

Notice of the Making of an Urgent Decision

Para 1 of the second sub-section of section 3 in Part 3 of Chichester District Council's *Constitution* provides for any senior officer to make urgent decisions following consultation with the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on any matters where it is not practicable to refer these to a meeting of the Council, the Cabinet or other committee provided that a full report on any decisions taken shall subsequently be made.

A decision of this nature has been made as set out below:

Decision title	UK Shared Prosperity Funding													
Decision taker	Council													
Decision consultees	Councillor Eileen Lintill (Leader) and Councillor Clare Apel (Chairman of OSC)													
Decision date	15.12.2021													
Decision details	<p>At the May 2022 Full Council, it was agreed that a UKSPF investment Plan should be submitted to (DLUHC). The investment plan is to cover projects from across the district which already have some form of partnership or stakeholder involvement and/or are supported by a strategic plan and meet the criteria set out by Government for the release of the Funding.</p> <p>Due to the tight timescales, it was approved that the Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Director of Growth and Place, under delegated authority, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition party agree the final Investment Plan. The investment plan was completed and submitted to DLUHC in August 2022.</p> <p>We have heard from the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and communities regarding our investment plan for the UKSPF allocation. The secretary of state has allocated funding for 2022/23 and set out indicative funding for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 as below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 1720 1311 1836"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">Allocation 2022/2023 (£)</th> <th>Indicative allocation 2023/2024 (£)</th> <th>Indicative allocation 2024/2025 (£)</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Capital</th> <th>Revenue</th> <th>Capacity</th> <td rowspan="2">211,500</td> <td rowspan="2">682,750</td> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>11,660</td> <td>94,090</td> <td>20,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The indicative allocations for 2023/24 and 2024/25 will be reviewed on submission of progress on spend for 2022/23 and 2023/24 and confirmed in the annual Grant Determinations. For the avoidance of doubt the Secretary for State has indicated that they may reduce our funding allocation, overall or for a specific</p>	Allocation 2022/2023 (£)			Indicative allocation 2023/2024 (£)	Indicative allocation 2024/2025 (£)	Capital	Revenue	Capacity	211,500	682,750	11,660	94,090	20,000
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year if we do not comply with the performance monitoring requirements or if they believe progress on project delivery is unsatisfactory. We need to ensure that expenditure is spent in accordance with all applicable legal requirements. This includes, for example, subsidy control and public procurement law and where we are proposing to pass the grant to organisations that are not Contracting Authorities, we need to ensure that procurements achieve value for money.

The funding is subject to two conditions:

1. To provide further information of the governance arrangements on how the UKSPF partnership group is being implemented and the ongoing management of the UKSP programme ensuring a range of local partners are a core component of how the fund is delivered. We intend to manage the governance arrangements through the existing vision partnership groups and the grants and concession panel. A report will be going to January Cabinet (as this is not an urgent decision) setting out the new policy for the grants and concession panel and is currently out to consultation with the grant panel members. Further information has been sent to DLUHC on the approval process to form the Vision groups, the partnerships involved and the governance arrangements for the grants process to complete this condition.
2. Payment is also conditional upon agreement of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU must be signed and returned by 23 December 2022 for payment to be made. The MOU has been checked by Legal services and they have no concerns over the content of the MOU.

If the above conditions are met as requested and the MOU is in place, then payment will follow for 2022-2023 UKSPF allocation as promptly as possible.

Approval is required for the following:

- 1. To approve that the Memorandum of Understanding is signed by the Section 151 Officer or Chief Executive to enable CDC to enter into the agreement with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to allocate CDC its share of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.**
- 2. That Chichester District Council accepts the allocation of £1,020,000 UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to deliver the CDC UKSPF investment Plan.**
- 3. That £383,000 of the UKSPF is allocated for the direct delivery of projects as set out in the investment plan.**

	<p>4. That there is a scheme of delegation of the UKSPF grants award to outside organisations to the Grants and Concessions panel and approves the allocation of £454,000 of UKSPF for this purpose.</p> <p>5. Approves that £103,000 is allocated to business grants and delegated authority is given to the Director of Growth and Place to allocate the grants in accordance with the existing business grant criteria.</p> <p>6. Approves that the Director of Growth and Place, in conjunction with the Leader of the Council, is authorised to amend the above allocations in accordance with the UKSPF criteria set out for the funding, should this be required.</p>
Reason for urgency	The MOU must be signed and returned by 23 December 2022 for payment to be made. The funding allocated for this financial year must be spent by March 2023 by agreeing to the UDN this will give Officers an additional month to complete the projects this financial year.
Name and date of the meeting to receive a full report	The decision will be reported to the next Full Council meeting on 31 January 2023.

Jane Hotchkiss
13.12.2022