

## Pwyllgor Craffu Economi, Trigolion, Cymunedau a Llywodraethu

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Man Cyfarfod  
**By Teams**

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Dyddiad y Cyfarfod  
**Dydd Llun, 25 Gorffennaf 2022**

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Amser y Cyfarfod  
**2.00 pm**

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Mae croeso i'r rhai sy'n cymryd rhan ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg. Os hoffech chi siarad Cymraeg yn y cyfarfod, gofynnwn i chi roi gwybod i ni erbyn hanner dydd ddau ddiwrnod cyn y cyfarfod

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### AGENDA

<b>1.</b>	<b>YMDDIHEURIADAU</b>
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Derbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb.

<b>2.</b>	<b>DATGANIADAU O DDIDDORDEB</b>
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Derbyn unrhyw ddatganiadau o ddiddordeb gan Aelodau yn ymwneud ag eitemau i'w hystyried yn y cyfarfod.

<b>3.</b>	<b>DATGANIAD CHWIP Y PLEIDIAU</b>
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Derbyn datganiadau ynglyn â gwaharddiad chwip plaid a gyflwynwyd i Aelod mewn perthynas â'r cyfarfod yn unol ag Adran 78 (3) Mesur Llywodraeth Leol 2001.

(D.S: atgoffir yr Aelodau, dan Adran 78, na all Aelodau sydd wedi derbyn gwaharddiad chwip plaid bleidleisio ar fater gerbron y Pwyllgor.

<b>4.</b>	<b>Y GRONFA FFYNIANT GYFFREDIN: CYFLWYNO CYNLLUN BUDDSODDI RHANBARTHOL AR GYFER CANOLBARTH CYMRU</b>
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Derbyn ac ystyried adroddiad yr Aelod Portffolio ar gyfer Powys Fwy Ffyniannus, y Cynghorydd Sir David Selby.  
(Tudalennau 1 - 24)

<b>5.</b>	<b>GWEITHGORAU</b>
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Ailsefydlu'r Gweithgorau canlynol:

Ffermydd y Sir (5 aelod yn flaenorol)

Ffosffadau (3 aelod yn flaenorol)

<b>6.</b>	<b>GWEITHGOR CYNLLUN DATBLYGU LLEOL - ARSYLWR</b>
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Gofynnir i'r Pwyllgor enwebu 1 Aelod fel arsylwr ar y Gweithgor Cynllun Datblygu Lleol.

<b>7.</b>	<b>RHAGLEN GWAITH CRAFFU</b>
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Nodi y bydd cyfarfodydd y Pwyllgor yn y dyfodol yn cael eu cynnal fel a ganlyn:

15-09-22 10.00 – 12.00	Cyn-gyfarfod
19-09-22 10.00 – 12.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Pwyllgor - Cyhoeddus</p> <p>Penodi Is-Gadeirydd</p> <p>Adroddiad Llywodraethu Gwybodaeth Flynyddol (Helen Dolman)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Argymhellion Grantiau Costau Byw (Cabinet 05-07 – Ymateb 05-09-22)</li> </ul> <p>Rhwydweithiau cludiant cyhoeddus Matt Perry</p>
27-10-22 14.00 – 16.00	Cyn-gyfarfod
31-10-22 10.00 – 12.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Pwyllgor - Cyhoeddus</p> <p>Q2 Perfformiad a Risg Pob Pennaeth Gwasanaeth</p>
07-12-22 14.00 – 16.00	Cyn-gyfarfod
12-12-22 10.00 – 12.00	Pwyllgor - Cyhoeddus

### **Cyfle'r Pwyllgor i Fyfyrio**

Ar ôl cau'r cyfarfod gofynnwyd i'r Pwyllgor i gymryd 5 i 10 munud i fyfyrio ar y cyfarfod heddiw.

Mae'r dudalen hon wedi'i gadael yn wag yn fwriadol

## CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

## CABINET EXECUTIVE

26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**REPORT AUTHOR:** County Councillor David Selby  
Portfolio Holder for A Prosperous Powys

**REPORT TITLE:** Shared Prosperity Fund: Submission of a Regional  
Investment Plan for Mid Wales

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision

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## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval to submit a Regional Investment Plan for Mid Wales to the UK Government to secure an indicative financial allocation of £27.4 million for Powys through the Shared Prosperity Fund.
- 1.2 The paper will brief Cabinet members on the content of the Regional Investment Plan including the list of prioritised interventions, financial allocations and governance arrangements.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 On 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities ('DLUHC') issued a prospectus on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF). [Prospectus](#)
- 2.2 The overarching aim of the Fund is: "Building Pride in Place and Increasing Life Chances". There are 3 Investment Priorities:
- Communities and Place
  - Supporting Local Business
  - People and Skills (including Multiply, an adult numeracy programme)
- 2.3 SPF will be delivered by local authorities. In Wales, delivery needs to align with City and Growth Deal regions which means working in partnership with Ceredigion County Council as part of the Mid Wales region.
- 2.4 Financial allocations have been issued to all Local Authorities. Funds are primarily revenue but some capital expenditure will be expected (minimum 10% of the allocation).
- 2.5 For Powys and Ceredigion, the funding allocations are as follows:

### UKSPF – Core funding

Local Authority	22/23	23/24	24/25	TOTAL
Powys	£2,755,355	£5,510,711	£14,438,062	£22,704,129
Ceredigion	£1,502,162	£3,004,324	£7,871,328	£12,377,814

### UKSPF - Multiply

Local Authority	22/23	23/24	24/25	TOTAL
Powys	£1,432,785	£1,653,213	£1,653,213	£4,739,211
Ceredigion	£781,124	£901,297	£901,297	£2,583,718

- 2.6 The funding allocations have been set by UK Government, according to a methodology. Further information about the allocations can be found here: [UKSPF allocations - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-spf-allocations)
- 2.7 UK Government has advised that if there is any underspend, they will consider withholding the next annual instalment until they have received credible plans setting out how the lead local authority will utilise underspends in the next year and/or appropriate milestones and spend have been achieved for the previous year.
- 2.8 A one-off sum of £40,000 of development/capacity funding is being provided to the Mid Wales region – to help develop the drafting and preparation of the plan.
- 2.9 The UK Government timeline is as follows:

<b>When</b>	<b>Activity</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	SPF Launched by UK Government
May – July 2022	Engagement work to inform content of Regional Investment Plan
July 2022	Further guidance published including guidance on monitoring benefits and evaluation, assurance, subsidy control, branding and publicity.
1 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	Deadline to submit Regional Investment Plan
August – September 2022	Assessment by UK Government of Investment Plans
October 2022	Anticipated date for first Investment Plans to be approved and first payments issued to lead local authorities
March 2025	3 year funding period ends

### **3. Advice**

#### **Regional Investment Plan: the requirements**

- 3.1 The Regional Investment Plan for Mid Wales is a strategic document that sets out high level ambitions which identifies the outcomes that the region seeks to achieve and the interventions it wishes to prioritise. These high level ambitions can be refined and modified as the programme progresses.
- 3.2 A regional partnership group will support delivery.
- 3.3 A Lead Local Authority will have responsibility for the strategic management of the funding and delivery of the programme.
- 3.4 Delivery of the Investment Plan can be via a combination of: competitions for grant funding; procurement; commissioning and in-house delivery.
- 3.5 The Investment Plan includes information on local and regional issues, challenges and opportunities; chosen interventions; approach to delivery and governance; capacity and capability. Supplementary documents provide information about anticipated financial profiles and the outputs and outcomes.
- 3.6 Key strategic documents from each Local Authority including Wellbeing Assessment Reports have been used to inform the content of the Investment Plan.

#### **Prioritised Interventions**

- 3.7 A process of internal and external engagement has been undertaken throughout May and June including: thematic workshops; meetings with key stakeholders; cross-party working

group meetings; MP engagement; presentations at the Regional Skills Partnership and Growing Mid Wales Partnership meetings.

- 3.8 An external consultation exercise was also undertaken to capture views on which interventions should be prioritised. A total of 176 responses were received from across the region.
- 3.9 Officers have also mapped interventions against corporate priorities and other strategic documents.
- 3.10 This has resulted in the following list of interventions for inclusion within the Regional Investment Plan for Mid Wales:

**Communities and Place:**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Intervention Description</b>
W1	Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets, including better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs.
W2	Funding for new, or improvements to existing, community and neighbourhood infrastructure projects including those that increase communities' resilience to natural hazards such as flooding, and investment in locally owned renewable energy generation and waste management to improve the transition to low carbon living.
W3	Creation of and improvements to local green spaces, community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features and biodiversity improvements into wider public space.
W6	Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities.
W7	Support for active travel enhancement and other small-scale green transport infrastructure projects, having regard to the Wales Transport Strategy
W9	Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.
W10	Funding for local sports facilities, tournaments, teams and leagues; to bring people together.
W11	Investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.
W13	Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change.
W14	Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.
W15	Investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities

**Supporting Local Business:**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Intervention Description</b>
W16	Investment in open markets and improvements to town centre retail and service sector infrastructure, with wrap around support for small businesses.
W17	Funding for the development and promotion (both trade and consumer) of the visitor economy, such as local attractions, trails, tours and tourism products more generally.
W18	Supporting Made Smarter Adoption: Providing tailored expert advice, matched grants and leadership training to enable manufacturing

	SMEs to adopt industrial digital technology solutions including artificial intelligence; robotics and autonomous systems; additive manufacturing; industrial internet of things; virtual reality; data analytics
W19	Increasing investment in research and development at the local level. Investment to support the diffusion of innovation knowledge and activities, in both economically important and emerging areas. Support the commercialisation of ideas, encouraging collaboration and accelerating the path to market so that more ideas translate into industrial and commercial practices. Investment in doctoral training centres.
W21	Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level.
W22	Investing in enterprise infrastructure and employment /innovation site development projects. This can help to unlock site development projects which will support growth in places.
W23	Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks.
W26	Support for growing the local social economy, including community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises.
W28	Export Grants to support businesses to grow their overseas trading, supporting local employment and investment.
W29	Supporting decarbonisation and improving the natural environment whilst growing the local economy. Invest in infrastructure to deliver effective decarbonisation across energy, buildings and transport and beyond, in line with our legally binding climate target. Maximising existing or emerging local strengths in low carbon technologies, goods and services to take advantage of the growing global opportunity.
W31	Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.
W32	Funding to support progression of small businesses into productive medium sized firms.
W33	Investment in resilience infrastructure and nature based solutions that protect local businesses and community areas from natural hazards including flooding and coastal erosion.

### **People and Skills:**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Intervention Description</b>
W35	Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills provision for people who are not economically inactive and who are unable to access other training or wrap around support detailed above. Supplemented by financial support for learners to enrol onto courses and complete qualifications.
W37	Interventions to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online.
W39	Support for local areas to fund local skills needs. This includes technical and vocational qualifications and courses up to level 2 and training for vocational licences relevant to local area needs and high-value qualifications where there is a need for additional skills capacity that cannot be met through mainstream funding.
W40	Green skills courses targeted around ensuring we have the skilled workforce to achieve the government's net zero and wider environmental ambitions.
W41	Retraining and upskilling support for those in high carbon sectors, with a particular focus on Transition 4 to green, and Industry 4.0 and 5.0 jobs.



W42	Funding to support local digital skills.
W43	Funding to support engagement and softer skills development for young people, with regard to the work of Careers Wales/Working Wales.

### **Multiply:**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Intervention Description</b>
W47	Courses aimed at people who can't apply for certain jobs because of lack of numeracy skills and/or to encourage people to upskill in order to access a certain job/career.
W51	Courses designed to help people use numeracy to manage their money.
W53	Activities, courses or provision developed in partnership with community organisations and other partners aimed at engaging the hardest to reach learners – for example, those not in the labour market or other groups identified locally as in need.

- 3.11 Discussions are ongoing with the UK Government, Welsh Government, the Regional Skills Partnership and other key stakeholders in relation to prioritised interventions under Multiply.
- 3.12 Conversations are continuing at the time of writing this cabinet report. Officers are engaging internally across both Local Authorities and their service, their services users and external providers.
- 3.13 These list of interventions are therefore illustrative at this stage, and officers will need to reserve the right to tailor the list for submission as part of the regional plan, considering the timescales available.

### **Financial allocations**

- 3.14 A funding profile needs to be submitted with the Regional Investment Plan outlining how the Core-SPF budget is to be distributed between each intervention. UK Government has advised that this is for planning purposes only and there will be flexibility to vire funds as the programme progresses. It is proposed that the budget is apportioned as follows:

<b>Investment Priority</b>	<b>Powys allocation</b>	<b>Ceredigion allocation</b>
Communities and Place	40% = £8,718,385	40% = £4,753,080
Supporting Local Business	40% = £8,718,385	40% = £4,753,080
People and Skills	20% = £4,359,192	20% = £2,376,540
Multiply*	£4,739,211	£2,583,718

*\*Please note that as indicated in section 2.4 Multiply has its own separate financial allocation.*

- 3.15 40% of the funding has been allocated to the Communities and Place priority as the scope of activities fundable under this priority is wider and contributes to a broader range of outcomes that Local Authorities are working towards in the region. Indicative activities that can be funded under this priority include energy efficiency schemes; creation and improvement of green spaces; town centre improvements; flooding infrastructure, cultural activities, active travel and digital connectivity. These activities tend to be more capital in nature and are likely to require more financial resource.
- 3.16 Similarly, 40% of the funding has been allocated to the Supporting Local Business priority as this activity is vital in order to make a lasting difference to the economy of Mid Wales.

3.17 Whilst every effort has been made to engage with local stakeholders and the cross party working group to determine the priority investment areas for Powys, as outlined in Appendix A, it is envisaged that further information will still be required throughout the lifetime of the Fund and allocations within the investment areas will need to be considered on a regular basis. We therefore propose that delegated decision is given to the Corporate Director.

## MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

3.18 There is a formal role expected of Members of Parliament in the design and development of the Regional Investment Plan.

3.19 Officers have closely engaged with the relevant MPs in both Powys and Ceredigion on the principles emerging in the design of the investment plans, and will ensure their review and sign-off, prior to submission.

3.20 The UK Government also expect that MPs are involved in the delivery of the Fund, via invitation to join the local partnership group.

3.21 Senior Officers (in consultation with Council Leaders) will continue to engage with the MPs on their views on this point, and whether they choose to attend the local partnership meetings in both Ceredigion and Powys – or they elect to provide oversight via regular liaison meetings.

## 4. Resource Implications

4.1 Every part of the UK will receive an allocation for the years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25, for both the core UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and for the adult numeracy programme, Multiply. Amounts have been allocated based on the application of a funding formula - it is not a competitive process.

4.2 The Fund is primarily revenue but for each financial year, there is a **minimum** amount of capital that must be spent as outlined in the table below:

	Total	22-23	23-24	24-25
<b>Powys (SPF Core)</b>	<b>£22,704,129</b>	£2,755,355	£5,510,711	£14,438,062
<b>4% Mgt (up to)</b>		£110,214	£220,428	£577,522
<b>SPF Core balance</b>		<b>£2,645,141</b>	<b>£5,290,282</b>	<b>£13,860,540</b>
<b>Min. capital</b>		£286,556	£688,838	£2,584,413
<b>Powys (Multiply)</b>	<b>£4,739,211</b>	£1,432,785	£1,653,213	£1,653,213
<b>4% Mgt (up to)</b>		£57,312	£66,129	£66,129
<b>Multiply Balance</b>		<b>£1,375,473</b>	<b>£1,587,084</b>	<b>£1,587,084</b>
<b>TOTAL (core &amp; Multiply)</b>		<b>£4,020,614</b>	<b>£6,877,366</b>	<b>£15,447,624</b>
<b>TOTAL 4% Mgt (up to)</b>		£167,526.00	£286,557.00	£643,651.00

4.3 Match funding is not a requirement in order to secure the funding allocation and will not form part of the investment plan assessment criteria however all lead local authorities are strongly encouraged to consider match funding from the private, public and third sectors and leverage

options when selecting Communities and Place and Supporting Local Business interventions to fund. This will maximise the value for money and impact of the fund.

4.4 Officers in both Local Authorities would need to develop the detailed proposals of team structure and sizes, but the principles would be as follows:

- **Regional Team:** as small as possible, to undertake overall fund management and administration, strategic alignment and Government interface.
- **Local Teams:** adding local delivery capacity to both Economic Development teams in Powys and Ceredigion. These teams would help convene their local partnerships, undertake stakeholder and community engagement, and support project delivery. They would work with and alongside each other, and the regional team to ensure successful fund delivery.
- **Top Slicing Amount:** officers to develop the detail relating to resource requirements and funding availability – but to ensure parity with UK Government expectations, a maximum of 4% should be set. (Each lead local authority will be able to use up to 4% of their allocation by default to undertake necessary Fund administration, such as project assessment, contracting, monitoring and evaluation and ongoing stakeholder engagement. Setting up the Fund may need a larger administration budget in the first year than in later years. This is acceptable to the UK Government as long as the percentage is not exceeded overall). The table above shows the amount of funding available to Powys for these costs.

4.5 The Head of Finance (Section 151 Officer) notes the content of the report and can support the recommendations. Further consideration of the financial implications will be required as the detailed plans are developed.

## **5. Legal implications**

5.1 A Service Level Agreement will be signed by both local authorities setting out the partnership arrangements.

## **6. Data Protection**

6.1 Not applicable

## **7. Comment from local member(s)**

7.1 Town and Community Councils had an opportunity to contribute to the external consultation exercise. This was also sent to all Council Members for their input.

7.2 A Cross-party working group was established which met twice to review and discuss the investment priorities and interventions relevant to Powys.

## **8. Impact Assessment**

8.1 The Shared Prosperity Fund will have the potential to have a positive effect on all aspects covered within the Impact Assessment. The Investment Plan will seek to improve the economic, social and cultural well-being of the community and leave a lasting positive impact.

8.2 The Integrated Impact Assessment is contained within Appendix B

## **9. Recommendations**

9.1 To note the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus, Allocations and Key Requirements to unlock funding from UK Government. **Tudalen 7**

- 9.2 To note the approach to consultation and engagement to inform the development of a Regional Investment Plan – and to approve the principles set out, to enable detailed plan drafting.
- 9.3 To approve the indicative financial allocations of 40% to Communities and Place; 40% to Supporting Local Business and 20% to People and Skills.
- 9.4 To delegate authority and authorise the Corporate Directors and Section 151 officer of both Authorities, in consultation with the Leaders of the Councils, to take the necessary decisions and actions required to finalise a related investment plan and accept the allocation of funds, as well as to implement and administer the scheme and all related plans in accordance with the requirements and priorities of the prospectus and fund.
- 9.5 To approve the split of capacity funding of £40k available to Mid Wales, 50/50 to each Local Authority – to reflect the joint working in developing the regional investment plan to date.
- 9.6 To approve Ceredigion County Council as the UK SPF lead authority for mid Wales.

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# Impact Assessment

## UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Mid Wales Regional Investment Plan



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14/07/2022

Reference: 1203-5407-6449-3854

Impact Assessments (IA) are a process of assessing how our proposals and decisions might impact upon different types of people and communities and developing proposals in line with relevant legislation.

This is a legal requirement, and ensures the Council considers key legislation, including Equalities, Welsh language, Future Generations, Socio-economic Duty and Risk when developing proposals.

It will also help the Council make the best possible decisions for the people of Powys.

# 1. Proposal Information

<b>Author name</b>	Rebecca Jeremy, Economic Strategy and Climate Lead
<b>Head of service</b>	Diane Reynolds, Head of Digital Services
<b>Portfolio holder</b>	David Selby, portfolio holder for Cabinet Member for a More Prosperous Powys
<b>Proposal title</b>	UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Mid Wales Regional Investment Plan
<b>Description of proposal</b>	<p>The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is a central pillar of the UK government's ambitious Levelling Up agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK. It provides £2.6 billion of new funding for local investment by March 2025, with all areas of the UK receiving an allocation from the Fund via a funding formula rather than a competition.</p> <p>The UKSPF will support the UK government's wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK by delivering on each of the levelling up objectives. There are three UKSPF investment priorities: Communities and Place, Supporting Local Business and People and Skills (including Multiply).</p> <p>Powys County Council is required to work with Ceredigion County Council to develop a Regional Investment Plan for Mid Wales, that is to be submitted to UK Government by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 – that will set the framework for the investment. This will then allow projects to come forward for funding.</p> <p>It is expected that projects developed under the SPF will be aware of and address, the wellbeing of current and future generations, whilst addressing the needs of the people Powys County Council currently serves.</p>

## 2. Savings and Consultation requirements

### Profile of savings delivery

### Consultation requirements

<b>Consultation required?</b>	No
<b>Justification</b>	Public and staff consultations have taken place.

### 3. Impact on other service areas, geographical areas and data protection

#### 3a. Impact on other service areas

[Redacted]

#### 3b. Impact on geographical locations

The entire county

#### 3c. Data protection impact assessment

Will the proposal involve processing the personal details of individuals?	No
Is Powys County Council the data controller?	No
Further information	[Redacted]

### 4. Impact on Vision 2025

#### 4a. The economy

<b>Impact</b>	<p>The Supporting Local Business investment priority will enable places to fund interventions that support local businesses to thrive, innovate and grow.</p> <p>The Communities and Place investment priority will enable places to invest to restore their community spaces and relationships and create the foundations for economic development at the neighbourhood level. The intention of this is to strengthen the social fabric of communities, supporting in building pride in place.</p> <p>The People and Skills investment priority can provide funding to help reduce the barriers some people face to employment and support them to move towards employment and education. This theme can also target funding into skills for local areas to support employment and local growth.</p> <p>Multiply (as part of the People and Skills Investment Priority) will provide support for adult numeracy.</p>
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging</li> <li>• Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest</li> <li>• Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost</li> <li>• Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency</li> </ul>
<b>Mitigated impact rating</b>	Very good

#### 4b. Health and care

<b>Impact</b>	<p>The SPF will provide investment into the following which will support this priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investment in Skills</li> <li>Investment for Local Business</li> <li>Investment in Communities and Place</li> <li>Supporting People into Employment</li> </ul>
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good



<b>Mitigation</b>	Each place will have the flexibility to invest across a range of activities that represent the right solutions to improve local pride in place, increase life chances, to help spread and create opportunity, and a sense of community and belonging.
<b>Mitigated impact rating</b>	Very good

#### 4c. Learning and skills

<b>Impact</b>	<p>The People and Skills investment priority can provide funding to help reduce the barriers some people face to employment and support them to move towards employment and education. This then can also target funding into skills for local areas to support employment and local growth. This will increase life chances, and will help spread and create opportunity for all.</p> <p>Multiply (as part of the People and Skills Investment Priority) will provide support for adult numeracy. This will reduce barriers to employment and improve employment opportunities and outcomes for families living in poverty. This will have a positive impact on all generations accessing education.</p>
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	We will provide high quality educational opportunities for all our learners. We will embrace the challenges of being a large rural organisation and use technology to improve access for all.
<b>Mitigated impact rating</b>	Very good

#### 4d. Residents and communities

<b>Impact</b>	The Communities and Place investment priority will enable places to invest to restore their community spaces and relationships and create the foundations for economic development at the neighbourhood level. The intention of this is to strengthen the social fabric of communities, supporting in building pride in place.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	The Communities and Place investment interventions will contribute to the PCC priority of 'Connected Communities'.
<b>Mitigated impact rating</b>	Very good

#### 4e. Evidence

The UKSPF is a 3 year fund from 21-22 to 24-5. It provides the opportunity for Services to progress existing priorities within corporate strategies and plans in the short-medium term that work towards our long-term priorities. Projects will need to be informed by existing Corporate Strategies/plans and Impact Assessed accordingly.

## 5. Impact on well-being goals including Welsh language and equalities

### 5a. A prosperous Wales

<b>Impact</b>	The Supporting Local Business investment priority will enable places to fund interventions that support local businesses to thrive, innovate and grow. The People and Skills investment priority can provide funding to help reduce the barriers some people face to employment and support them to move towards employment and education. This then can also target funding into skills for local areas to support employment and local growth. It will be an opportunity to contribute to the progressive plan to encourage locally owned and run small businesses at the heart of thriving towns and villages, contributing to a circular economy creating local and sustainable jobs.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	PCC service areas have collaborated and contributed to the UKSPF application process and will continue to do so for the life-time of the fund.
<b>Mitigated impact rating</b>	Very good

### 5b. A resilient Wales

<b>Impact</b>	<p>The Communities and Place SPF investment priority will enable places to invest to restore their community and green spaces and create relationships and to enhance the foundations for social and economic development at the neighbourhood-level. The intention of this is to strengthen the social fabric of communities, supporting in building pride in place.</p> <p>The funding can also be used to increase communities' resilience to natural hazards such as flooding and can be used to transition the community to low carbon living.</p>
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<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Ensure that projects complement PCC's Climate Strategy.
<b>Mitigated impact rating</b>	Very good

## 5c. A healthier Wales

<b>Impact</b>	Funding via the three UKSPF investment priorities of Communities and Place, Supporting Local Business and People and Skills will positively benefit people's physical and mental well-being with interventions that will share prosperity with all sectors of the communities in Powys. Many projects will directly address issues highlighted in the The Progressive Partnership for Powys document where Supporting Vulnerable People is a priority.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	The Communities and Place SPF investment priority will enable places to create the foundations for improved health and wellbeing. The intention of this is to strengthen the social and economic fabric of communities and build pride in place.
<b>Mitigated impact rating</b>	Very good

## 5d. A Wales of cohesive communities

<b>Impact</b>	Many of the UKSPF interventions chosen by PCC will improve, enhance or support communities, with thorough opportunities to be involved, community spaces, and improved safe places. Active travel and internet or mobile connectivity are included in the proposed interventions. A public consultation exercise has been successfully delivered to contribute to the choice of interventions being put forward.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	All funded projects, will look to generate wealth, provide jobs and training by efficiently using funding from the programmes. In addition, improvement to transport and green infrastructure will improve accessibility, connecting people more effectively to facilities and jobs.
<b>Mitigated impact rating</b>	Very good

## 5e. A globally responsible Wales

<b>Impact</b>	<p>The fund of £27 million from the UKSPF will improve the broad outcomes for everyone by sharing prosperity through interventions that help Communities and Place, Support Local Businesses and enhance the Skills of people of all abilities. Vulnerable, disadvantaged or seldom heard communities will be helped directly and indirectly by many of the interventions chosen by PCC.</p> <p>All projects will seek to improve the economic, social and cultural well-being of the community.</p>
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Awareness of the PCC Climate Change Strategy, including commitment to the circular economy and local procurement.
<b>Mitigated impact rating</b>	Very good

## 5f. A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language

### Using Welsh

<b>Impact</b>	<p>The three UKSPF investment priorities: Communities and Place, Supporting Local Business and People and Skills will support the PCC priority of Developing Prosperous towns and villages and will in turn help to sustain Welsh speaking communities.</p> <p>Organisations who benefit from funding will be expected to comply with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011, the Council's Welsh Language Standards and assist in meeting actions in the Welsh Language Strategy.</p>
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Projects will align with the actions in the Council's Welsh Language Strategy, working in partnership with Welsh medium local organisations for support and delivery where needed.
<b>Mitigated impact rating</b>	Very good

### Promoting Welsh

<b>Impact</b>	The use of the Welsh language will be promoted and organisations who benefit from funding will be expected to comply with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011, the Council's Welsh Language Standards and assist in meeting the actions in the Welsh Language Strategy.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Projects will align with the actions in the Council's Welsh Language Strategy, working in partnership with Welsh medium local organisations for support and delivery where needed.
<b>Mitigated impact rating</b>	Very good

## Sports, Art & Recreation

<b>Impact</b>	UKSPF Interventions offer a wide range of opportunities for projects that can positively contribute to the overall participation in sport, art and recreation. For example, there are specific interventions relating to sports facilities, culture and heritage.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Not specified

## 5g. A more equal Wales

### Age

<b>Impact</b>	UKSPF Interventions can be offered to all citizens of all abilities and ages.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Not specified

### Disability

<b>Impact</b>	The UKSPF offers broad interventions that can help citizens of all abilities with a range of activities that represent the right solutions to improve local pride in place, increase life chances, to help spread and create opportunity, and a sense of community and belonging.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Not specified

### Gender Reassignment

<b>Impact</b>	The UKSPF offers broad interventions that can help all citizens with a range of activities that represent the right solutions to improve local pride in place, increase life chances, to help spread and create opportunity, and a sense of community and belonging.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Not specified

### Marriage or Civil Partnership

<b>Impact</b>	The UKSPF offers broad interventions that can help all citizens with a range of activities that represent the right solutions to improve local pride in place, increase life chances, to help spread and create opportunity, and a sense of community and belonging.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Not specified

### Race

<b>Impact</b>	The UKSPF offers broad interventions that can help all citizens with a range of activities that represent the right solutions to improve local pride in place, increase life chances, to help spread and create opportunity, and a sense of community and belonging.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Not specified

### Religion or Belief

<b>Impact</b>	The UKSPF offers broad interventions that can help all citizens with a range of activities that represent the right solutions to improve local pride in place, increase life chances, to help spread and create opportunity, and a sense of community and belonging.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Not specified

### Sex

<b>Impact</b>	The UKSPF offers broad interventions that can help all citizens with a range of activities that represent the right solutions to improve local pride in place, increase life chances, to help spread and create opportunity, and a sense of community and belonging.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Not specified

### Sexual Orientation

<b>Impact</b>	The UKSPF offers broad interventions that can help all citizens with a range of activities that represent the right solutions to improve local pride in place, increase life chances, to help spread and create opportunity, and a sense of community and belonging.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Not specified

### Pregnancy and Maternity

<b>Impact</b>	The UKSPF offers broad interventions that can help all citizens with a range of activities that represent the right solutions to improve local pride in place, increase life chances, to help spread and create opportunity, and a sense of community and belonging.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Not specified

### Socio-economic Duty

<b>Impact</b>	The UKSPF offers broad interventions that can help all citizens with a range of activities that represent the right solutions to improve local pride in place, increase life chances, to help spread and create opportunity, and a sense of community and belonging. The People and Skills and Multiply interventions will be available to all people and will equally enhance the life chances of participants.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Very good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Not specified

### 5h. Evidence

Each place will have the flexibility to invest across a range of activities that represent the right solutions to improve local pride in place, increase life chances, to help spread and create opportunity, and a sense of community and belonging.

The balance of priorities should reflect local need and opportunity. The evidence to support each intervention is being gathered to support the preparation of the Local Investment Plan.

## 6. Impact on key guiding principles & workforce

### 6a. Sustainable development principles

#### Long-term

<p><b>Impact</b></p>	<p>The UKSPF will support the UK government's wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK by delivering on each of the levelling up objectives to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging</li> <li>Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest</li> <li>Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost</li> <li>Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency</li> </ul> <p>The primary goal of the UKSPF is to build pride in place and increase life changes across the UK.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the £27 million investment in Powys will have a long lasting impact and legacy in the county.</p>
<p><b>Impact rating</b></p>	<p>Good</p>
<p><b>Mitigation</b></p>	<p>Not specified</p>

#### Collaboration

<p><b>Impact</b></p>	<p>Working with other organisations will be key to the successful delivery of the SPF Investment Plan.</p>
<p><b>Impact rating</b></p>	<p>Good</p>



<b>Mitigation</b>	Ensure full consultation and engagement with stakeholders throughout the lifetime of the programme.
<b>Mitigated impact rating</b>	Very good

### Involvement (including Communication and Engagement)

<b>Impact</b>	<p>An external consultation exercise was undertaken in June to capture views on what people felt were the priority investments for Powys and Ceredigion. A total of 176 responses were received from across all sectors.</p> <p>A webinar is being held on 11th July to further engage with the communities within Powys and Ceredigion.</p>
<b>Impact rating</b>	Good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Not specified

### Prevention

<b>Impact</b>	<p>A process of internal and external engagement has been undertaken throughout May and June including: thematic workshops; meetings with key stakeholders; cross-party working group meetings; MP engagement; presentations at the Regional Skills Partnership and Growing Mid Wales Partnership meetings.</p> <p>An evidence base has been gathered to inform need and demand for specific interventions and a mapping exercise has taken place to map interventions against corporate priorities and other strategic documents.</p>
<b>Impact rating</b>	Good
<b>Mitigation</b>	Continually monitor and review throughout the lifetime of the Fund.
<b>Mitigated impact rating</b>	Very good

### Integration

<b>Impact</b>	None
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### 6b. Impact on the workforce

<b>Impact</b>	There will be additional workload as a result of receiving the funding allocation however the Economy Service has been restructured to be able to manage the anticipated additional workload. Should further resource be required, there is sufficient budget within the Fund to allow for additional staff to be recruited.
<b>Impact rating</b>	Neutral
<b>Mitigation</b>	Not specified

## 6c. Impact on payroll

<b>Impact</b>	None
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## 6d. Welsh language impact on staff

<b>Impact</b>	None
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## 6e. Impact on apprenticeships

<b>Impact</b>	None
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## 6f. Evidence

No evidence is provided as it is not envisaged that there will be an impact on the workforce.

The only requirement may be additional staff resource to manage the Fund but there is sufficient budget for this from UK Government and won't impact on existing staff.

# 7. Likelihood and risks

## Risk 2

<b>Description</b>	Not fulfilling UK Government's requirements in terms of completion of the Regional Investment Plan				
<b>Likelihood score</b>	3	<b>Impact score</b>	4	<b>Risk rating</b>	12.0
<b>Mitigation</b>	Yes - regular liaison with Officers from UK Government should ensure that requirements are being met.				

<b>Residual likelihood score</b>	2	<b>Residual impact score</b>	2	<b>Residual risk rating</b>	4.0
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## Risk 2

<b>Description</b>	Failure to spend to profile				
<b>Likelihood score</b>	3	<b>Impact score</b>	4	<b>Risk rating</b>	12.0
<b>Mitigation</b>	Yes - regular communication with UK Government to inform of progress. UK Gov has also advised that there is flexibility to reprofile once the programme progresses.				
<b>Residual likelihood score</b>	2	<b>Residual impact score</b>	2	<b>Residual risk rating</b>	4.0

## 8. Overall summary and judgement

### Outline assessment

The Shared Prosperity Fund will have the potential to have a positive effect on all aspects covered within this Impact Assessment.

The Investment Plan will seek to improve the economic, social and cultural well-being of the community and leave a lasting positive impact. Proposals developed by Powys County Council & partner organisations under this Plan will prevent problems occurring or getting worse. The SPF will look

to develop interventions and outputs that respond to local issues and will:

- Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging
- Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest
- Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost
- Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency

**Cabinet reference**

## 9. Additional evidence

# 10. Ongoing monitoring arrangements and governance

## Monitoring arrangements

The Shared Prosperity Fund will have grant award conditions issued by the UK Government that will set out robust monitoring arrangements for delivery of the Investment Plan.

On an operational level, a project management team will have responsibility for monitoring the impact of the project over time. It is likely that an external evaluation will also be commissioned but we await further guidance from UK Gov.

A partnership will be set up to provide the strategic oversight of programme delivery.

<b>Review date</b>	23/01/2023
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