically possible given the current year is still in delivery and a full year evaluation is therefore not possible. This review has informed the priorities for investment with the reduced funding allocation for 2025/26 whilst maintaining an impactful programme which continues to benefit our local communities, businesses and skills provision.
- 3.3 Local UKSPF investment to date has been undertaken via a combination of Borough Council direct delivery of strategically prioritised projects, third party delivery with key partners to provide enhanced local provision of established projects, and through the establishment of grant schemes which have benefited both community organisations and local businesses by filling gaps in funding availability. These delivery methods vary in deliverability risk for the transition year: grant programmes present the highest level of risk, being dependent on grant take up and ability of grantees to deliver agreed outcomes within the limited 12 month timescale, third party delivery has a reduced risk which is consequential of investing in the enhancement of established and proven schemes but tempered by the dependency on third party delivery and associated costs, and finally direct delivery presents the lowest risk for deliverability with the opportunity to fund strategic local projects and retain in house delivery control.
- 3.4 With consideration of the budget limitations and the timescales for delivery it is recommended that the 2025/26 programme focuses on direct and third-party delivery with grant programmes reserved for the investment of REPF monies, if allocated. It is also recommended that the programme largely focuses on continuation funding for 2024/25 projects to allow existing projects to further

embed impactful delivery and avoid a cliff edge of funding which would significantly reduce currently enhanced local provision and to safeguard and build on the outputs and outcomes already achieved to date through established projects.

3.5 Table 2 lists the projects proposed for continued UKSPF investment for 2025/26. Each of the projects listed are currently in delivery with UKSPF 2024/5 investment delivering against our local priorities and have the potential to continue at a local level for a further year if UKSPF investment for 2025/6 can be secured. The process of project continuation proposed within this report has been discussed with the Monitoring Officer and approved.

3.6 Each project has been subjected to a scoring process at an operational level which has been verified with the West Norfolk Prosperity Funding Programme Board to establish an objective assessment of investment priorities. Scoring ranges from Poor (1) to Strong (10) with the highest score representing the strongest project for the locality. Priority weighting is applied to each score as shown in the following criteria list:

3.6.1 Pre scoring Gateway Questions:

- Does the project meet Government guidance and at least one of the UKSPF Sub Themes? *Affirmation essential to progress scoring.*
- Could the project continue (albeit at a lesser scale) without UKSPF funding? *Answer considered in funding recommendations.*

3.6.2 Review Scoring Criteria:

- Local Need: Is there a strategic, evidence based, place focused rationale? *(weighting x3)*
- Does the project meet the West Norfolk Economic Strategy priorities and sub strategies? *(weighting x2)*
- Does the project have clear and evident stakeholder support? *(weighting x2)*
- Can the project be delivered by March 2026? *(weighting x3)*
- What are the long-term financial benefits? Are they sustainable? *(weighting x2)*
- Are the costs proportional and do they represent Value for Money? *(weighting x2)*
- Is there potential for match funding? *(weighting x1)*

3.7 The scoring for each project recommended for continuation is summarised in Table 2 below. Indicative UKSPF budget allocations for each prioritised project is included in Appendix 1 (EXEMPT). The table shows the alignment of all the listed projects with both the updated UKSPF Themes and the West Norfolk Economic Strategy. Summary details of each continuation project listed below together with a review of UKSPF recorded outputs and outcomes to the 31st December 2024 are included in Appendix 2.

Table 2. UKSPF Programme Priorities 2025/26

UKSPF Theme	UKSPF 2025/26 Prioritised Projects	Lead Organisation	Review Score
<i>WNES Pillar</i>	Continuation projects:		
Employability & Skills <i>Access to education & good work</i>	BOOST	Norfolk County Council	132
Thriving Places <i>Thriving towns</i>	St George's Guildhall Activity Programme	BCKLWN	126
Employability & Skills <i>Access to education & good work</i>	Volunteer it Yourself	Volunteer it Yourself CIC	122

Support for business <i>Productive Jobs and Businesses</i>	New Anglia Growth Hub	Norfolk County Council	121
Thriving Places <i>Thriving Towns</i>	Heritage Volunteering Collective	BCKLWN	121
Employability & Skills <i>Access to education & good work</i>	Visitor Economy Network Initiative (VENI)	Eastern Education Group	120
Employability & Skills <i>Access to education & good work</i>	On Track King's Lynn and West Norfolk	The Matthew Project	119
Thriving Places <i>Thriving towns</i>	Light Projection Programme	BCKLWN	118
Healthy, safe & inclusive communities <i>Healthy, inclusive & connected communities.</i>	Active Community Programme	Alive West Norfolk (BCKLWN)	117
Support for business <i>Productive Jobs and Businesses</i>	The Place Pop up Shop & Business Hub	KL Business Improvement District	111
<i>New Capital Project (see 3.7)</i>			
Thriving Places <i>Thriving towns</i>	Thriving Towns (Heritage Lottery bid)	BCKLWN	n/a*

3.8 One new project is proposed as part of the 2025/26 programme. This project will absorb the remaining capital allocation within the programme to enable a heritage led scheme which has been identified as an area of need through the engagement undertaken for the West Norfolk Economic Strategy. Working in partnership with Downham Market Town Council and Hunstanton Town Council officers are proposing the submission of a 'Thriving Towns' Heritage Lottery bid. This would fund an action research project to combine learning from each town to create a stronger West Norfolk offer, community capacity building, heritage restoration and engagement, supported by the establishment of an activities programme and a grants scheme. UKSPF investment would enable capital grant provision for heritage improvement schemes. This project aligns with the WNES vision for Thriving Connected Towns and will provide a pathway to enhancing economic benefit within the three towns. If the match funding is secured from the NLHF by September 2025, the project could commence delivery and achieve UKSPF match funding spend by March 2026. If the NLHF application is unsuccessful, the UKSPF allocation could be retained for a smaller scale town centre heritage based project. **As this project is currently at a proposal stage continuation scoring has not been applied.*

3.9 Four additional projects were also scored but not recommended for inclusion in the 2025/26 programme.

3.9.1 Go Digital scored well at 126 but there is funding already secured within the scheme's budget to meet forecasted 2025/26 demand without investing additional UKSPF. This is therefore not included in the recommended programme.

3.9.2 Tech Skills for Life scored well at 121 but without UKSPF investment this project will continue at 75% of the current provision for West Norfolk in 2025/26 through funding secured by Norfolk County Council. As local benefits will continue to be realised, albeit at a reduced level, this project is not included in the recommended reduced programme.

3.9.3 West Norfolk Training Grants. This scheme has been delivered during 2024/25, but demand and uptake has not been as strong as anticipated and is therefore not recommended for continuation. This scheme scored 109. The deliverability risk of grants was also outlined in 3.3 and 3.4 and therefore this scheme is not included in the recommended programme.

3.9.4 Love Your Town scored 79. Again the deliverability risk of grants means that this is not included in the recommended programme, but the NCC funded projects within the second round of Love Your Town are still in delivery for 2025/26 and alternative funding options will be explored for scheme continuation into a third round if demand is evident.

3.10 The remaining in year UKSPF supported projects which were not identified for continuation funding are either standalone projects which will complete in 2024/25 or are part of wider funding programmes and not dependent on UKSPF investment for future delivery. Grant schemes have not been prioritised for continuation of UKSPF investment as outlined in 3.3 and 3.4.

4. REPF Programme 2025/26 (Subject to allocation)

4.1 The REPF capital allocation for 2024/25 has been positioned to support rural communities and businesses. The current REPF programme can be invested into eligible rural areas only as defined by DEFRA and which can be determined through application of the [Magic Map](#).

4.2 Table 3 below shows the proposed REPF investment priorities for 2025/26 subject to funding allocation. The Community and Business Capital Grant schemes were established within the first year of the current REPF programme and delivery of these has continued across to this final year. The active travel support has been invested to complement wider active travel schemes across the borough. It is recommended that, if a further allocation of Rural Funding is received, the same intervention priorities are continued for 2025/26, with the allocation across each to be determined in consultation with the portfolio holder (Recommendation 3).

Table 3: West Norfolk REPF Investment Priorities 2025/26

Rural Communities
Active travel enhancements in the local area (Delivery Partner NCC)
West Norfolk Rural Communities Capital Grants Scheme <i>Investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups and impactful volunteering and social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places</i>
Rural Businesses
West Norfolk Rural Business Capital Grants Scheme <i>Small scale investment in micro and small enterprises in rural areas and the development and promotion of the visitor economy</i>

4.3 To ensure full programme risk mitigation the rural grant schemes are subject to regular review meetings between Borough and County Council Officers to monitor demand and adjust delivery techniques. Within 2025/26 this process would continue and be supported by the West Norfolk SPF Programme Board.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The programme for March 2025 to April 2026 is a standalone fiscal programme. It is expected that there will also be no opportunity to defer 2025/26 budget beyond the end of the transition year so all projects must be delivered in full by 31st March 2026.

- 5.2 As with the original UKSPF allocation the Borough Council can invest 9% of the total programme cost to management and administration across the programme. This enables the capacity of officers to manage programme delivery of this external investment budget.
- 5.3 Continuation of a REPF grant programme would represent an additional delivery cost to the council. Resources to fund this will need to be determined and agreed separately once the value of funding available and subsequent scale of grant programme to be delivered is known.
- 5.4 Recommendation 4 of this report will enable budget decision processes to be delegated to the Assistant Director for Regeneration, Housing and Place to mitigate programme delivery risks that may arise within the transition year and ensure timely decisions to maintain delivery within the funding timeframe. The indicative funding allocations for each project in Appendix 1 (exempt) are subject to some level of movement as project scope and costs are negotiated to maximise the impact and outputs that UKSPF investment can achieve within the reduced allocation. This recommendation incorporates all adjustments which can be undertaken within the approved budget, in alignment with the investment priorities and programme framework as set out in this report.
- 5.5 The process of programme adjustments will be reviewed by the West Norfolk Prosperity Funding Programme Board which comprises of senior officers and meets bi-monthly. Incorporating this delegated process will minimise administrative delays which could impact on the ability to spend in full by 31st March 26 and result in clawback of funding.

6. Monitoring & Governance Updates

- 6.1 As detailed in the February 2023 cabinet report, a governance arrangement to oversee the UKSPF delivery is currently in operation:



- 6.2 The West Norfolk Prosperity Funding Partnership Group includes a diverse range of local and regional stakeholders, institutions, employer bodies and organisations, as prescribed by government in the UKSPF Prospectus. The group meets annually to receive a West Norfolk Prosperity Funding programme update and consult on funding priorities. At the most recent meeting in

November 2024 an update was provided to the group on the information known at the time about the transitional year of funding. Whilst the funding detail available to share at the time was limited, it was agreed that the investment of future prosperity funding should align with the West Norfolk Economic Strategy. The group has been supportive of the UKSPF and REPF programme delivery to date, with appreciation provided for successful partnership working, stakeholder engagement, the breadth of projects included within the programme, the support invested to continue successful local schemes and opportunities opened for community grants. An update will be provided to the Group ahead of 4th March 2025 and a verbal update of any feedback will be provided at the Cabinet meeting, Guidance from the Group will be sought on future investment priorities for West Norfolk and opportunities post 2026 at the annual meeting planned for November 2025.

- 6.3 Project monitoring processes have been established to provide clear qualitative and quantitative analysis of outcomes and outputs achieved by the local delivery of the UKSPF & REPF investment, compared with the indicated targets set out in the WNIP and REPF addendum. These are requested and reported quarterly as per MHCLG monitoring requirements. Projects will continue to be monitored through this established cycle within 2025/26. This will allow regular review of project progress against planned outcomes, outputs, and spending profiles as agreed within grant offer letters and Service Level Agreements.

7. Risk

Risk	Risk Implications and Mitigation	Level of Risk
Direct Delivery projects by BCKLWN impacted by lack of staffing resource.	<p>Risk: Staffing resources to deliver direct delivery projects, including development of match funding bids to lever investment matched by UKSPF.</p> <p>Consequences: Projects not progressed and spend/outputs not achieved</p> <p>Mitigation: Proposed programme focuses predominantly on established projects utilising existing resources/structures in place. Opportunities for continuation projects to expand scope to utilise any underspend emerging from direct delivery projects that do not progress.</p>	Medium
SPF allocation not fully committed by 31 March 2026	<p>Risk Delivery of agreed priorities in by 31 March 2026 not achieved.</p> <p>Consequences Unspent funding subject to clawback</p> <p>Mitigation Recommendation 4: facilitate sound risk mitigation to ensure that allocations can be adjusted within the parameters of agreed investment.</p>	Low
Project budgets not fully committed to	<p>Risk The Council has committed to spend the full funding allocation in accordance with the spending profile set</p>	Low

	<p>out by government.</p> <p>Consequences/Mitigation Insufficient project establishment and support to implement and deliver the investment programme in 2025/26 leads to inability to spend the allocation and the funding is lost.</p> <p>Ensure early engagement of partners to minimize risk of staffing losses. Use of experienced third-party provider's expertise and existing networks to establish and deliver projects applying specialist support to expediate delivery.</p>	
Stakeholder Support	<p>Risk Stakeholders do not support the priorities identified for 2025/26</p> <p>Consequences/Mitigation 2025/26 investment does not reflect the needs of the local area and deliver the required outputs/outcomes or meet the objectives of UKSPF due to lack of stakeholder support.</p> <p>A West Norfolk SPF Partnership Group meeting is planned before the cabinet meeting to provide an update on UKSPF and REPF programmes to date and plans for 2025/26. The Group has been supportive of the UKSPF and REPF programmes to date and as the proposals incorporate continuation of existing schemes it is anticipated that this support will continue. Officers will invite suggestions on successful final year delivery from the Group which will be taken on board as part of implementation.</p>	Low

8. Environmental Considerations

- 8.1 The SPF framework, WNIP & REPF priorities specifically includes interventions which supports the government's clean growth policies. One of the target outputs that will be monitored through programme delivery includes 'supporting decarbonisation.'

9. Policy & Personnel Implications

- 9.1 The priorities identified in the WNES, WNIP, UKSPF project and REPF priorities align with the Council's corporate strategy specifically with regard to;
- Promote growth and prosperity to benefit West Norfolk
 - Protect our environment
 - Support our communities
- 9.2 The WNES is also aligned with the following strategies and policies for West Norfolk;
- King's Lynn Town Investment Plan

- King's Lynn Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan
- Climate Change Action Plan
- King's Lynn Culture & Heritage Strategy
- King's Lynn Transport Strategy
- West Norfolk Tourism Development Plan

Appendices

Appendix 1 (EXEMPT): Indicative budget allocations UKSPF 2025-26 (to follow)
 Appendix 2: Summary of UKSPF continuation projects included in 2025/26 UKSPF investment programme.

Background Papers

[UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus](#)

[UKSPF 2025/26 technical note](#)

[Rural England Prosperity Fund Prospectus](#)

Cabinet Report 15.01.25 [WEST NORFOLK SHARED PROSPERITY FUNDING AND RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUNDING: PROGRAMME UPDATE AND 2024/25 PRIORITIES \(Pages 237 - 266\)](#)

Cabinet Report: 31.10.23 [UKSPF 24/25 – Continuation and Expansion of Boost Project and West Norfolk Training Grants \(Pages 38 - 56\)](#)

Cabinet Report: 07.02.23 [WEST NORFOLK INVESTMENT PLAN \(UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND\) AND RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUNDING – PROGRAMME PRIORITIES \(Pages 11 - 43\)](#)

Cabinet Report: 21.07.22 [WNIP Shared Prosperity Fund](#)

[West Norfolk Prosperity Funding Partnership Group papers November 2023](#)

[West Norfolk Investment Plan, August 2022](#)

[West Norfolk Rural Addendum](#)

Pre-Screening Equality Impact Assessment

Borough Council of
King's Lynn & West Norfolk



Name of policy/service/function	Regeneration & Economic Development				
Is this a new or existing policy/service/function?	Existing				
Brief summary/description of the main aims of the policy/service/function being screened. Please state if this policy/service is rigidly constrained by statutory obligations	Delivery of the Shared Prosperity Fund and REPF to support the identified priorities in the West Norfolk Economic Strategy. N/a				
Question	Answer				
<p>1. Is there any reason to believe that the policy/service/function could have a specific impact on people from one or more of the following groups according to their different protected characteristic, for example, because they have particular needs, experiences, issues or priorities or in terms of ability to access the service?</p> <p>Please tick the relevant box for each group.</p> <p>NB. Equality neutral means no negative impact on any group.</p>		Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unsure
	Age			√	
	Disability	√			
	Gender			√	
	Gender Re-assignment			√	
	Marriage/civil partnership			√	
	Pregnancy & maternity			√	
	Race			√	
	Religion or belief			√	
	Sexual orientation			√	
Other (eg low income)	√				

Question	Answer	Comments
2. Is the proposed policy/service likely to affect relations between certain equality communities or to damage relations between the equality communities and the Council, for example because it is seen as favouring a particular community or denying opportunities to another?	No	
3. Could this policy/service be perceived as impacting on communities differently?	No	
4. Is the policy/service specifically designed to tackle evidence of disadvantage or potential discrimination?	Yes	Projects to be delivered under the funding programmes will provide local support for residents to access opportunities to progress, including through skills development, provision of community events and enhancement of wider support services.
5. Are any impacts identified above minor and if so, can these be eliminated or reduced by minor actions? If yes, please agree actions with a member of the Corporate Equalities Working Group and list agreed actions in the comments section	No	<p>Actions:</p> <p>Actions agreed by EWG member:</p> <p>.....</p>
Assessment completed by: Name	Nicola Cooper	
Job title Investment Programmes Officer	Date 24/01/2025	
Please Note: If there are any positive or negative impacts identified in question 1, or there any 'yes' responses to questions 2 – 4 a full impact assessment will be required.		