

**Bolsover District Council**

**Meeting of the Executive on Monday 11th July 2022**

**UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

**Report of the Portfolio Holder for Partnerships and Enforcement**

<b>Classification</b>	This report is Public
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**PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the development, in partnership, of the Investment Plan for submission to Government by 1st August 2022.

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**REPORT DETAILS**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 A report brought before Executive dated 4th April 2022 explained the pre-launch guidance and requirements for the district to access UKSPF funding of £1.9m. The agreed recommendations from that report were:

**“1. Endorse the report’s proposal for the formulation of a draft Investment Plan engaging with partners to develop initiatives, all of which aligns to the corporate priorities.**

**2. That a draft of the Investment Plan is brought back to Executive for approval before it is submitted to the UK Government”.**

- 1.2 Developments since a more detailed launch of the UKSPF guidance was issued has meant that the approach in administering this fund requires more formal partnership arrangements to strengthen the Investment Plan.

- 1.3 The Leader of the Council, as Vice Chair of Bolsover Partnership agreed that there should be structured engagement with our partners utilising the structure already in place. Bolsover Partnership is a long standing, well established partnership comprising of relevant representation by the 4 sectors of the community (public, private, community and voluntary).
- 1.4 A special meeting comprising of Workshops around the 3 main priorities for targeting the UKSPF took place on 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022. These were extremely well attended and there was lots of interest, ideas, projects and initiatives put forward.
- 1.5 As a result the administration and management of the programme will now sit with the Council's Executive and Partnership Team to ensure that maximum impact and solid commissioning can be jointly agreed in a partnership context. This will strengthen the bid and demonstrate the partnership approach. (It is worth noting that during attendance at various meetings, for example District Council's Network etc. by team members, that Bolsover appear to be ahead of the game in terms of trying to engage with relevant partners, simply by already having a well-established partnership. It is apparent that other local authorities are struggling to begin to set up partnerships simply to comply with the prospectus requirements before tackling the development of their Investment Plan).

## **2. Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 The reasons for bringing this update back to Members are to:
  - recognise the amount of work with partners required;
  - highlight the need for a high level of detail being included in the Investment Plan to ensure it is fit for purpose for Government;
  - agree for the shortlisting of projects and initiatives to take place by the Commissioning Group of Bolsover Partnership;
  - enable a high level, strategic version of the Investment Plan to be approved by Bolsover Partnership Executive Board on 14th July 2022.

## **3. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 The UKSPF guidance requires Investment Plans to be developed in partnership. The Bolsover Partnership is an ideal vehicle to undertake this within the timescales required.

## **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 The alternative of not involving the Bolsover Partnership in the development of the UKSPF Investment Plan is rejected due to the requirement, within the guidance, of a partnership approach in the development and the delivery of the Fund.

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## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Agree that the Investment Plan will be submitted to Bolsover Partnership Executive Board for approval on the 14th July 2022 prior to submission to Government to meet the deadline of 1st August 2022.

Approved by Councillor Mary Dooley – Portfolio Holder for Partnerships and Enforcement

<b><u>IMPLICATIONS:</u></b>	
<b><u>Finance and Risk:</u></b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Details:</b>	
On behalf of the Section 151 Officer	
<b><u>Legal (including Data Protection):</u></b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Details:</b>	
On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council	
<b><u>Staffing:</u></b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Details:</b>	
On behalf of the Head of Paid Service	

## **DECISION INFORMATION**

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:  <b>Revenue - £75,000</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Capital - £150,000</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No

<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	All
<b>Consultation:</b> <b>Leader / Deputy Leader</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SLT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Relevant Service Manager</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Members</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Details:</b> Portfolio Holder for Partnerships and Enforcement Executive Director – Strategy and Development

<b>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.</b>
The Investment Plan will align with the Council’s Corporate Priorities, Vision Bolsover and Bolsover Partnership’s Sustainable Community Strategy.

<b>DOCUMENT INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>

<b>Background Papers</b>
<i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>
Previous Executive Report and relevant Minutes dated 4th April 2022 – Minute No. EX103-21/22 refers.