

UPDATE ON THE UK SPF TO THE BROMSGROVE PARTNERSHIP

30 MARCH 2023

Project Selection

Funding for Communities & Place projects in years 1 & 2 has been approved. Funding for Supporting Local Business projects has been approved of all 3 years of the programme. All applicants have been notified of the outcome. The sub-group of the board is scheduled to meet on 15/5/23 to assess Communities & Place projects for year 3. This could include the continuation of projects that have received funding in years 1 & 2. The sub-group will also consider People & Skills projects for funding in year 3.

The next step is to issue funding agreements to successful applicants. The legal team are currently working on the documentation.

Governance

To ensure transparency, details of the decision making process will be publicly available. This information will be published on the NWedR website, together with details of the projects that will be receiving funding.

Reporting to Government

The first report to DLUHC has been submitted. This was a summary report detailing the UK SPF spend as at 28/2/23 and the forecast spend to 31/3/23. We are forecasting an underspend of £241,894.60 revenue funding at the end of the financial year. Some of the underspend has been used for capital expenditure so we are requesting to re-profile £227,238.22 to next year.

The next report is due 2/5/23. This is an end of year report and will include the “credible plan” detailing how the underspend from year 1 will be used in year 2. The information requested for the credible plan is not too onerous (maximum 500 words) and we are confident that the spend will get back on track.

Changes to Programme Rules

On 23/3/23, Government notified local authorities that the restrictions on funding People & Skills projects in year 2 has been lifted. Previously, only ESF funded projects that were delivered by the VCS and were at risk of ending were eligible for funding. We are now able to fund People & Skills projects in year 2 but currently, no funding has been allocated to this investment priority.

List of Funded Projects

Communities & Place	CCTV Digital Updgrade
	Act on Energy Intensive Community Caseworker
	Friendship Matters
	Aston Fields Christmas Lights Infrastructure
	Centres Public Realm Enhancement Programme

VIY - Volunteer It Yourself

The Volunteer Centre

CCTV Promotion

Advice First Aiders

Bromsgrove Park

Refurbishment of Blackwell Village Hall

Support to Local Business Support to Local Business

Betaden

Worcestershire Growth Hub

Frontage Improvement & Empty Space Scheme

Centre Events