

APPENDIX A

UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund monitoring

From start of delivery of UKSPF April 2023 – 30 Sept 2023

KEY

BLUE	Project not profiled to start activity until 2024/25
GREEN	Project activity and spend commenced and on track or completed
AMBER	Project spend not yet commenced or subject to minor delay
RED	Some concern about ability to deliver project within timescales

Communities and Place

No	Project Name/ project lead	Description	Update / next steps	RAG
1	Social Value engine Communities Team	Tool for showing social value impact and outcomes of community activity	Software purchased and training completed early application of system to identify the best measures for capturing value of community based activity.	GREEN PROJECT SPEND COMPLETE
2	Community Mobilisation Communities Team	To support and deliver community mobilisation grants, community hub projects	Two successful rounds of community grant funding have resulted in 24 awards to community organisations. Another round will follow next year. Since July organised / supported 5 programmes of activity and 3 events, which have reached around 3882 people. This includes the family fun days, access to sport/exercise and outreach to support community groups with limited experience of applying for grants.	GREEN ON TRACK

3	Improving Green Spaces Property Team	Feasibly work around improvement of green spaces and potential to create a pilot project	Strategic plan prepared. Detailed work yet to commence.	AMBER BEHIND
4	Supporting Town Centres ED Team	Capital project covering small public realm improvements in our town/village centres	<p>Funding application open to all Town and Parish Councils for public realm improvement projects across the current financial year with some spend to take place in 2024/25.</p> <p>Funding committed so far has enabled 11 projects including lighting and mural at Skate Park in Swanley, Seating and paved area on the Green in Westerham and renovation of lamp posts in Sevenoaks town. At least 27 further projects in discussion to be funded prior to end of the programme.</p>	GREEN ON TRACK
5	Cultural Sector support ED Team	Support organisations delivering community led cultural activity	5 awards approved to distribute full funding for current financial year. Further round expected in 2024/25.	GREEN ON TRACK

Supporting Local Business

No	Project Name/ project lead	Description	Update / next steps	RAG
6	West Kent Green Business Grant Scheme ED Team with TMBC	A grant scheme to encourage local businesses to introduce sustainability measures	2 grants awarded from first round, which absorbs funding for initial pilot year. One to provide contribution to larger project providing a solar power and the other a small grant to support new energy efficient freezers to allow larger deliveries and greater range of stock. New grant round to launch in early 2024 to cover allocated spend for 2024/25.	GREEN ON TRACK
7	West Kent business support Programme ED Team with WKP	A co-ordinated programme of business support across West Kent with events, training and mentoring service as well as seed funding grants.	Following a policy compliant procurement process, Smarter Society was appointed to deliver West Kent Business programme. Website, portal and social media set up with 4 hybrid seminars taken place, micro grants scheme launched. 100 Sevenoaks District businesses engaged with 18 receiving mentoring support. Annual West Kent Business expo event planned for 14th March 2024.	GREEN ON TRACK
8	Sector Skills Research ED Team	Study to investigate key sectors and skills within the District now and in the future including links to productivity	Procurement exercise underway with expectation that phase 1 completion will take place prior to end of financial year 2023/24.	AMBER ON TRACK
9	Town Centre Activities ED Team	Events and promotions to support town centre development and to grow offer across all our town centres	Town Centre project officer appointed and regularly visiting the 4 main Town Centre stakeholders to liaise with businesses, providing information and advice. Funding provided to support Easter Town Trail and	GREEN ON TRACK

			coronation trail in Sevenoaks town as pilot projects.	
10	Promotion of Visitor experience	Supporting the visitor economy by encouraging high profile visits and promotion activity	Early stage activity taking place in planning programme of activity.	AMBER ON TRACK
11	Digital Heritage and Visitor Economy Project	Feasibility study to utilise augmented and virtual reality to promote heritage and visitor economy assets	Initial scoping of project taking place.	BLUE ON TRACK

People and Skills

Original guidelines precluded spend on people and skills projects until 2024/25. Therefore despite change of approach from funders we retained commitment to deliver as per the investment plan submitted and agreed.

No	Project Name/ project lead	Description	Update / next steps	RAG
12a	Growth Gurus	Pilot project to provide employability support training and signposting to young people	Project being researched and scoped in preparation for procurement process.	BLUE ON TRACK
12b	Support for Economically inactive adults	Interventions for economically inactive adults who face barriers to employment	Proposals for a call for projects approach across the West Kent area.	BLUE ON TRACK
13	Green Retrofit skills	Improved coverage and understanding of retrofit agenda in the District with training provided	Project being researched and scoped.	BLUE ON TRACK
14	Upskilling in Digital Skills	Supporting business growth by delivering digital training to fill skills gaps	Project being researched and scoped.	BLUE ON TRACK

Rural England Prosperity Fund

15	<p>West Kent Rural Grants Scheme</p> <p>West Kent Partnership</p>	<p>Capital grants to businesses and community organisations within the eligible rural area</p>	<p>West Kent funded project officer in place to deliver scheme.</p> <p>First round of grants completed with total available funding of £125,327.</p> <p>16 grants have been approved to 11 small or micro businesses, 4 charities and 1 Town Council. Approved grants were in excess of available funding therefore 9 will be funded from current years allowance and a further 7 will be prioritised for funding in the next financial year.</p> <p>Grant scheme to reopen later this year to distribute funding for financial year 2024/25.</p>	<p>GREEN</p> <p>ON TRACK</p>
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