

CABINET

6.00 P.M.

26TH JULY 2022

PRESENT:- Councillors Caroline Jackson (Chair), Kevin Frea (Vice-Chair),
Dave Brookes, Gina Dowding, Tim Hamilton-Cox, Tricia Heath,
Cary Matthews, Sandra Thornberry, Anne Whitehead and Jason Wood

Officers in attendance:

Mark Davies	Chief Executive
Luke Gorst	Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer
Paul Thompson	Chief Financial Officer (Head of Finance & Section 151 Officer)
Liz Bateson	Principal Democratic Support Officer

16 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2022 were approved as a correct record.

17 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE LEADER

The Chair advised that there were no items of urgent business.

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made at this point.

19 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Members were advised that there had been no requests to speak at the meeting in accordance with Cabinet's agreed procedure.

20 UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND: INVESTMENT PLAN

Cabinet Member with Special Responsibility Councillor Caroline Jackson)

Cabinet received a report from the Chief Executive which set out the core elements of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan, to be finalised and submitted to government by the deadline of Monday 1 August 2022. In accordance with Part 3, Section 3, Rule 17 (Call-in and Urgency) the Chief Executive consulted with the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee prior to the meeting as he was minded to waive call-in on this decision in order to meet the submission deadline.

The options, options analysis, including risk assessment and officer preferred option, were set out in the report as follows:

	Option 1: Approve the recommendations set out in the report	Option 2: Propose amendments to the suggested approach set out in the report
Advantages	The UKSPF Investment	The views of Cabinet members

	Plan can be finalised and submitted, with officers and partners moving into the development and design of projects that will successfully deliver on the Interventions selected.	are integral to the successful delivery of the UKSPF. Any proposed amendments to the balance of funds, Interventions selected or funding allocated to each Intervention can be integrated into a redrafted Investment Plan ahead of its submission.
Disadvantages	None specifically identified, on the basis that Cabinet will have reached a consensus on the proposed Investment Plan structure in selecting this option.	With limited time available before the submission deadline, the implications of making significant amendments at this stage and their knock-on effect on the overall balance of funding should be carefully considered.
Risks	As with any medium- to long-term funding, a degree of uncertainty exists as to the accuracy of funding allocations made at this stage for projects to take place over the next three years. The Fund has a built-in degree of flexibility that should allow for appropriate changes to be made.	As set out above, proposing significant amendments at this stage could put the coherence of the Investment Plan at risk. Nonetheless, the flexibility within the UKSPF guidance indicates that amendments can be accommodated where possible.

The officer preferred option is Option 1, given that the highest possible dialogue has taken place in reaching the recommendations set out in this report. The degree of flexibility inherent in the Investment Plan process must also be considered in reaching a decision on the recommendation. However, it is recognised that members are ultimately responsible for the content and delivery of the UKSPF Investment Plan. As such, reaching a consensus at this stage and accommodating any proposed amendments is of fundamental importance to moving into successful delivery of the UKSPF.

Councillor Caroline Jackson proposed, seconded by Councillor Heath:-

“That the recommendations, as set out in the report, be approved.”

Councillors then voted:-

Resolved unanimously:

- (1) That Cabinet approve the following key elements of the UK Shared Prosperity Investment Plan, set out in this report:
 - The proposed balance of funds to be allocated across the three Investment Priorities, set out in section 2 of the report.
 - The proposed shortlist of Interventions to be pursued in relation to each of the Investment Priorities, set out in section 3 of the report.

- The proposed allocation of funds in respect of each Intervention, set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.
- (2) That Cabinet delegate the Chief Executive to finalise and submit the relevant documentation relating to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan, on the basis of the key elements set out in recommendation (1).
 - (3) That Cabinet agrees in principle to convene local partnership groups to plan, commission and deliver UKSPF Interventions through a collaborative approach where appropriate.

Officer responsible for effecting the decision:

Chief Executive

Reasons for making the decision:

The UKSPF presents a clear opportunity for the council and its partners to contribute to shaping the future of the district's environment, economy and society. The Fund's criteria are strongly aligned with the council's Plan 2030 priorities; focusing the Investment Plan on local priorities will provide an opportunity to create significant local impact beyond that which the council could achieve otherwise.

The proposed partnership approach to delivering the Fund also supports the council's core objectives of Partnership and Enabling and the recommendations in the report provide an opportunity to develop new ways of working together across the Lancaster district to achieve widespread local success.

Chair

(The meeting ended at 6.07 p.m.)

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**EFFECTIVE DATE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS CONTAINED IN THESE MINUTES:
IMMEDIATE – CALL-IN WAIVED ON MINUTE 20.**