

Extract of the Bromsgrove Partnership Board Minutes – 28 September 2023

UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Sue Hanley (SH) referred to the Task and Finish Group notes of the last meeting which had been circulated with the agenda, as well as the separate one page written update provided by Georgina Harris, UKSPF Programme Manager at the District Council, which had been shared separately ahead of the meeting.

SH highlighted that the last meeting of the Task and Finish Group had been held on 15 August and the group had considered proposals for People and Skills projects to be delivered in year 3 (2024/25) plus one Communities and Place project to be delivered in years 2 and 3 (2023/24 and 2024/25). SH referred to the report which provided the detail on those being recommended for approval or refusal.

The Group also recommended that any underspend on the People & Skills projects be used to either increase the size of approved projects (subject to the project deliverer's capacity) or to procure additional support services.

It was noted that there would be an underspend in the Communities and Place allocation and it was the District Council's intention to use that underspend to run a Community Infrastructure Grant programme. The Task and Finish Group planned to assess the proposal by written procedure and forward a recommendation to the Board.

As per the report, it was **AGREED** that the Task and Finish Group recommendations be endorsed by the Board.