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REPORT TO: FAIR WORK, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – 22 APRIL 2024

REPORT ON: UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND – ANNUAL REPORT – DECEMBER 2022 TO MARCH 2024

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 101-2024

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report provides an update on the delivery of Dundee's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan, which includes the Multiply Programme focused on adult numeracy.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the progress made towards delivery of the Dundee UKSPF Investment Plan and proposals for on-going delivery.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no direct financial implications for Dundee City Council arising from this report.

3.2 The UK Government provided a conditional allocation of funding from UKSPF to Dundee of £5.609M over financial years 2022/2023 to 2024/2025. This includes 4% of the total budget to support administrative/running costs of the programme. The budget for Dundee's UKSPF in 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 is as follows:

Year	Dundee CORE UKSPF Allocation	Dundee Multiply Allocation	TOTAL UKSPF Allocation
Y1 and Y2 (2022-2024)	£1,621,869	£605,497	£2,227,366
Y3 (2024/2025)	£2,832,865	£324,372	£3,157,237
4% Management Fee	£185,614	£38,746	£224,360
Total	£4,640,348	£968,615	£5,608,963

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 Reference is made to Article II of the minute of Recess Sub-committee on 1 August 2022 (Report 196-2022) where the Executive Directors of City Development and Corporate Services were delegated authority to develop and deliver a UKSPF Investment Plan. It was also agreed that Annual Reports outlining progress should be submitted to Committee for information.

4.2 Dundee City Council's Investment Plan was submitted to the UK Government in August 2022. It supports the delivery of a range of interventions based around three key themes:

- Communities and Place;
- Local Business Support; and
- People and Skills.

4.3 Local authorities were allowed to develop their Investment Plan from a range of interventions across these three themes.

- 4.4 Within the UKSPF allocation is a ring-fenced funding stream for the Multiply programme. This supports adults across the UK to improve their functional numeracy skills. The delivery of Multiply in Dundee is led by Neighbourhood Services.
- 4.5 The programme delivery and reporting is managed by City Development and Neighbourhood Services, supported by colleagues in Finance and Legal Services.
- 4.6 The UK Government identified several delivery mechanisms for UKSPF, including in-house delivery, procurement, challenge funds and partnership approaches. Dundee's Investment Plan which was approved by the UK Government in December 2022 utilises each of these mechanisms to ensure the funding is spent and the anticipated outputs and outcomes are achieved in a compliant manner by the agreed programme end date of 31 March 2025.

Challenge Funds

- 4.7 A series of challenge funds have been established and publicised, inviting organisations to bid for funding to support projects across a range of interventions. To date, there have been four rounds of challenge funds with each focusing on support for the visitor economy; investment in innovation infrastructure; support for the social enterprise sector; the development of digital skills programmes; and delivery of Multiply. The Challenge Funds are advertised on Dundee City Council's website and social media platforms. Applications are assessed by scoring panels established to support each intervention.
- 4.8 The fourth round closed on the 5 of March 2024 and applications are currently being assessed. Two further challenge funds are in development, focusing on Green Skills and Local Business Support and will be launched in April 2024.
- 4.9 The first three challenge funds received 64 applications and 28 projects were funded across five interventions. Appendix 1 of this report lists of the projects that have benefited, and these include:
- **MSIP Ltd:** providing funding to support the purchase of equipment to create a Maker's Space within their Innovation Labs;
 - **University of Dundee:** to support the development of the Innovation Hub for Life Science spin-outs and start-ups;
 - **V&A Dundee:** Stories from the Building Exhibition, supporting the capital costs of installing a new semi-permanent exhibition at V&A Dundee, informing visitors about the building itself and its construction;
 - **Unicorn Preservation Society:** providing feasibility funding to support the next stage of their Project Safe Haven capital project;
 - **The Circle Ltd:** funding to support the development of the Social Enterprise/Not for Profit sector in the city;
 - **Dundee & Angus College:** funding to deliver a series of digital skills training with a particular focus on data – Data for Everyone; and
 - **Multiply:** funding to seven third sector organisations to deliver a range of projects focusing on the Multiply programme, including Barnardos, Dundee Carers Centre, HELM, Dundee International Women's Centre, Enable Scotland, Lead Scotland and Dundee Science Centre.

Partnership Approaches

- 4.10 Dundee City Council is also delivering a range of interventions through existing partnership and delivery approaches. These include:
- on-going support for the city's Employability Pathway, providing the same level of funding that was previously received through the European Social Fund, to support the Adult Employability Programme in 2023/2024 and 2024/2025;
 - capital support for work being undertaken in district centres, including Lochee, Stobswell and Perth Road; and
 - working with partners through the Tourism Leadership Group to develop projects that focus on marketing the city to visitors.

Procured Services

- 4.11 Dundee City Council, as the lead authority of the Business Gateway Tayside contract, has aligned UKSPF funding allocations from the three Tayside local authorities to deliver a range of additional support for local businesses through the recent Business Gateway tender process, approved at Committee in January 2023. This included the provision of community-based outreach advisers.

Multiply

- 4.12 Neighbourhood Services approach to delivering Multiply has included a challenge fund; developing a project with Dundee & Angus College whereby they embed numeracy activities into their courses; and in-house delivery by Community Learning & Development.

Regional Projects

- 4.13 Dundee City Council is also utilising the UKSPF to support two regional projects:
- Digital Broadband Vouchers: to support access for domestic and commercial premises to access superfast broadband; and
 - Trade Tourism Project: to promote the region to the travel trade market.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been subject to the Pre-IIA Screening Tool and does not make any recommendations for change to strategy, policy, procedures, services or funding and so has not been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment. An appropriate Senior Manager has reviewed and agreed with this assessment.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Council Leadership Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its content.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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APPENDIX 1

INVESTMENT PLAN INTERVENTIONS AND PROJECTS SUPPORTED TO DATE

Dundee's UKSPF Investment Plan focuses on the following interventions under the three key themes:

Communities and Place:

- S1: Place based investments, regen & town centre improvements (capital)
- S5: Support sport, arts, cultural, heritage & creative activities
- S7: Campaigns to encourage visiting & exploring the local area
- S11: Relevant feasibility studies – focusing on development of the visitor economy
- S12: Digital infrastructure for local community facilities

Local Business Support:

- S15: SME development grants & support.
- S16: R&D grants supporting innovative product & services
- S18: Investing in enterprise infrastructure, site development projects (capital)
- S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems
- S20: Expert business advice & support programmes, local & regional
- S22: Growing the local social economy
- S24: Export grants to support businesses to grow overseas trading

People & Skills:

- S31: Employment support for economically inactive people (part of Dundee Employability Programme)
- S32: Courses including basic skills for those not economically inactive (part of Dundee Employability Programme)
- S35: Employability programmes & advice - No One Left Behind agenda etc (part of Dundee Employability Programme)
- S36: Local areas to fund local skills needs
- S37: Green skills courses
- S39: Education & skills targeting the vulnerable leaving school (part of Dundee Employability Programme)

The table below provides a summary of the projects that have been supported by UKSPF during 2022-2024.

Year	Project	Intervention	Grant	Status
2022/2023	MSIP Maker Space – Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc	S18	£10,600	Complete
2022/2023	Maryfield Tram Depot Feasibility Design – Dundee Museum of Transport	S11	£3,950	Complete
2022/2023	Capital Project Feasibility Study – DCA	S11	£20,000	Complete
2022/2023	Story of the Building – V&A	S5	£20,000	Complete
2022/2023	Social Entrepreneurship – Circle Scotland	S22	£25,000	Live
2022/2023	Engaging an Architect Feasibility Study – Unicorn Preservation Society	S11	£15,000	Live
2022/2023	Data is Everyone's Business – D&A College	S22	£100,000	Live
2022/2023	Esports Play Test Facility – Abertay University	S18	£41,100	Live
2022/2023	Bringing International Photography to Verdant Works – Dundee Industrial Heritage Limited	S5	£20,000	Complete
2022/2023	Reinventing Verdant Works Feasibility Study – Dundee Industrial Heritage Limited	S11	£20,000	Live

Year	Project	Intervention	Grant	Status
2023/2024	Skills Academy @ MSIP – D&A College	S18	£50,000	Live
2023/2024	Dundee Tourism Leadership Group – Marketing Dundee	S7	£39,209	Live
2023/2024	Travel Trade Marketing Tayside - Regional Project	S7	£10,000	Live
2023/2024	Life Sciences Innovation Hub – University of Dundee	S19	£100,000	Live
2023/2024	Project Safe Haven Feasibility Study – Unicorn Preservation Society	S11	£5,842	Live
2023/2024	Dundee Jazz Festival 2023 – Jazz Scotland	S5	£19,616	Complete
2023/2024	Growing the Sector in Dundee – Dundee Social Enterprise Network	S22	£20,000	Live
2023/2024	Lochee High Street Unit Refurbishment – DCC Planning	S1	£20,000	Live
2023/2024	Perth Road Environmental Enhancement – DCC Planning	S1	£122,000	Live
2023/2024	Multiply – Lead Scotland Numeracy – Lead Scotland	S42	£33,738	Live
2023/2024	Multiply – Calculate Your Career – Barnardo's	S42	£48,634	Live
2023/2024	Multiply – Numeracy Skills for Carers & Disabled Employers – Dundee Carers Centre	S42	£26,918	Live
2023/2024	Multiply – Next Steps – Enable	S42	£44,890	Live
2023/2024	Multiply – Helm Multiply – Helm Training	S42	£27,835	Live
2023/2024	Multiply – Skillz with Numbers – Dundee International Women's Centre (PILOT)	S42	£5,000	Complete
2023/2024	Multiply – Co-Building Adult Confidence – Dundee Science Centre (PILOT)	S42	£5,000	Complete
2023/2024	Multiply – Goals for Numeracy – Dundee United Community Trust (PILOT)	S42	£5,000	Complete
2023/2024	Multiply – D&A College	S45	£50,000	Live
2023/2024	Multiply – D&A College	S46	£50,000	Live
2023/2024	Multiply – D&A College	S47	£50,000	Live
2023/2024	Multiply – D&A College	S48	£50,000	Live
2023/2024	Employability – Discover Work Dundee	P&S	£476,251	Live
2023/2024	Elevator – Business Gateway	S19	£60,000	Live
2023/2024	Spring Holiday Pop-Up	S5	£13,500	Planned
2023/2024	Decade of Design – L&C Dundee UNESCO	S5	£19,590	Planned
2023/2024	Gimbal City – V&A	S5	£35,000	Planned
2023/2024	Dundee Digital Upskilling Microcredentials – Abertay University	S36	£30,000	Planned
2023/2024	Bridging the Coding Gap – D&A College	S36	£35,000	Planned
2023/2024	Regional Broadband Voucher Scheme	S12	£3,000	Live
2023/2024	Dundee Market Development Grant – DCC	S16	£10,000	Live
	TOTAL		£1,741,73	