

SUBJECT: UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND(SPF) UPDATE – ALLOCATION OF MONMOUTHSHIRE FUNDING

MEETING: CABINET

DATE: 9th November 2022

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 Approval is sought for the granting of investment from the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund (UK SPF) to projects and interventions listed in Appendix One of this report, as part of the UK Government's Levelling Up Programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Cabinet:

- 2.1 Approves the list of UK SPF projects in Appendix One, which contribute significantly to the strategic aims of the Council's Draft Community and Corporate Plan, namely:
- Communities and Place;
 - Local Business; and
 - People and Skills
- 2.2 Agrees with the Monmouthshire People and Place Partnership's informed decisions in the allocation of Monmouthshire's UK SPF funding.

KEY ISSUES:

3.1 Approval Progress to Date

- 3.1.1 In March 2022, Cabinet were provided with an update on the UK Government Levelling Up White Paper which contained details of the UK SPF Pre-Launch Guidance. Approval was also given to establish a citizen focussed, Local Partnership to inform the development of a Monmouthshire Investment Plan – now termed the 'Monmouthshire People and Place Partnership'.
- 3.1.2 In July 2022 Cabinet made a decision that enables Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council (RCTCBC) to act as the Lead Local Authority for the UK SPF for the ten Local Authorities across the South East Wales Region, with RCTCBC holding overall accountability for the funding. Cabinet also:

- Endorsed the submission of the Regional Investment Plan by RCTCBC, which incorporates Monmouthshire County Council's outline Local Investment Plan, which was submitted to UK Government on 1st August 2022;
- Agreed to enact a 'Monmouthshire People and Place Partnership' to inform and assess the appropriateness of MCC's outline Local Investment Plan and monitor progress and performance over the funding period;
- Agreed to delegate powers to the Chief Officer – Communities and Place, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Economy, Deputy Leader, to agree the legal agreements associated with the UK SPF, with RCTCBC, on behalf of the Council;
- Agreed to extend the contracts of NEET (Not in Education, Employment and Training) related staff who are currently at risk of redundancy in December 2022, due to the cessation of the European Social Fund programmes – Inspire2Achieve, Inspire2Work and Skills@Work. Staff will be funded via UK SPF until March 2025 by taking a locally delivered, regionally coordinated approach; and
- Agreed to utilise up to 4% of the funding for financing the administration of the Monmouthshire element of the Fund to establish a delivery team from within the Council's existing Monmouthshire Economy, Employment and Skills Team.

3.2 The UK Shared Prosperity Fund to date

- 3.2.1 The Regional Investment Plan was submitted to UK Government by Rhondda Cynon Taff the 'Lead Local Authority' on the 1st August 2022. The anticipated date for the first investment plans to be approved and payment to be awarded to Lead Local Authorities is by UK Government is October 2022.
- 3.2.2 The Council was not required to develop its own local investment plan for submission to UK Government. However, it was required to provide an outline of proposed activity, to achieve specific interventions, targets, and outputs with its UK SPF funding allocation, which was used to inform the Regional Investment Plan.
- 3.2.3 Once approval is given, funding will be confirmed for three financial years: 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. All interventions should end March 2025 or have a break clause allowing for closure by March 2025 if required (for example, yearly renewable funding).

3.3 Monmouthshire Shared Prosperity Fund Allocation

- 3.3.1 In developing the outline of local activity, the Council has taken a soft approach due to very short timescales and limited funding availability impacting on deliverability. Monmouthshire's funding allocation is £5.9M, the lowest in the Cardiff Capital Region. The team contacted key stakeholders and the Monmouthshire UK CRF projects, who had been trialling new approaches in advance of the UK SPF, who provided 'Declaration of Interest' forms outlining proposed projects. These projects have been developed into

an outline plan used to inform Monmouthshire's Investment Plan, which will feed into the Southeast Wales Regional Investment Plan.

- 3.3.2 Over the summer the team established the Monmouthshire 'People and Place Partnership' that has since met and assessed the appropriateness of MCC's outline Local Investment Plan, with a view to developing detailed local interventions, in partnership with local stakeholders and monitor progress over the funding period.
- 3.3.3 The Monmouthshire People and Place Partnership is chaired by Paul Griffiths – Deputy Lead and Cabinet member for a Sustainable Economy and is made up of representatives from the following organisations:
 - Careers Wales
 - Cardiff Capital Region Regional Skills Partnership
 - Cwmpas Digital Communities Wales
 - Department of Work and Pensions
 - Melin Homes
 - MCC Partnerships – Link for Monmouthshire Programme Board
 - MCC Regeneration
- 3.3.4 The funding structure for Shared Prosperity Fund creates a significant financial challenge for all local authorities in year 2 (2023-24). This necessitated significant changes to proposed delivery plans from those submitted within the original declarations of interest. Revised financial and output profiles were submitted by each project ahead of final consideration by the People and Place Partnership.
- 3.3.5 In assessing the projects applying for UK SPF, the Monmouthshire People and Place Partnership has considered the overarching aim of UK SPF – 'Building pride in place' and 'Increasing life chances' in addition to the three UK SPF investment priorities: Communities and Place; Supporting local business; and People and Skills.
- 3.3.6 Within the context of the Fund's aims, the Council has the flexibility to invest across a range of activities that represent the right solutions to address the three UK Investment Priorities in order to reflect local need and opportunities.
- 3.3.7 Monmouthshire County Council will receive a conditional allocation from the UK SPF of £5,919,533 and an allocation of £1,235,631 for *Multiply (*UK Gov Adult numeracy programme).
- 3.3.8 Monmouthshire's allocation is 2.57% of the total allocation for the Southeast Wales region. The total funding is broken down into annual allocations; 12% in Year 1 (22/23), 24% in Year 2 (23/24) and 64% in Year 3 (24/25), as detailed in Table Two below.

Table One UK SPF allocation per year for Monmouthshire

Total SR (UKSPF core)	22-23 (UKSPF core)	23-24 (UKSPF core)	24-25(UKSPF core)
£5,919,533	£718,390	£1,436,780	£3,764,363
Total SR (Multiply)	22-23 (Multiply)	23-24 (Multiply)	24-25 (Multiply)
£ 1,235,631	£373,563	£ 431,034	£ 431,034

3.2.9 The Multiply model for Monmouthshire will be delivered at a local and sub-regional level across the Gwent Authorities. This will be led locally by Monmouthshire Council's Economy, Employment and Skills team and sub-regionally by Torfaen County Borough Council. Some activity will be commissioned which will be delivered by local and regional organisations. The interventions for investment are detailed in Appendix Two. UK Government has advised that the parameters of Multiply could change, however have recommended that delivery is in line with the UK SPF core investment.

4. EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION (INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

4.1 The Integrated Impact Assessment detailed in Appendix Two, anticipates that the projects detailed within this report will have a positive impact on peoples' social, emotional, health and wellbeing, education, and skills. This will develop resident's resilience and improve their life chances.

5. OPTIONS APPRAISAL:

5.1 The list of projects for UK SPF funding in this report have either a local or regional/local delivery focus and will contribute to Monmouthshire's priorities focusing on the three UK SPF themes (Communities and place, Supporting local businesses and People & Skills) and the Levelling Up objectives.

5.2 Monmouthshire's allocation is 2.57% of the total allocation for the Southeast Wales region, therefore investment for greater impact and outcomes is imperative.

5.3. Local priorities are addressed within the Declaration of Interest forms and reflect the UK Government interventions selected. There is a range of projects for UK SPF investment with quantitative and qualitative evidence provided, all of which have been assessed by the People and Place Partnership.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA:

6.1 Projects for potential UK SPF investment, that have previously received Community Renewal Funding, have been required to complete an external evaluation of their project. These evaluations have provided a solid foundation for transition into the UK SPF Programme.

- 6.2 All projects approved for UK SPF investment will adhere to evaluation guidelines set out by UK government and our Lead Local Authority, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council (RCTCBC).

7. **REASONS:**

- 7.1 The Monmouthshire People and Place Partnership acknowledge that UK SPF's three Investment Priorities – Communities and Place, Supporting Local Businesses and People and Places, align with the Draft Community and Corporate Plan purpose, principles and priorities.
- Communities and Place investment projects demonstrate strengthen social fabric, sense of community and pride and develop capacity to drive grassroot change.
 - Supporting Local Business investment projects show support local productivity, local business development alongside providing sector specific support.
 - People and Skills investment projects demonstrate improve opportunities for our citizens to gain sustainable employment to those furthest away from the labour market; contributing towards helping citizens to upskill to meet labour market demands
- 7.2 The Monmouthshire People and Place Partnership acknowledge that this is an opportunity to invest at a regional and local level, working as ten Local Authorities, to maximise the impact of UK Government investment for wider benefit.

8 **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

- 8.1 All places in the UK will receive a conditional allocation from the UK SPF. Monmouthshire County Council has a conditional allocation of £5,919,533, and an allocation of 1,235,631 for *Multiply (*UK Gov Adult numeracy programme).
- 8.2 4% of the funding will be used for management and administration of the Fund. 40% of this will be allocated to the Lead Authority, with the remainder (£169,238) retained by the local authority. This will be allocated to the Council's Monmouthshire Economy, Employment and Skills Service for local management and administration.
- 8.3 Table Two outlines the allocation of funds for local projects and approved project values within the three core investment priorities. This is broken down by financial year.

Financial Year	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Allocation for local projects	689,654	1,346,491	3,547,158	5,583,303
Local projects approved	422,490	1,569,438	2,586,100	4,578,028
Variance	267,164	- 222,947	961,057	1,005,275

Table Two Core allocation per financial year

- 8.4 £961,057 of funding is unallocated in 2024-25. This will allow the local authority flexibility to consider pipeline or pilot projects in year 3 as well as upscaling opportunities for existing projects where positive performance and impact is identified.
- 8.5 Table Three outlines the allocation of multiply funds and the split of in house and commissioned project delivery. This is broken down by financial year.

Table Three Multiply Allocation per financial year

Financial Year	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Allocation for Multiply	358,620	413,793	413,793	1,186,206
Monmouthshire CC delivery	92,883	264,290	268,364	625,537
Local/regional commissioning	120,000	149,503	145,429	414,931
Variance	145,737	-	-	145,737

9. CONSULTEES:

- DMT – Communities and Place.
- Cabinet;
- Strategic Leadership Team;
- Local MPs and MS's;
- Local communities and businesses

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix One – Local Investment Plan

Appendix Two – Integrated Impact Assessment

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Appendix One Shared Prosperity Fund Local Investment Plan 2022 – March 2025

Investment Priority	Project	Lead Delivery body	Interventions	Financial Investment
Communities and Place (W1-W15)	Community Well-being Spaces and Places <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spaces and Places building on Together Works Be Community – Volunteering support and training 	MCC & GAVO	W1 – Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets W6 – support for local arts, cultural and creative activities W9 – Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects W11 – Investment in community engagement schemes W13 – Community measures to reduce the cost of living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £318,798.00 £34,000.00
	Gwent Green Grid Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pollinator Friendly Gwent – community awareness of climate impacts, sustainable management of grasslands, Green Infrastructure Projects – working with communities, volunteers and schools on climate mitigation and adaption, projects include country parks, river corridors 	MCC	W3- Creation and improvements to local green spaces W9 – Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects W14 – Funding to support feasibility study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £339,000.00
	Community Enhancement Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting local communities to improve their social fabric and belonging through investment in activities such as Design Out Crime, Local Arts and Culture, Sports and recreation, nature-based solutions 	MCC	W3 – Creation and improvements to local green spaces W5 – Design and management landscaped environment to design out crime W6– support for local arts, cultural heritage and creative activities W10 – Funding for local sports facilities, tournaments etc bring people together W13 – Community measures to reduce the cost of living W33 – Investment in resilience infrastructure and nature-based solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £320,000
	Today's Heritage Tomorrow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Project Officer Enhance x 10 Heritage sites Offer a Cycling for All Scheme 	MonLife	W4 – Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions W6 – Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities W8 – Funding for the development and promotion of wider campaigns W9 – Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £238,303.00

			W12 – Investment in Community engagement schemes W15 – Investment and support for digital infrastructure W17- Funding for the development and promotion of the visitor economy	
	Iconnect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Digital Champion programme • Develop community MESH programme • One to one digital support • Bursary support to access career enhancing provision 	Monmouthshire Housing Association	W9 - Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects W15 -- Investment and support for digital infrastructure W36 – Activities to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing W37 – Interventions to increase levels of digital inclusion W42 – Funding to support local digital skills	• £417,321.75
	Wye Valley River Festival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support delivery of Wye Valley River Festival • Local community events in rural and urban locations • Develop partnership delivery and work with other local arts organisations and regional and international partners 	Wye Valley River Festival	W4 – Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions W6 – Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities W8 – Funding for the development and promotion of wider campaigns	• £190,000.00
	Creative Futures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of Youth Arts Producer • Collaborative programme of local arts activities giving young people a voice • Establishment of Monmouthshire Youth Theatre • Youth Arts Catalyst fund to support existing youth arts activity 	MCC & Melville Theatre	W2 – Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets W4 – Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions W6 – Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities W11 – Investment in capacity building and infrastructure support W12 – Investment in Community engagement schemes W36 – Activities to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing	• £188,020.00
	Destination Monmouthshire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialist advice for businesses to develop more inclusive and sustainable experiences • A capital and revenue grant to improve accessibility at visitor attractions • Support to encourage others to develop and manage high quality events 	MonLife	W4 – Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions W6 – Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities	• £232,153.00

Investment Priority	Project	Lead Delivery Body	Interventions	Financial Investment
Supporting Local Businesses (W16-W33)	MCC Tourism – Regional Bid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional activity focussed on group travel/travel trade and business events Development and management of relevant regional digital and social channels 	MonLife	W8 – Funding for the development and promotion of wider campaigns W17 – Funding for the development and promotion of the visitor economy W23 – Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £45,000.00
	Food4Growth – Sub Regional bid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Business – support through training, networking, and investment to develop infrastructure, local supply chains from primary producers to retailer Business Support Framework Food Partnership and Strategy Food Innovation Centre Business Case 	MCC	W19 – Increasing investment in research and development at a local level W23 – Strengthening local entrepreneurial systems W24 – Funding for new and improvements to existing training hubs W26 – Support for growing the local social economy W29 – Supporting decarbonisation and improving the natural environment whilst growing the local economy W30 – Business support measures to drive employment growth W31 – Funding to support relevant feasibility studies W32 – Funding to support progression of small businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £206,000.00
	TaLK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct knowledge transfer activities that link Monmouthshire farmers to Hartpury Agri-tech Centre Outreach to these businesses to review existing technology and potentially adopt new technology to increase competitiveness and, improve productivity Support existing and new entrants to farming to deliver new solutions to improve farm business performance 	Hartpury Further Education College	W18 – Supporting Made Smarter Adoption W19 – Increasing investment in research and development at a local level W21 – Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level W22 – Investing in enterprise infrastructure and employment/innovation site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £220,868.48
	Unified Business Accelerator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network of support for entrepreneurs and retailers through commercialisation and digital customer acquisition programme Establish local peer to peer support Development of evidence based regional entrepreneurial support 	Alacrity	W16 – Investment in open markets and improvements to town centre retail and service sector W21 – Funding for the development and support of appropriate infrastructure at the local level W23 – Strengthening local entrepreneurship ecosystems W24 – Funding for new and improvements to existing training hubs W42 – Funding to support local digital skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £262,500.00
	Business Monmouthshire	MCC	W23 – Strengthening local entrepreneurship ecosystems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £309,481.00

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of a customer relationship management system Increased engagements with pre-starts and existing business Increased level of business advice and guidance Delivery of a grant scheme in Year 3 for community businesses, cooperatives, and social enterprises 		<p>W24 – Funding for new and improvements to existing training hubs</p> <p>W26 – Support for growing the local social economy</p> <p>W32 – Funding to support progression of small businesses</p>	
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Investment Priority	Project	Lead Delivery Body	Intervention	Financial Investment
People and Skills (W34-W43)	CELT + (Adult Provision) – Regional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employability support for low term unemployed Support for training courses Tailored support for employed people Support for local skills needs e, g construction, care, hospitality etc 	MCC	<p>W34- Employment support for economically inactive people</p> <p>W35 – Courses including basic skills and life skills for people who are not economically inactive</p> <p>W38 – Tailored support to help people in employment who are not supported by mainstream provision</p> <p>W39 – Support for local areas to fund local skills need</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £478,774.87
	CELT + (Youth Provision) Regional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead Worker and wrap around support for young people in KS4 for are at risk of disengaging from education Offering alternative qualifications and enhanced support to the young person's needs Support to improve school attendance Support to transition at the end of year 11 	MCC	<p>W43 – Funding to support engagement and softer skills development for young people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £632,448.00
	CELT + Commissioned Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for regionally commissioned post 16 support for young people at risk of becoming NEET (not in education, employment, or training) Funding for local commissioned services based on local skills needs and priority sectors 	MCC	<p>W39 – Support for local areas to fund local skills need</p> <p>W40 - Green skills courses targeted around ensuring we have the skilled workforce to achieve the government's net zero and wider environmental ambitions.</p> <p>W41 - Retraining and upskilling support for those in high carbon sectors, with a particular focus on transitioning to green, and Industry 4.0 and 5.0 jobs.</p> <p>W43 – Funding to support engagement and softer skills development for young people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £145,000

			Recommendation that People & Place partnership to agree for local commissioning to target W40 and W41.	
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Investment Priority	Project	Lead Delivery Body	Intervention	Financial Investment
Multiply	<p>Multiply Monmouthshire – Sub Regional proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult numeracy programme designed to improve functional numeracy skills through free personal tutoring, digital training, and flexible courses. MCC focus will be family learning through primary schools. Care leaver focus on managing finances and engagement work to offer non-accredited work-shops/courses and support participants wanting to achieve additional numeracy courses 	MCC	<p>W44 – Courses designed to increase confidence with numbers</p> <p>W45 – Courses for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills</p> <p>W52 – Courses aimed at over 19s that are leaving</p>	£661,319
	<p>Multiply Monmouthshire commissioned services – Sub- Regional proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Commissioned work across the region focussing on courses helping people save money and developing partnerships with community organisations to offer numeracy courses. 	MCC	<p>W51 – Courses designed to help people use numeracy to manage their money</p> <p>W53 – activities, courses or provision developed in partnership with community organisations and other partners to engage with the hardest to reach learners</p>	£415,000

People & Skills

Total number of intervention selections: 13

Most selected interventions:

W43: Funding to support engagement and softer skills development for young people

W42: Funding to support local digital skills

W39: Support for local areas to fund local skills needs including vocational licences/training

W36: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing

All people & skills interventions selected by at least 1 project

Local Business

Total number of intervention selections: 24

Most selected interventions:

W23: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems, and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks.

W24: Funding for new and improvements to existing training hubs, business support offers, 'incubators' and 'accelerators' for local which can support entrepreneurs and start-ups through the early stages of development and growth

No projects selected

W20: Research and development grants supporting the development of innovative products and services

W25: Grants to help places bid for and host international business events and conferences

W27: Funding to develop angel investor networks

W28: Export Grants to support businesses to grow their overseas trading

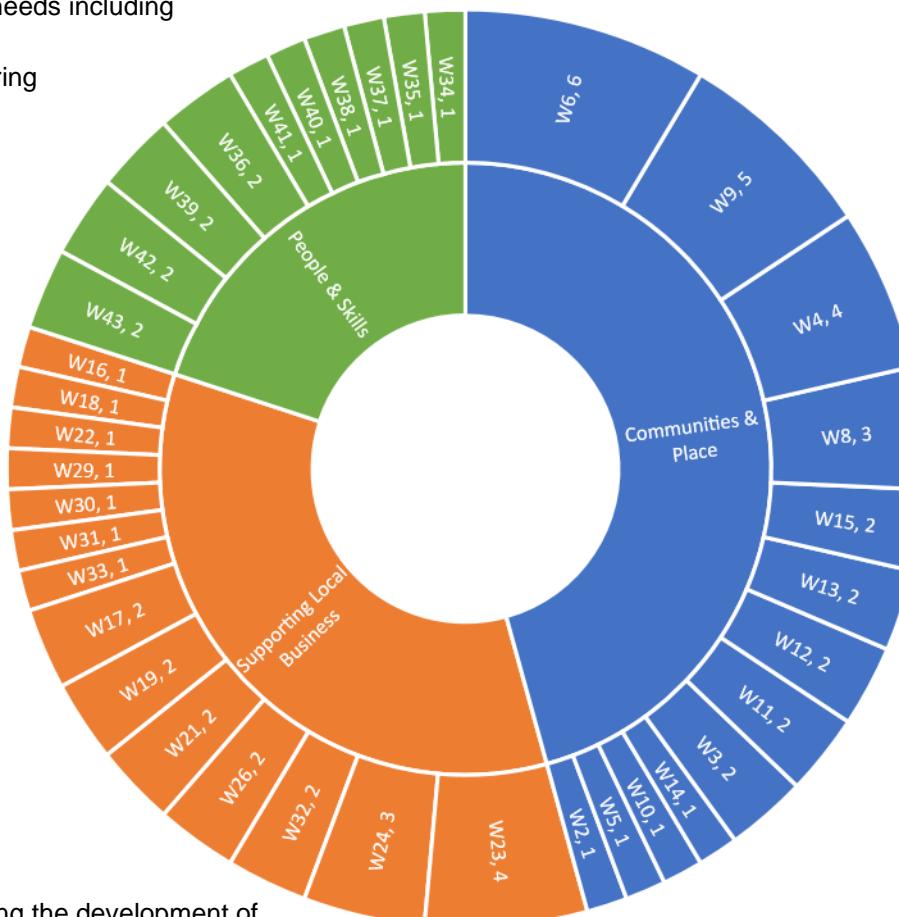


Chart 1: Number of projects targeting each Intervention (W) & Investment Priority

Communities & Place

Total number of intervention selections: 32

Most selected interventions:

W9: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.

W6: Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities.

W4: Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions that make up the local cultural and heritage offer, including improvements to access to sites to counter the effects of isolation, particularly for older people and disabled people.

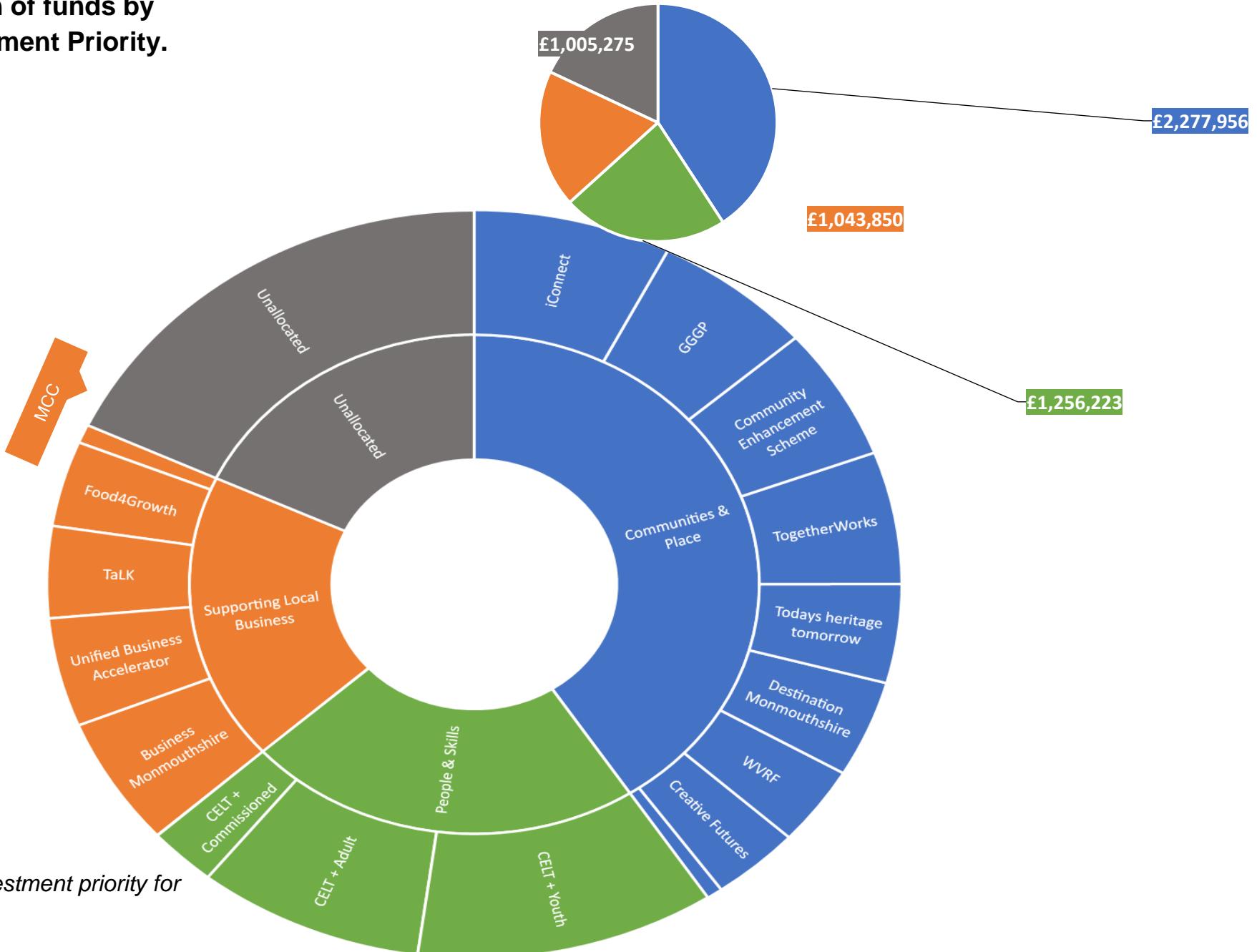
W8: Funding for the development and promotion of wider campaigns and year-round experiences which encourage people to visit and explore the local area.

No projects selected

W1: Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets, including better accessibility for disabled people

W7: Support for active travel enhancement and other small-scale green transport infrastructure projects, having regard to the Wales Transport Strategy.

Chart 2: Allocation of funds by Project and Investment Priority.



*Based on primary investment priority for each project

Appendix Two



Integrated Impact Assessment document

(incorporating Equalities, Future Generations, Welsh Language and Socio-Economic Duty)

Name of the Officer Hannah Jones Phone no: 07738 430418 E-mail: hannahjones@monmouthshire.gov.uk	Please give a brief description of the aims of the proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none">To approve the list of projects and interventions for UKSPF investment for the Monmouthshire funding allocation 2023 - 2025
Name of Service area: Communities and Place	Date 19 th October 2022

1. Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Please explain the impact, the evidence you have used and any action you are taking below.

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Age	Yes: All SPF projects have been assessed against the list of interventions, outputs and outcomes and provide opportunities for participation and support for all ages	There are therefore no negative impacts anticipated.	

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Disability	Yes: All SPF projects have been assessed against the list of interventions, outputs and outcomes and provide opportunities for participation, support and are accessible for those with disabilities.	None identified	
Gender reassignment	Yes: All SPF projects have been assessed against the list of interventions, outputs and outcomes and provide opportunities for participation, support and are accessible for all.	None identified	
Marriage or civil partnership	Yes: The list of projects for SPF Monmouthshire investment will ensure fairness and equity	None identified	

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Pregnancy or maternity	Yes: The list of projects for Monmouthshire SPF investment will help to address any perceived barriers that might impact on residents' participation in their community and routes into employment.	None identified	
Race	Yes: The list of projects for Monmouthshire SPF investment will ensure equity of opportunity regardless of race	None identified	
Religion or Belief	Yes: The list of projects for Monmouthshire SPF investment will offer opportunities that will consider peoples' religion and religious beliefs	None identified	
Sex	Yes: The list of projects for Monmouthshire SPF investment will offer opportunities that will consider individual needs regardless of sex.	None identified	

Protected Characteristics	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has on the protected characteristic	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Sexual Orientation	Yes: The list of projects for Monmouthshire SPF investment will offer opportunities that will consider individual needs regardless of sexual orientation.	None identified	

2. The Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice

The Socio-economic Duty requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to reduce inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage when taking key decisions. This duty aligns with our commitment as an authority to Social Justice.

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has in respect of people suffering socio economic disadvantage	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has in respect of people suffering socio economic disadvantage.	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Socio-economic Duty and Social Justice	The purpose of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund is to level up communities by boosting productivity where it is lagging; spreading opportunities, improving public services where weaker; restoring a sense of community and pride and empowering local leaders. This is evident from the list of projects proposed for Monmouthshire SPF investment	Not applicable	Not applicable

How does your proposal impact on the following aspects of the Council's Welsh Language Standards:	Describe the positive impacts of this proposal	Describe the negative impacts of this proposal	What has been/will be done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts
Policy Making Effects on the use of the Welsh language, Promoting Welsh language Treating the Welsh language, no less favourably	The use of the Welsh language has been taken into consideration in developing the SPF projects. The promotion of welsh language will be monitored throughout the lifetime of the programme. Good practice identified in the Together Works Project The delivery team will ensure that they adhere to the Council's Welsh Language Standards.	None identified	n/a
Operational Recruitment & Training of workforce	Where new posts are required, the need to communicate through Welsh and English as part of the recruitment process and any necessary training offered as needed.	None identified	n/a

Service delivery			
Use of Welsh language in service delivery	Any advertising about the projects will promote the fact that people can deal with the Council in Welsh by phone, email, twitter, Facebook, letters, forms, website transactions etc.	None identified	n/a
Promoting use of the language			

4. Does your proposal deliver any of the well-being goals below? Please explain the impact (positive and negative) you expect, together with suggestions of how to mitigate negative impacts or better contribute to the goal. There's no need to put something in every box if it is not relevant!

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
A prosperous Wales Efficient use of resources, skilled, educated people, generates wealth, provides jobs	<p>The People and skills Projects, Supporting Local Business Projects, and Communities and Place Projects for Monmouthshire SPF investment strongly supports the Prosperous Wales wellbeing goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People and Skills Project- CELT + will provide skills and education support enabling residents to secure sustainable employment. This will lead to improved labour market positions for those in employment; and increased income for 	<p>There is a strategic imperative to maximise our economic growth and wealth creation capability and increase our productivity to increase the GVA for the county and the country.</p> <p>The People and Place Partnership will support the SPF management team to monitor project delivery measuring impact and performance.</p>

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
	<p>those who are currently seeking work and will lead to improved productivity and growth for companies in the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting local businesses Projects – Business Monmouthshire, Unified Accelerator, Food4 Growth and TaLK will support local productivity, local business development alongside sector specific support. This will lead to improved productivity and growth for local businesses. - Communities and Place Projects- Iconnect improving the connectivity of Monmouthshire and digital inclusion. 	
A resilient Wales Maintain and enhance biodiversity and ecosystems that support resilience and can adapt to change (e.g., climate change)	<p>The proposal strongly supports the Resilient Wales wellbeing goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communities and Place project- Gwent Green Grid Project will focus on maintaining and improving biodiversity and ecosystems that support community resilience and climate change 	The People and Place Partnership will support the SPF management team to monitor project delivery measuring impact and performance.

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
A healthier Wales People's physical and mental wellbeing is maximised, and health impacts are understood	The Communities and Place Project – Together Works and People and Skills project – CELT + will contribute toward citizens health and wellbeing at a grass roots level to improve their resilience and ability to take part in their community and work life.	The People and Place Partnership will support the SPF management team to monitor project delivery measuring impact and performance.
A Wales of cohesive communities Communities are attractive, viable, safe, and well connected	The primary goal of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund is to build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK. Levelling Up communities for a better future. Communities and Place Projects: - Iconnect and Community Enhancement Scheme and Supporting Local Businesses projects – Business Monmouthshire, Food4Growth and Destination Monmouthshire will improve the landscape and connectivity of Monmouthshire making it a more attractive, safe, and viable place to live and work.	The People and Place Partnership will support the SPF management team to monitor project delivery measuring impact and performance.

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
<p>A globally responsible Wales Taking account of impact on global well-being when considering local social, economic, and environmental wellbeing</p>	<p>People and Skills Projects - CELT + will work closely with priority industries to help steer the labour market towards those growing industries. Many of these industries focus on developing products that will support global health (MedTech, life science etc) or reduce greenhouse gas emissions e.g., e-mobility.</p> <p>There is investment for supporting decarbonisation and improving the natural environment whilst growing the local economy and, nature-based solutions that protect local business and community areas through the Community Enhancement Scheme.</p>	<p>The People and Place Partnership will support the SPF management team to monitor project delivery measuring impact and performance.</p>
<p>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language Culture, heritage, and Welsh language are promoted and protected. People are encouraged to do sport, art, and recreation</p>	<p>Communities and Place projects – Today's Heritage Tomorrow, Creative Futures Wye Valley River Festival, Community Enhancement Scheme will create a sense of pride and community cohesion. Promoting and encouraging people to take part in heritage, Cultural arts and recreation activities and events.</p>	<p>The People and Place Partnership will support the SPF management team to monitor project delivery measuring impact and performance.</p>

Well Being Goal	Does the proposal contribute to this goal? Describe the positive and negative impacts.	What actions have been/will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
A more equal Wales People can fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances	All projects for Monmouthshire SPF investment will support people, communities and businesses to fulfil their potential regardless of circumstances, supporting wellbeing, sustainable employment and reducing inequalities within our communities.	The People and Place Partnership will support the SPF management team to monitor project delivery measuring impact and performance.

How has your proposal embedded and prioritised the sustainable governance principles in its development?

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 Balancing short term need with long term and planning for the future	The List of projects for Monmouthshire SPF investment well-align to a long-term way of working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By supporting households and young people into employment and helping to sustain and improve the quality of that employment, employability activity is a key part of the suite of early intervention & prevention activities. This reduces the likelihood of long-term challenges resulting from deprivation, adverse childhood experiences, and unemployment. 	None identified

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 Collaboration Working together with other partners to deliver objectives	<p>The People and Place Partnership is a range of partners that work and will continue to work collaboratively to the benefit of communities, local business, local employment, and skills opportunities at a local and regional level.</p>	None identified
 Involvement Involving those with an interest and seeking their views	<p>Following UK SPF guidance, we have sourced approval from our local MPs and MSs for the regional investment plan to be submitted to UK government by 1st August.</p>	None identified
 Prevention Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse	<p>The purpose of the UK SPF funding is to empower each place to identify and build on their own strengths and needs at a local level, focused on pride in place</p>	None identified

Sustainable Development Principle	Does your proposal demonstrate you have met this principle? If yes, describe how. If not explain why.	Are there any additional actions to be taken to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
 Integration Considering impact on all wellbeing goals together and on other bodies	<p>.As part of the local engagement process all aspects of the Well-Being of Future Generations Act will be embedded in our local investment plan</p>	

5. Council has agreed the need to consider the impact its decisions has on the following important responsibilities: Corporate Parenting and Safeguarding. Are your proposals going to affect any of these responsibilities?

	Describe any positive impacts your proposal has	Describe any negative impacts your proposal has	What will you do/ have you done to mitigate any negative impacts or better contribute to positive impacts?
Safeguarding	Not applicable		
Corporate Parenting	Not applicable		

6. What evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?

When submitting the County's Investment Plan Officers will evidence strategic fit and link activities to local social, economic, and business need. Strategies to be referenced will include Monmouthshire NEET Reduction Strategy 2018 – A Great Start for All Vision Monmouthshire 2040: Economic Growth and Ambition Statement; the Digital Infrastructure Action Plan; the MCC Apprenticeship, Graduate, and Internship Strategy alongside alignment with UK Government Investment Priorities and Cardiff Capital Region regional priorities.

7. SUMMARY: As a result of completing this form, what are the main positive and negative impacts of your proposal, how have they informed/changed the development of the proposal so far and what will you be doing in future?

. This section should summarise the key issues arising from the evaluation. This summary must be included in the Committee report template

It is anticipated that the list of projects for Monmouthshire SPF investment will have a positive impact on peoples' social, emotional, health and wellbeing, education, and skills. This will develop resident's resilience and improve their life chances.

8. ACTIONS: As a result of completing this form are there any further actions you will be undertaking? Please detail them below, if applicable.

What are you going to do	When are you going to do it?	Who is responsible
Cabinet	9 th November 2022	Frances O'Brien, Chief Officer for Enterprise

9. VERSION CONTROL: The Equality and Future Generations Evaluation should be used at the earliest stage, such as informally within your service, and then further developed throughout the decision-making process. It is important to keep a record of this process to demonstrate how you have considered and built-in equality and future generations considerations wherever possible.

Version No.	Decision making stage	Date considered	Brief description of any amendments made following consideration
1	Enterprise DMT	24 th October 2022	DMT approved the report
2	SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM	25 th October 2022	SLT approved the report