

City of London Corporation Committee Report

Committee(s): Community & Children's Services Committee – For Information	Dated: 30 th April 2025
Subject: Report of Action Taken Between Meetings	Public report: For Information
This proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provides statutory duties• provides business enabling functions	N/A
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
If so, how much?	£0
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of:	Town Clerk
Report author:	Blair Stringman, Governance Officer

Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk outside of the Committee's meeting schedule, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and (b).

Recommendation(s)

That Members note the report.

Main Report

Decision Under Standing Order 41(A) – UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) – acceptance of funding of £200,000 allocated by the Greater London Authority for FY2025/26

In March 2024, the City Corporation was informed of its eligibility to receive a £200,000 grant from the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund, allocated by the Greater London Authority (GLA) through London Councils. Officers have since worked to

understand the eligibility criteria and identify suitable projects, confirming their positions with the GLA and London Councils. It was proposed that the City accepts the grant to fund four projects in FY2025/26: the launch of the SME Gateway Project (£66.7k), the Destination City digital platform (£16k), the Avondale Estate Multi-Use Games Area refurbishment (£100k), and the Holloway Estate Podium Greening, lighting, and waterproofing project (£17.3k). These projects have been endorsed by the Executive Directors of the Environment and Community & Children's Services departments and coordinated by the Office of the Policy Chairman on behalf of the Town Clerk.

The urgency of this decision stemmed from the late notification by the GLA in early March, necessitating a decision before the next scheduled committee meetings. The time taken to clarify eligibility criteria and identify qualifying projects had delayed the process, but it was in the Corporation's best interest to accept the funding to avoid risking the non-delivery of these projects or the need to source alternative funding.

The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Community & Children's Services Committee and Policy & Resources Committee, recommended to:

- Approve receipt of £200k from UKSPF for FY2025/26
- Approve for funding to be spent on four City Corporation projects (detailed in this report) to contribute towards:
 - Launch of the new SME Gateway Project;
 - Destination City workers and visitors focused digital platform and consolidation
 - Avondale Estate Multi-Use Games Area refurbishment
 - Holloway Estate Podium Greening, lighting and waterproofing project

Conclusion

Background papers for Members are available from Blair Stringman on the email address provided below.

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