

**EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER OR DELEGATED OFFICER
NOTICE OF DECISION**

TITLE OF DECISION: UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Round 1 Award: Supporting Local Business			
NAME OF DECISION TAKER:		COUNCILLOR TIM HAMILTON-COX	
POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY HELD:		CABINET MEMBER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER, SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY	
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Details of Decision:			
<p>To delegate the Chief Executive to finalise and agree an award of UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) funds in respect of Intervention E23: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems. As set out in the council's UKSPF Investment Plan and within the parameters of the UKSPF change control process, funds will be awarded to deliver the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Growing Club CIC - Electech Innovation Cluster 			
Reasons for the decision:			
<p>Lancaster City Council's UKSPF Investment Plan sets out its plan for delivering the Lancaster district's £5.3m UKSPF allocation from 2022-25. The Investment Plan was agreed by government in December 2022.</p> <p>Implementing the UKSPF programme requires the council to allocate funds to a range of projects which will deliver on the outcomes and outputs set out in the Investment Plan. This initial allocation in respect of Intervention E23 will enable the project(s) to commence delivery at an early stage in the programme and begin creating positive local impact.</p>			
IS THE DECISION URGENT			
No			
<p>I can confirm that this decision is urgent as any delay likely to be caused by the Call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests and therefore is not subject to Call-in. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been consulted. I hereby agree both that the decision proposed is reasonable, in all the circumstances, and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.</p>			
Signed : n/a			
<p>I confirm that I have taken account of the options proposed by officers, the various implications set out in the report and the comments of the Monitoring and Section 151 Officers and am authorising the decision as set out above.</p>			
SIGNATURE OF DECISION TAKER:		Cllr Hamilton-Cox	
DATE:		27.1.23	
<i>THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</i>			REF NO.
			ICMD16
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