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Date: 20th September 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

A multi-locational meeting of the **Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee** will be held in Penallta House, and via Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday, 26th September, 2023 at 5.30 pm** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda. Councillors and the public wishing to speak on any item can do so by making a request to the Chair. You are also welcome to use Welsh at the meeting, both these requests require a minimum notice period of 3 working days. A simultaneous translation will be provided on request.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chrissy', enclosed in a large, loopy oval shape.

Christina Harrhy
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

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1 To receive apologies for absence.	

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2 Declarations of Interest.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.

3 Consideration of any matter referred to this Committee in accordance with the call-in procedure.

4 Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.

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5 To receive and consider the following Cabinet reports*: -

1. Violence at Work Policy - 14th June 2023;
2. Welsh Language Standards Annual Report 2022-23 – 14th June 2023;
3. Proposed changes to the operation of the Welsh Church Acts Fund and the small Grants to the Voluntary Sector Fund. – 14th June 2023;
4. Mobilising Team Caerphilly – 12th July 2023;
5. George Street, Cwmcarn – Rear Walls Scheme – 12th July 2023;
6. Provisional Revenue Budget Outturn for 2022/23. – 26th July 2023.

**If a member of the Scrutiny Committee wishes for any of the above Cabinet reports to be brought forward for review at the meeting please contact Andrea Jones, 01443 864420, by 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 25th September 2023.*

To receive and consider the following Scrutiny reports: -

6 UK Shared Prosperity Fund - 6 Monthly Monitoring Update Report.

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7 Demonstration of My Caerphilly - CCBC Intranet Solution.

Circulation:

Councillors M.A. Adams, Mrs C. Forehead, J.E. Fussell, G. Enright, A. Gair, D.C. Harse, L. Jeremiah, G. Johnston (Chair), S. Kent, C.P. Mann, A. McConnell (Vice Chair), M. Powell, D.W.R. Preece, C. Thomas, L.G. Whittle, W. Williams and C. Wright

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CORPORATE AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 26TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**SUBJECT: CORPORATE AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND
CORPORATE SERVICES**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report the Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 Forward Work Programmes are essential to ensure that Scrutiny Committee agendas reflect the strategic issues facing the Council and other priorities raised by Members, the public or stakeholder.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members consider any changes and agree the final forward work programme prior to publication.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To improve the operation of scrutiny.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee forward work programme includes all reports that were identified at the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee meeting on Tuesday 27th June 2023, and the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Tuesday 18th July 2023. The work programme outlines the reports planned for the period September 2023 until March 2024.
- 5.2 The forward Work Programme is made up of reports identified by officers and

members. Members are asked to consider the work programme alongside the cabinet work programme and suggest any changes before it is published on the council website. The Scrutiny committee will review this work programme at every meeting going forward alongside any changes to the cabinet work programme or report requests.

5.3 The Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1, which presents the current status as at 4th September 2023. The Cabinet Work Programme is attached at Appendix 2. A copy of the prioritisation flowchart is attached at appendix 3 to assist the scrutiny committee to determine what items should be added to the forward work programme.

5.4 **Conclusion**

The work programme is for consideration and amendment by the scrutiny committee prior to publication on the council website.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

6.1 No assumptions are necessary.

7. **SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

7.1 As this report is for information only an Integrated Impact Assessment is not necessary.

8. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no specific financial implications arising as a result of this report.

9. **PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no specific personnel implications arising as a result of this report.

10. **CONSULTATIONS**

10.1 There are no consultation responses that have not been included in this report.

11. **STATUTORY POWER**

11.1 The Local Government Act 2000.

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Consultees: Richard Edmunds, Corporate Director for Education and Corporate Services

Mark S. Williams, Corporate Director for Economy and Environment
Rhian Kyte, Head of Regeneration and Planning
Robert Tranter, Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer
Lisa Lane, Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer,
Legal Services
Councillor Gary Johnston, Chair of Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny
Committee
Councillor Amanda McConnell, Vice Chair of Corporate and Regeneration
Scrutiny Committee

Appendices:

- Appendix 1 Corporate and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme
- Appendix 2 Cabinet Forward Work Programme
- Appendix 3 Forward Work Programme Prioritisation Flowchart

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Forward Work Programme - Corporate & Regeneration				
Date	Title	Key Issues	Author	Cabinet Member
26/09/23 17:30	UK Shared Prosperity Fund - 6 monthly Monitoring Update report	Progress updates on the delivery of the Local Investment Plan will be presented to CMT, Scrutiny Committee, thereafter to Cabinet, on a 6-monthly basis	Kyte, Rhian;	Cllr. Pritchard, James;
26/09/23 17:30	Development of a new CCBC intranet – DEMO PRESENTATION	(includes Members portal) – shaping the Member offer.	Donovan, Lynne;	Cllr. George, Nigel;
26/09/23 17:30	Economy and Environment 2023-24 budget monitoring report (period 3)	To inform members of projected revenue expenditure for the Economy & Environment Directorate for the 2023-24 financial year. Service Divisions include Regeneration & Planning Division, Infrastructure Services Division, Public Protection Division and Community & Leisure Services Division	David Roberts	Cllr Eleuned Stenner
07/11/23 17:30	NOTICE OF MOTION – PRIDE IN VETERANS STANDARD	In the name of Cllr. Carol Andrews & Cllr. Theresa Heron	Sullivan, Emma;	Cllr. George, Nigel;
07/11/23 17:30	Greater Blackwood Masterplan	For Members to consider the Draft Greater Blackwood Masterplan. The report will seek the views of members prior to its presentation to Cabinet, where Cabinet will be asked to endorse the Draft Masterplan as the basis for a public consultation exercise	Kyte, Rhian;	Cllr. Pritchard, James;
07/11/23 17:30	Listed Buildings at Risk Strategy	For Member's to consider prior to Cabinet approval for the Authority's Buildings at Risk Register and Strategy which sets out a framework for the preservation and enhancement of listed buildings at risk over the period 2023-2028.	Kyte, Rhian;	Cllr. Leonard, Philippa;
07/11/23 17:30	Revised Town Centre Management Model	To provide an update on the pilot of the Town Centre Stakeholder Meetings which were originally approved for a 12-month trial, and to obtain Scrutiny committee comments on the new model prior to consideration of its adoption by Cabinet	Kyte, Rhian;	Cllr. Pritchard, James;
07/11/23 17:30	Information Item - Workforce Development Strategy 2021-24 - annual update	To provide Members with an annual update with the progress against the Workforce Development Strategy.	Donovan, Lynne;	Cllr. George, Nigel;
07/11/23 17:30	Information Item - Employee Well being Strategy 2021-24 - annual update	To provide Cabinet with an annual update with the progress against the Employee Well being Strategy.	Donovan, Lynne;	Cllr. George, Nigel;
09/01/24 17:30	IT Security Update	Seeking assurance on the Councils Cyber Security arrangements.	Lucas, Liz;	Cllr. George, Nigel;
09/01/24 17:30	Recruitment Update	Impact of new team.	Donovan, Lynne;	Cllr. George, Nigel;
09/01/24 17:30	Employee Volunteering Scheme, update and initial 6 months review	Summary of data and feedback from the first 6 months of the Employee Volunteering Scheme including survey results from the people and organisations involved, identified benefits and potential improvements.	Donovan, Lynne;	Cllr. George, Nigel;
09/01/24 17:30	Economic Regeneration Strategy		Kyte, Rhian;	Cllr. Pritchard, James;
20/02/24 17:30	Strategic Equality Plan		Cullinane, Anwen;	Cllr. George, Nigel;

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Meeting date:	Report title:	Key issue:	Report author	Cabinet Member:
20/09/2023 13:00 p.m.	Development and Governance Strategy - Housing	For Cabinet to consider the establishment of the development strategy which details the principles, practices and governance arrangements which are needed to facilitate, enable and support the new build objectives of Caerphilly Homes now and in the future.	Nick Taylor-Williams/Jane Roberts-Waite	Cllr Shayne Cook
20/09/2023	Winter Service Plan Update	To provide an update to Cabinet on key winter service activities and priorities in relation to winter maintenance and flooding and to seek Cabinet endorsement of the updated Winter Service Plan.	Marcus Lloyd	Cllr Nigel George
20/09/2023	Corporate Performance Assessment	For Cabinet to agree the Corporate Performance Assessment for the year end 2022/23.	Sue Richards/Ros Roberts	Cllr Eluned Stenner
20/09/2023	Public Protection Enforcement Annual Report for 2022/23	For Cabinet to agree progress and performance.	Rob Hartshorn	Cllr. Philippa Leonard
20/09/2023	Proposal for the closure of Cwm Glas Infants School	For Cabinet to give approval to consult on the closure of Cwm Glas Infants School from September 2024 as outlined in the Welsh Government School Organisation Code 2018.	Sue Richards/Andrea West	Cllr. Carol Andrews
20/09/2023	Shared Prosperity Fund – SPF Programme Board and Terms of Reference	This report seeks Cabinet approval for the up to date Terms of Reference for the SPF Programme Board; and seeks	Rhian Kyte/Paul Hudson/Allan Dallimore/ Sue Richards	Cllr James Pritchard/ Cllr Eluned Stenner

Meeting date:	Report title:	Key issue:	Report author	Cabinet Member:
		appropriate delegation for the Board to make timely decisions on virement of funding within the Programme in recognition of the extremely tight time constraints associated with the delivery of the SPF Programme by March 2025.		
18/10/2023 13:00 p.m.	Support for pupils unable to attend school (formerly “Tuition” report).	To seek Cabinet approval for proposals for revising the model of support for pupils accessing tuition.	Keri Cole	Cllr Carol Andrews
18/10/2023	NRW CCBC Collaboration Agreement - Cwmcarn Forest Drive	To allow Cabinet to review the outcome of the 2-year pilot in respect of the CCBC management of the Cwmcarn Forest Drive and consider whether or not to extend the collaboration agreement for the continued management of the drive with Natural Resources Wales for a further 5 year period.	Antony Bolter/Allan Dallimore	Cllr James Pritchard
18/10/2023	Caerphilly Homes – Re-development of the Former Oakdale Comprehensive School	To seek Cabinet approval for the signing of a delivery agreement (DA) via SCAPE with Willmott Dixon to deliver an 85 new home mixed tenure scheme.	Jane Roberts-Waite/Mark Noakes/Steve Wilcox and colleagues from Willmott Dixon	Cllr Shayne Cook
18/10/2023	Caerphilly Homes – Re-development of the Former Ty Darran Care Home, Risca	To seek Cabinet approval for the signing of a delivery agreement (DA) via SCAPE with Willmott Dixon to deliver a	Jane Roberts-Waite/Mark Noakes/Steve Wilcox	Cllr Shayne Cook

Cabinet Forward Work Programme – 20th September 2023

Appendix 2

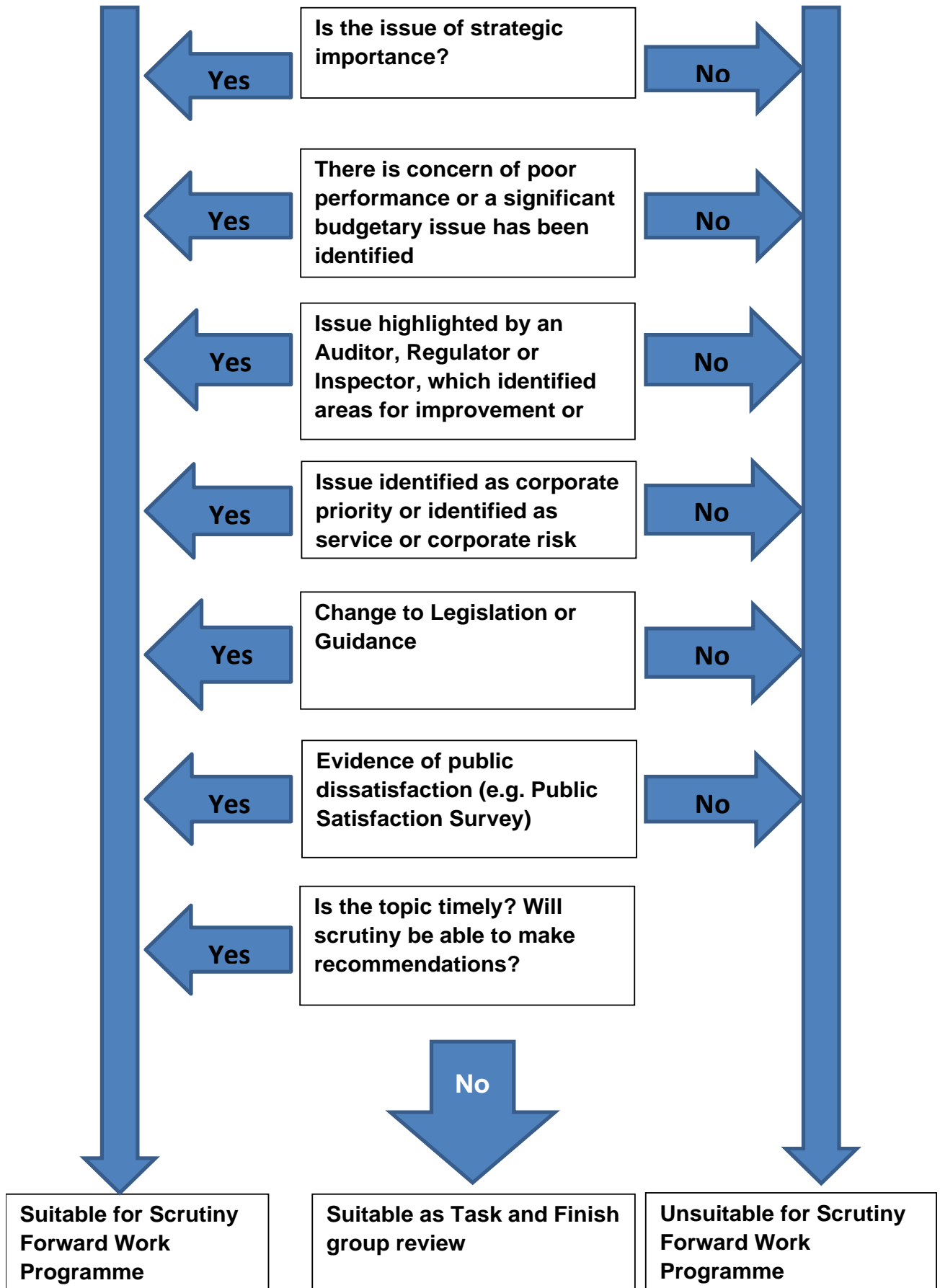
Meeting date:	Report title:	Key issue:	Report author	Cabinet Member:
		46 new, affordable home later living scheme which will set the ambition for the future of later living accommodation in the county borough.	and colleagues from Wilmott Dixon	
18/10/2023	Additional highway safety works - B4251 Gelligroes to Ynysddu	To seek cabinet approval for additional highway safety related works on the B4251, Gelligroes to Ynysddu	Chris Adams/Marcus Lloyd	Cllr Nigel George
18/10/2023	Corporate Plan (including Well-Being Objectives) 2023 to 2028	To consider the Councils Corporate Plan and Well-being Objectives 2023 to 2028	Christina Harrhy/Sue Richards/ Kath Peters	Leader/Cllr Eluned Stenner
18/10/2023	Recycling Contamination Process	To agree a process to reduce contamination of recycling materials	Rhodri Lloyd/ Marcus Lloyd	Cllr Chris Morgan
18/10/2023	Exempt item - Ness Tar	Exempt item subject to Public Interest Test	Rhian Kyte	Cllr James Pritchard
15/11/2023 13:00 p.m.	Annual Report for Corporate Complaints 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023	To review and assess the effectiveness of complaints handling in respect of the annual data for 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 under the Corporate Complaints Policy.	Lisa Lane	Cllr Nigel George
15/11/2023	Revised Town Centre Management Model	For Cabinet to consider the outcomes of the trial of an alternative town centre management model and determine the preferred way forward.	Rhian Kyte/Jo Hillier Raikes	Cllr James Pritchard
13/12/2023 13:00 p.m.	Sustainable Communities for Learning Band B Proposal –	For Cabinet to consider the Consultation Report and	Sue Richards/Andrea West	Cllr Carol Andrews

Meeting date:	Report title:	Key issue:	Report author	Cabinet Member:
	Ysgol Y Lawnt / Upper Rhymney Primary	approve the publication of a Statutory Notice		
13/12/2023	Proposal for the closure of Cwm Glas Infants School	For Cabinet to consider the Consultation Report and approve the publication of a Statutory Notice	Sue Richards/Andrea West	Cllr Carol Andrews
13/12/2023	Corporate Self Assessment	For Cabinet to consider the Council Self-Assessment report 2022/23	Sue Richards	Cllr Eluned Stenner
13/12/2023	HRA Budget Outturn Report 2023	For Cabinet to consider the HRA Budget Outturn Report for 2022/2023	Lesley Allen	Cllr Shayne Cook
13/12/2023	Housing Offices Rationalisation Report	As part of a review of how we provide housing services to our customers and communities, and following a comprehensive customer consultation exercise, we are seeking approval to permanently close all existing Housing Offices, replacing them with a centralised Housing Office in Penallta House. This will facilitate service modernisation and improvements by reducing the need for customers to travel to a housing office to receive services, making housing officers more available to our customers through working agilely within our communities,	Fiona Wilkins/Julie Reynolds/Nick Taylor-Williams	Cllr Shayne Cook

Meeting date:	Report title:	Key issue:	Report author	Cabinet Member:
		thereby increasing opportunities for access and engagement and building better relationships with our customers.		
13/12/2023	Greater Blackwood Masterplan	For Members to consider the Draft Greater Blackwood Masterplan. The report will seek the views of members prior to its presentation to Cabinet, where Cabinet will be asked to endorse the Draft Masterplan as the basis for a public consultation exercise.	Rhian Kyte	Cllr James Pritchard
13/12/2023	Cwm lfor Solar Farm final business case	Consideration of updated financial information and options for Cwm lfor Solar Farm to inform whether to proceed with granting additional funding for the grid connection followed by progression of the final business case.	Anna Lewis/Paul Cooke/Sue Richards	Cllr James Pritchard

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Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme Prioritisation



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CORPORATE AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 26TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**SUBJECT: UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - 6 MONTHLY
MONITORING UPDATE REPORT**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMY AND
ENVIRONMENT**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update to Scrutiny Committee on the delivery of the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) within Caerphilly CBC as part of the UK Government's Levelling Up programme.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 The UKSPF is intended to support the UK Government's wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK by delivering on each of the levelling up objectives. The primary goal of the UKSPF is to build pride in place, and increase life chances, across the UK.
- 2.3 Underneath the overarching aim of building pride in place, and increasing life chances, there are three UKSPF investment priorities: **Communities and Place; Supporting Local Business; and People and Skills.**
- 2.4 Caerphilly County Borough has an allocation of £28,272,298, and an allocation of £5,901,499 for *Multiply (*UK Gov Adult Numeracy Programme).

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Scrutiny Committee:
- (i) Note the detail of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund update and six-monthly monitoring report and the opportunities for the programme to contribute to the Council's own Place Shaping, Transformation and Regeneration agendas.

- (ii) Recognise the progress officers and stakeholders have made in mobilising a significant investment programme within the time constraints afforded by the funding programme.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To enable the Scrutiny Committee to have effective oversight of the SPF Programme as part of the effective management, administration, and delivery of the UKSPF Programme for Caerphilly CBC.
- 4.2 To ensure that the Authority is fully prepared to maximise funding opportunities from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for the benefits of CCBC citizens and communities.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 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.

5.2 The UKSPF is intended to 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:

- 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.

The primary goal of the UKSPF is to build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK. It aligns with the Levelling Up fund proposals which were considered in a previous report to Cabinet.

5.3 Underneath the overarching aim of building pride in place and increasing life chances, there are three UKSPF investment priorities: **Communities and Place**; **Supporting Local Business**; and **People and Skills**.

- 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 and building pride in place.
- 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 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.
- 5.4 Within the context of the fund’s aims, 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. This flexible approach represents a key shift from the previous EU system.
- 5.5 To enable access to the UKSPF funding, regional Lead Local Authorities (in Wales) needed to complete an Investment Plan, setting out, how they intend to use and deliver the funding. From the Council’s perspective, Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT), as Lead Local Authority for the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR), submitted a Regional Investment Plan on behalf of the ten local authorities that comprise the Cardiff Capital Region in August 2022 to the UK Government with Cabinet endorsing the Local Investment Plan for Caerphilly County Borough, on 26 September 2023.
- 5.6 The UK Government announced the acceptance of investment plans across the UK in December 2022, delayed from October 2022. Draft funding agreements, based on the UK Government’s Memorandum of Understanding, were subsequently circulated by Rhondda Cynon Taf Council in January 2023 and a final agreement signed in April 2023.
- 5.7 In January 2023, CCBC established a Shared Prosperity Programme Board (the Board), to provide executive leadership and oversight of the delivery of the projects within the Local Investment Plan. As part of the boards Terms of Reference, it was determined that the Board will provide regular progress updates on the delivery of the Local Investment Plan to Scrutiny Committee.
- 5.8 Subsequently, good developments and progress has occurred in terms of mobilising a number of the projects as identified in the Local Investment Plan, and further to Cabinet approving in June 2022, that identified projects schemes that could proceed at risk, in advance of the UK Government’s formal endorsement of the Regional Investment Plan.
- 5.9 Consequently, officers were able to submit a claim at the end of the first year of the programme for the period 2022-23 of £2.041M against an effective allocated 2022-23 budget of £5,131M, allowing for contributions to RCT for their administrative role as lead authority.

Table 1 – First Year Claim (**Appendix 1**)

Investment Pillar	Spend	Budget
Communities & Place	£625,511.86	£1,514,083.39
Local Business	£1,201,722.80	£1,397,760.00
People & Skills	£128,330.83	£382,016.79
Multiply	£82,827.16	£1,712,807.31
Management & Administration	£3,345.84	£125,166.69
Total	£2,041,738.49	£5,131,834.18

- 5.10 Due to the programme start delay incurred in 2022-23, across all Welsh Authorities, there was a recognition and identification, that certain outputs and outcomes for Multiply, were not likely to be achieved in Year 1. It was therefore, originally agreed to reduce the Year 1 funding allocation by £906,360. It has been subsequently agreed by UK Government, that this allocation could be carried forward to 2023-24 (Year 2 of the programme) along with other 2022-23 Multiply underspends, and it could either be kept within the 2023-24 Multiply allocation or transferred to People and Skills interventions.
- 5.11 A small monitoring and evaluation team have been employed since April 2023 as part of the administration of the programme, and along with finance officers, they have been undertaking extensive engagement with the various Project Lead Officers across the authority to support the delivery and monitoring of the Local Investment Plan and suite of projects. See **Appendix 2** Outline list of projects currently funded from SPF.
- 5.12 Projects that delivered in the first year of the programme include:
- Caerphilly Enterprise Fund provided financial support to seventy-eight (78) businesses, contributing to the creation of 149 jobs and helping to safeguard 426 jobs, leveraging £2.47m of private sector match funding against a spend of £918,466 of SPF grant.
 - 350 sq. m. of public realm and general improvements in town centres and green spaces.
 - Enhanced the Council's Cost of Living Scheme: activity included identifying 1,500 properties with an EPC rating of F and G to offer targeted support, Energy Crisis Grant launched, 331 household visits undertaken to provide energy efficiency advice. Energy efficient lightbulbs installed in forty-eight (48) newly let CCBC properties, 1,250 landlords contacted reinforcing Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards requirements.
 - Support to the initiation stage of the new Ffos Caerphilly Market.
 - Engagement with 754 community members through a community safety initiative that delivered funding to various community groups aimed at intervention and prevention work.
 - Enhanced events programme delivering increased footfall to town centres including new events for Blackwood and Ystrad Mynach.
 - Working with Anuerin Bevan Health Board to run sixteen workshops to support mental health through the creative arts.
 - Rural Development training delivered in partnership with GAVO to volunteers and voluntary organisations across the county borough.
 - Placemaking Plans for Blackwood and Bargoed town centres initiated.
 - Meanwhile Use specialist appointed to develop a Meanwhile Use Strategy, targeting town centres.
 - New Vzta App launched to support businesses across our principal town centres.
 - Free Wifi operational in five of our town centres: Blackwood, Risca, Ystrad Mynach, Bargoed, and Rhymney.
 - Six Support Officers in post across six schools, to help pupils with attendance, attainment, and behaviour in Key Stage 3 (KS3).
 - Tender notices now posted on Sell2Wales, to procure external delivery for the following lots:
 - Lot 1 – Essential Skills Numeracy Provision.
 - Lot 2 – Essential Skills Numeracy Provision through the medium of Welsh.
 - Lot 3 – GCSE Maths.

- Lot 4 – GCSE Maths through the medium of Welsh.
- Lot 5 – Online numeracy Provision Bilingual (English/Welsh).

Conclusion

- 5.13 The 2022-23 spend has been less than the budget allocated due to delays by the UK Government in approving and notifying Lead Authorities in respect of their Investment Plans. Despite this however, for the projects which form the basis of the Local Investment Plan, most have now gathered good momentum, and are gearing up towards delivery within the planned programme.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 Delivery of the programme is challenging with funding at risk if it is not committed in accordance with the in-year allocations.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 Refer to the Integrated Impact Assessment link – [Link to IIA](#)

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The UK Government has recently agreed to RCT's request for underspends from 2022-23 to be carried-forward into 2023-24, including all unallocated, and unspent Multiply funding.
- 8.2 Including the 2022/23 carried forward underspend, CCBC's allocation for 2023//24 is £11,714,951 across all four pillars.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 This programme is significant and challenging in terms of delivery and will place additional pressure on those service areas engaged in the programme, to provide the necessary staff support, in particular, Regeneration and Finance. A small team is already in place to support the administration and monitoring requirements of the programme, with further fixed term appointments needed, to cover engagement, evaluation, and financial administration, to support the extensive compliance requirements of this programme. These posts will be funded from the UKSPF programme accordingly.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 Consultation responses have been included in this report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Acts 1972 and 2000, Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Local Government and Elections Act 2021.

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Cllr. J Pritchard, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Regeneration and Climate Change.
Cllr. E Stenner, Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance.
Christina Harrhy, Chief Executive.
Dave Street, Deputy Chief Executive.
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Richard Edmunds, Corporate Director of Education and Corporate Services.
Stephen Harris, Head of Financial Services and Section 151 Officer.
Rob Hartshorn, Head of Public Protection, Community and Leisure Services.
Rhian Kyte, Head of Regeneration and Planning.
Liz Lucas, Head of Customer and Digital Services.
Marcus Lloyd, Head of Infrastructure.
Nick Taylor Williams, Head of Housing.
Allan Dallimore, Regeneration Services Manager.
Robert Tranter, Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer.
Sue Richards, Head of Education Planning and Strategy.
Lynne Donovan, Head of People Services.
Anwen Cullinane, Senior Policy Officer, Equalities and Welsh Language.
Ian Raymond, Principal Project Officer.
Dave Roberts, Principal Group Accountant.

Appendix 1: 2022-23 Claim Submitted.

Appendix 2: Outline list of projects funded by UKSPF (26-09-23).

Appendix 1 – 2022-23 Claim Submitted (UKSPF_RCT_Extract) – Scrutiny 26-09-23

UKSPF 6 Month Progress Report

Lead Local Authority	Rhondda Cynon Taf C.B.C		Report Period Ending	31/03/2023
URN	UKSPF-422 W Rhondda Cynon Taf			
New Contact email address (if changed since last report)				
Priority	Spend to date by Investment Priority (please give Management & Administration spend separately)	Forecast Spend at end FY (excluding M&A)	Brief note on expected spend (optional - Use dropdown "On track"; Underspend; Overspend)	
Communities & Place	£625,511.86	£625,511.86	Underspend	
Local Business	£1,201,722.80	£1,201,722.80	Underspend	
People & Skills	£128,330.83	£128,330.83	Underspend	
Multiply	£82,827.16	£82,827.16	Underspend	
Management & Administration	£3,345.84	£3,345.84	Underspend	
Delivery RAG (drop-down)			Brief note on Trend (use dropdown)	
Communities & Place	A/G		Unchanged	
Local Business	A/G		Unchanged	
People & Skills	A/G		Unchanged	
Multiply	A/G		Unchanged	
Progress Summary, please provide narrative of UKSPF progress to date, including explanation of RAG ratings. This narrative could include latest milestones met, emerging themes (Opportunities, challenges, etc) and details of non-material changes. (Max 250 words)				
<p>A delay in the programme sign off following acceptance of the Investment Plan resulted in a number of projects mobilising after anticipated starting dates. The Multiply Project commenced delivery in March 2023. Recruitment of tutors is on-going and external providers are being sought for a number of interventions through a tender process. A marketing campaign is planned to drive learner numbers in year 2. Unallocated Multiply funding is being used to support a wider range of projects in the Peoples & Skills Investment Priority pillar where recruitment of the staff team to deliver has reached about 60% of the capacity identified in the project team required to deliver the programme. Staff have been embedded in the Council's Caerphilly Cares programme to increase the efficiency and maximise the referral opportunities created under the programme. Local delivery began under People and Skills pillar in February and March respectively and commissioned activity is currently being explored. A significant project within the Supporting Local Business Pillar to introduce a new market space to the town centre of Caerphilly has secured additional funding from the Council and its delivery partner which has required a revision of the SPF budget within the SLB Investment Priority and is on track to open in the autumn of 2023. The business development grant programme has been successfully delivered in the first year with the 95% of allocated capital funds defrayed and claimed with a strong pipeline of projects for year 2 of the programme.</p>				
If you are underspent at year end, please provide details of the amount you would like to reprofile to the next financial year				
Underspend (capital) £	£480,373.73	Reprofile requested	£547,936.83	
Underspend (revenue) £	£936,921.63	Reprofile requested	£2,335,087.86	
Underspend (Multiply) £	£1,672,800.33	Reprofile (Multiply)	£207,071.00	
Please set out your plans to ensure that you can use reprofiled funding as well as the allocation for the next financial year. (Max 500 words). Please separate your plans for UKSPF core funding and Multiply. Your response should summarise:				
• Amount of funds committed to projects and the profile of that spend.				
<p>Multiply are looking to carry forward £200,000 for marketing and IT/equipment purchases plus admin of £7,071. Other than the re-allocation of Multiply funds identified in row 35, the budget is fully allocated to projects. Two projects have been abandoned due to alternative funding sources identified within the Communities & Place pillar (Fitness Suite Enhancement - £99,840 & a Mobile CCTV - £64,896 project) which have been reallocated to existing projects in the same Investment Priority Pillar. All remaining projects are either mobilised or in the planning phase. There are 26 projects under the Communities & Place Pillar with a spend profile of £1.51m in 2022/23, £1.99m in 2023/24 and £6.71m in 2024/25.</p>				
• Amount of funds allocated, but not committed to projects and the profile of that spend				
<p>£1,465,729.33 of the Multiply allocation from year 1 will be reallocated to People & Skills to support additional sub-regional commissioning project that had to be reduced due to the funding being weighted to year 3 of the programme and to support an increased fund for HE & private sector procurement and competition for employment led workforce development projects and increased funding for in demand green skills projects.</p>				
• Plan for the allocation of unallocated funds key milestones re timing of calls, commitment of funds and spend profiles.				
<p>Regional allocations from Multiply to existing projects to generate increased volumes of intervention outputs for W34, W36, W39, W40, W41 and W43 supporting local and regional commissioning plans that Torfaen CBC are leading on. The reallocation of funding to W39 will run alongside a competitive fund for business under the Supporting Local Business Pillar that is proposed to open at the end of May 2023. A key milestone in terms of the decision making is the next local SPF Programme Board meeting on 27 April to mobilise and endorse the proposals.</p>				
• Risk management i.e. confirmation that plans are in place to manage risks relating to project pipeline and capacity.				

An overall project risk register has been prepared for the local SPF Programme Board as part of the local governance structures and will be supported by individual project risk analysis that reports by exception to the local SPF Programme Board. The Board is chaired by the Council's S151 officer to ensure compliance and oversight of programme management and project risk with support from appropriate Heads of Service to ensure capacity resource issues are identified and appropriate mitigation considered to ensure project and programme delivery. A monitoring team has recently been appointed to support the delivery of the SPF programme in Caerphilly County Borough and is supported by the SPF Programme Manager. Torfaen CBC are the sub-regional lead on a number of joint commissioning projects and CCBC are working in partnership to manage the risks on these specific People & Skills pillar.

Have you spent your capacity funding? (One-off question - Drop-downs: Yes, No, Partially Spent)	
Approximate spend on in-house capacity building? (£)	
Approximate spend on external support? (£)	
Have you carried out any local evaluation (annual questions- Yes, No Drop Downs)	
If Yes have you	
Commissioned local programme level evaluation?	No
Commissioned local project evaluations?	No
Requested projects to undertake evaluation?	No
Received interim project evaluation reports?	No
Received final project evaluation reports?	No
Received Interim programme evaluation reports?	No
Received final programme evaluation reports?	No

Describe proposed or current evaluation activity (250 words max)

RCT have set up an operational group across the region where monitoring and evaluation arrangements will be discussed further as the RCT delivery t

**UK GOVERNMENT SHARED PROSPERITY FUND
CLAIM FORM 2022/23**

Local Partner Authority Name (will auto populate after completion of expenditure tab cell E2)	Caerphilly CBC
Period of Claim	1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

CLAIM SUMMARY 2022/23	
TOTAL SPF APPROVED AMOUNT £	TOTAL UKSPF GRANT AMOUNT CLAIMED £
£ 5,131,834.18	£ 2,041,738.49

Declaration - Section 151 Officer	
<p>I confirm that all the information provided within this report is accurate and that all material detail regarding expenditure and progress delivering the UKSPF Investment Plan has been disclosed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied management controls to mitigate the risk of fraud; • Applied management controls to ensure funding has been used in accordance with UK subsidy control legislation; • Applied management controls to ensure that any procurement undertaken by a Contracting Authority using UKSPF funds has complied with public procurement regulations; • Complied with its obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty; • Complied with the requirements under the General Data Protection Regulations. • Complied with the Agreement in place with Rhondda Cynon Taf C.B.C. regarding UK Shared Prosperity Grant Fund 	
Signature of S151 Officer.	
Name of S151 Officer (Printed):	Stephen Richard Harris
Position/Job Title:	Head of Financial Services & S151 Officer
Date:	14/04/2023
Please email completed claim forms to SPFCLAIMS@rctcbc.gov.uk	

For RCT CBC use;	
Rhondda Cynon Taf C.B.C.SPF Lead Team to check eligible expenditure following compliance sample testing of submitted claim.	
Total Amount Claimed	

Value of ineligible spend following compliance checks / clawback value	
Variance to claim submission	
Any action required	
Signature:	
Name (Printed):	
Position/Job Title:	
Date:	

UK GOVERNMENT SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

SUMMARY OF SPEND AND FORECAST POSITION 2022/23

Local Authority Partner Name (please select from drop down list). This is required to auto-populate the allocation cells below. Caerphilly CBC

Core Allocation by Investment Priority			
Investment Priority/Management & Administration	Capital	Revenue	Total
Communities & Place	£ 469,248.00	£ 1,044,835.39	£ 1,514,083.39
Local Business	£ 978,432.00	£ 419,328.00	£ 1,397,760.00
People & Skills	£ 24,960.00	£ 357,056.79	£ 382,016.79
Multiply	£ -	£ 1,712,807.31	£ 1,712,807.31
Total	£ 1,472,640.00	£ 3,534,027.49	£ 5,006,667.49

Total Spend in Financial Year 2022/23		
Capital	Revenue	Total
£ 6,830.78	£ 618,681.08	£ 625,511.86
£ 985,435.49	£ 216,287.31	£ 1,201,722.80
£ -	£ 128,330.83	£ 128,330.83
£ -	£ 82,827.16	£ 82,827.16
£ 992,266.27	£ 1,046,126.38	£ 2,038,392.65

Underspend 2022/23		
Capital	Revenue	Total
£ 462,417.22	£ 426,154.31	£ 888,571.53
-£ 7,003.49	£ 203,040.69	£ 196,037.20
£ 24,960.00	£ 228,725.96	£ 253,685.96
£ -	£ 1,629,980.15	£ 1,629,980.15
£ 480,373.73	£ 2,487,901.11	£ 2,968,274.84

C/f underspend from 2022/23		
Capital	Revenue	Total
£ 529,980.32	£ 358,591.21	£ 888,571.53
-£ 7,003.49	£ 203,040.69	£ 196,037.20
£ 24,960.00	£ 1,694,455.29	£ 1,719,415.29
£ -	£ 200,000.00	£ 200,000.00
£ 547,936.83	£ 2,456,087.20	£ 3,004,024.03

Variance between actual 22/23 underspend and c/f request		
Capital	Revenue	Total
£ 67,563.10	-£ 67,563.10	£ -
£ -	£ -	£ -
£ -	£ 1,465,729.33	£ 1,465,729.33
£ -	-£ 1,429,980.15	-£ 1,429,980.15
£ 67,563.10	-£ 31,813.92	£ 35,749.18

Multiply Allocation by Investment Priority and Management & Administration			
Management & Administration	Capital	Revenue	Total
Core	£ -	£ 82,346.50	£ 82,346.50
Multiply	£ -	£ 42,820.18	£ 42,820.18
Total	£ -	£ 125,166.69	£ 125,166.69

Total Spend in Financial Year 2022/23		
Capital	Revenue	Total
£ -	£ 3,345.84	£ 3,345.84
£ -	£ -	£ -
£ -	£ 3,345.84	£ 3,345.84

Underspend 2022/23		
Capital	Revenue	Total
£ -	£ 79,000.66	£ 79,000.66
£ -	£ 42,820.18	£ 42,820.18
£ -	£ 121,820.85	£ 121,820.85

C/f underspend from 2022/23		
Capital	Revenue	Total
£ -	£ 79,000.66	£ 79,000.66
£ -	£ 7,071.00	£ 7,071.00
£ -	£ 86,071.66	£ 86,071.66

Variance between actual 22/23 underspend and c/f request		
Capital	Revenue	Total
£ -	£ -	£ -
£ -	-£ 35,749.18	-£ 35,749.18
£ -	-£ 35,749.18	-£ 35,749.18

Grand Total	£ 1,472,640.00	£ 3,659,194.18	£ 5,131,834.18
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£ 992,266.27	£ 1,049,472.22	£ 2,041,738.49
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£ 480,373.73	£ 2,609,721.96	£ 3,090,095.69
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£ 547,936.83	£ 2,542,158.86	£ 3,090,095.69
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£ 67,563.10	-£ 67,563.10	£ 0.00
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Check to expenditure tab	£ 1,472,640	£ 3,659,194	£ 5,131,834
Balance	£ -	£ -	£ -

£ 992,266	£ 1,049,472	£ 2,041,738
£ -	£ -	£ -

£ 547,937	£ 2,542,159	£ 3,090,096
£ -	£ -	£ -

Communities & Place Outputs achieved so far (cumulative)

Output	W1: Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets, including better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs.	W3: Creation of and improvements to local green spaces, community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces.	W6: Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities.	W9: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.	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.	Total C&P Outputs	Forecast C&P Outputs (i.e., total expected Outputs across the life of the fund)
Amount of public realm created or improved (M2)	350						350	5575
Number of low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed (Number of units)							0	10
Number of organisations receiving grants (Number of organisations)							0	77
Number of organisations receiving non-financial support (Number of organisations)							0	1
Number of neighbourhood improvements undertaken (Number of improvements)							0	11
Number of amenities/facilities created or improved (Number of amenities or facilities)							0	97
Number of local events or activities supported (Number of events/activities)							0	50
Amount of green or blue space created or improved (M2)		200					200	1875
Number of new or improved cycleways or footpaths (Number of cycle ways or footpaths)		0					0	1
Number of Tourism, Culture or Heritage assets created or improved (Number of assets)							0	8
Number of events/participatory programmes (Number of events/participatory programmes)			18				18	
Number of volunteering opportunities supported (Number of opportunities)				24			24	40
Number of projects successfully completed (Number of projects)				1		0	1	25
Number of tournaments supported (Number of tournaments)							0	10
Number of feasibility studies developed as a result of support (Number of studies)						2	2	9
Number of households supported to take up energy efficiency measures (Number of households)					468		468	2700

Communities & Place Outcomes achieved so far (cumulative)

Outcome	W6: Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities.	W9: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.	W13: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change.	Total C&P Outcomes	Forecast C&P Outcomes
Increased footfall (Number of People)				0	11000
Increased visitor numbers (Number of People)				0	3600
Estimated Carbon dioxide equivalent reductions as a result of support (Tonnes of CO2e)				0	20
Improved perception of facilities/amenities (Number of people)				0	2500
Increased users of facilities/amenities (Number of Users)	56			56	27660
Increased use of cycleways or footpaths (Number of cyclists or pedestrians)				0	1000
Improved perception of safety (Number of people)				0	200
Neighbourhood crimes (Number of crimes reported)				0	400
Improved engagement numbers (Number of people)	56			56	67
Number of community-led arts, cultural, heritage and creative programmes as a result of support (Number of programmes)	3			3	10
Number of volunteering opportunities created as a result of support (Number of volunteering roles created)		4		4	400
The number of projects arising from funded feasibility studies (Number of projects)	3			3	16
Increased take up of energy efficiency measures (Number of households)			218	218	2700

Supporting Local Business Outputs achieved so far (cumulative)

Output	W16: Investment in open markets and improvements to town centre retail and service sector infrastructure, with wrap around support for small businesses.	Total LB Outputs	Forecast LB Outputs
Number of enterprises receiving financial support other than grants (Number of enterprises)		0	48
Number of enterprises receiving non- financial support (Number of enterprises)		0	600
Number of enterprises receiving grants (Number of enterprises)	70	70	284
Number of potential entrepreneurs assisted to be enterprise ready (Number of entrepreneurs)	4	4	25
Amount of commercial space completed or improved (M2)		0	7400
Number of enterprises engaged in new markets (Number of enterprises)	6	6	20
Number of low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed (Number of units)		0	13
Number of feasibility studies developed as a result of support (Number of studies)		0	8

Supporting Local Business Outcomes achieved so far (cumulative)

Outcome	W16: Investment in open markets and improvements to town centre retail and service sector infrastructure, with wrap around support for small businesses.	Total LB Outcomes	Forecast LB Outcomes
Jobs created as a result of support (Number of Full time equivalent (FTE))	156	156	274
Jobs safeguarded as a result of support (Number of Full time equivalent (FTE))	528	528	1126
Number of new enterprises created as a result of support (Number of new enterprises)	4	4	20
Increased footfall (Number of people)		0	1000
Increased visitor numbers (Number of people)		0	1000
Increased number of enterprises supported (Number of enterprises)	70	70	150
Number of enterprises adopting new to the firm technologies or processes (Number of enterprises)	15	15	51
Number of new to market products (Number of products)	7	7	20
Estimated Carbon dioxide equivalent reductions as a result of support (Tonnes of CO2e)		0	20
Number of enterprises increasing their export capability (number of enterprises)	8	8	20
The number of projects arising from funded feasibility studies (Number of projects)		0	8

People & Skills Outputs achieved so far (cumulative)

Output	W34: Employment support for economically inactive people.	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.	W36: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.	W38: Tailored support to help people in employment, who are not supported by mainstream provision to address barriers to accessing education and training courses. This includes supporting the retention of groups who are likely to leave the labour market early.	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 are not being met through other provision.	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 transitioning to green, and Industry 4.0 and 5.0 jobs.	W43: Funding to support engagement and softer skills development for young people, with regard to the work of Careers Wales/Working Wales.	Total P&S Outputs	Forecast P&S Outputs
Number of economically inactive people engaging with keyworker support services (Number of people)	10								10	600
Number of economically inactive people supported to engage with the benefits system (Number of people)	0								0	60
Number of socially excluded people accessing support (Number of people)	0								0	60
Number of people supported to access basic skills (Number of people)	0							0	0	320
Number of people accessing mental and physical health support leading to Employment (Number of people)	0								0	40
Number of people supported to engage in job-searching (Number of people)	0								0	180
Number of people receiving support to gain employment (Number of people)	0					0	0		0	110
Number of people receiving support to sustain employment (Number of people)	0						0		0	40
Number of effective engagements between keyworkers and additional services (Number of engagements)	0								0	200
Number of people supported to engage in life skills (Number of people)		0						97	97	700
Number of people supported onto a course through provision of financial support (Number of people)		0							0	25
Number of people supported to participate in education (Number of people)			0	0					0	270
Number of volunteering opportunities			0						0	50

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supported (Number of opportunities)										
Number of people taking part in work experience programmes (Number of people)			0						0	80
Number of people retraining (Number of people)				0					0	120
Number of people in employment engaging with the skills system (Number of people)				0					0	100
Number of people receiving support to gain a vocational licence (Number of people)					0				0	100
Number of people attending training sessions (Number of people)									0	20
Number of people supported to gain a qualification (Number of people)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	975

People & Skills Outcomes achieved so far (cumulative)

Outcome	W34: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer to mainstream provision and to gain and retain employment, including wraparound support to people undertaking apprenticeships, supplemented by additional and/or specialist life and basic skills.....	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.	W36: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.	W38: Tailored support to help people in employment, who are not supported by mainstream provision to address barriers to accessing education and training courses. This includes supporting the retention of groups who are likely to leave the labour market early.	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 are not being met through other provision.	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 transitioning to green, and Industry 4.0 and 5.0 jobs.	Total P&S Outcomes	Forecast P&S Outcomes
Number of economically inactive individuals engaged with benefits system following support (Number of people)	0							0	30
Number of active or sustained participants in community groups as a result of support (Number of participants)	0							0	75
Number of people reporting increased employability through development of interpersonal skills funded by UKSPF (Number of people)	0							0	300
Number of people with basic skills following support (Number of people)	0							0	150
Number of people in supported employment (Number of people)	0							0	40
Number of people engaging with mainstream healthcare services (Number of people)	0							0	100
Number of people sustaining engagement with keyworker support and additional services (Number of people)	0							0	200
Number of people engaged in job-searching following support (Number of people)	0							0	180
Number of people in employment, including self-employment, following support (Number of people)	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	250
Number of people sustaining employment for 6 months (number of people)	0							0	40
Number of people in education/training following support (Number of people)		0	0		0			0	125
Number of people experiencing reduced structural barriers into employment and into skills		0	0					0	250

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provision (Number of people)									
Number of people familiarised with employers expectations, including, standards of behaviour in the workplace (Number of people)			0					0	130
People gaining a qualification or completing a course following support (Number of people)						0	0	0	60
Number of people gaining qualifications, licences and skills (Number of people)				0				0	200
Number of economically active individuals engaged in mainstream skills education and training (Number of individuals)					0			0	100

Multiply Outputs achieved so far (cumulative)

Output	W44: Courses designed to increase confidence with numbers for those needing the first steps towards formal qualifications.	W45: Courses for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children, and help with their own progression.	W46: Courses aimed at prisoners, those recently released from prison or on temporary licence.	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.	W48: Additional relevant maths modules embedded into other vocational courses.	W49: Innovative programmes delivered together with employers – including courses designed to cover specific numeracy skills required in the workplace.	W50: New intensive and flexible courses targeted at people without Level 2 maths in Wales, leading to an equivalent qualification (for more information on equivalent qualifications, please see Qualifications can cross boundaries (sqa.org.uk))	W51: Courses designed to help people use numeracy to manage their money.	W52: Courses aimed at those 19 or over that are leaving, or have just left, the care system	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.	Total Multiply Outputs	Forecast Multiply Outputs
Number of adult numeracy courses run in a local area through Multiply (Number of courses)	1										1	400
Number of people participating in Multiply funded courses (Number of people)	9										9	1600
Number of people achieving a qualification (Number of people)											0	800
Number of courses developed in collaboration with employers (Number of courses)											0	7

Multiply Outcomes achieved so far (cumulative)

Outcome	W45: Courses for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children, and help with their own progression.	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.	W50: New intensive and flexible courses targeted at people without Level 2 maths in Wales, leading to an equivalent qualification (for more information on equivalent qualifications, please see Qualifications can cross boundaries (sqa.org.uk))	Total Multiply Outcomes	Forecast Multiply Outcomes
Number of adults achieving maths qualifications up to, and including, Level 2 equivalent (Number of adults)				0	89
Number of adults participating in maths qualifications and courses up to, and including, Level 2 equivalent (Number of adults)				0	180

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UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Local Investment Plan

CCBC

Outline List of projects funded by UKSPF

2022/25 Interventions and Projects

As at

26-09-2023.

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— UP —**



Interventions and Projects List

General Overview

At present, the funding allocations for 2022 to 2025 have been fully subscribed across numerous service departments, wider partnership arrangements, and a diverse range of community programmes.

The funding allocations are directed by the UK Government, based on a formula distribution, across three core Intervention Priorities, namely,

- **Communities and Place**
- **Supporting Local Businesses**
- **People and Skills.**

This funding stream is further supplemented by additional monies allocated for an investment priority called **Multiply**, which is a new government-funded programme to help adults improve their numeracy skills.

Across the UK, £2.6 Billion has been allocated, and across Wales, £585 Million.

Within the South-East Wales Regional Group (more details outlined below), there is an allocation totalling £278.5 Million.

Specifically for Caerphilly County Borough Council, the original allocation was, £34,173,795.

SPF Total		Multiply Total
£28,272,297	Total Values	£5,901,498
£3,431,104	2022-23	£1,784,174
£6,862,208	2023-24	£2,058,662
£17,978,985	2024-25	£2,058,662

Caerphilly forms part of an agreed South-East Wales Regional Group, with, Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Newport, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Torfaen, Vale of Glamorgan.

With Rhondda Cynon Taf appointed as the Lead Authority and co-ordinator.

There are two documented plans that will drive this programme delivery and the suite of identified priorities, namely.

- A Regional Investment Plan (for the Regional Group)
- A Local Investment Plan (for Caerphilly)

Current Interventions and Projects

The following tables outline the total budget allocations, number of projects (as originally allocated in 2022/23), as phased over the 3-year programme for Caerphilly (Local Investment Plan), and the suite of project reference names.

• Communities and Place

Allocations	Capital Yr 1	Revenue Yr 1	Capital Yr 2	Revenue Yr 2	Capital Yr 3	Revenue Yr 3	Total Capital	Total Revenue	Intervention Project Total
Value (£'s)	469,248	1,044,835	324,480	1,661,697	2,099,635	4,611,425	2,893,363	7,317,957	10,211,321
No of Projects	7	18	7	18	13	24	14	24	28

• Supporting Local Businesses

Allocations	Capital Yr 1	Revenue Yr 1	Capital Yr 2	Revenue Yr 2	Capital Yr 3	Revenue Yr 3	Total Capital	Total Revenue	Intervention Project Total
Value (£'s)	978,432	419,328	803,712	909,893	3,267,370	2,784,405	5,049,514	4,113,626	9,163,140
No of Projects	2	9	5	16	9	18	10	19	22

• People and Skills

Allocations	Capital Yr 1	Revenue Yr 1	Capital Yr 2	Revenue Yr 2	Capital Yr 3	Revenue Yr 3	Total Capital	Total Revenue	Intervention Project Total
Value (£'s)	24,960	357,057	10,284	2,728,113	10,592	4,182,789	45,836	7,267,959	7,313,794
No of Projects	1	8	1	5	1	9	1	9	9

And Multiply

Allocations	Capital Yr 1	Revenue Yr 1	Capital Yr 2	Revenue Yr 2	Capital Yr 3	Revenue Yr 3	Total Capital	Total Revenue	Intervention Project Total
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Value (£'s)		856,404		1,778,684		1,877,499		4,512,587	4,512,587
No of Projects		10		10		10		10	10

Communities and Place

Project Ref

W01. Public realm enhancement, street furniture, bin storage, railing and other decorative improvements.

W01. Town response team budget

W01. Town Response Team to deal with Audit issues

W02. Mixture of CCBC infrastructure and grants to visitor attractions and tourist destinations, including grants for provision at private sector tourist destinations.

W03. Green Space Team set up - to work under the management of our Parks Department

W03. Gwent Green Grid partners

W04: Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions that make up the local cultural and heritage offer.

W05. Funding to improve street or public street safety in conjunction with Gwent Police. Introduce counter terrorism measures (Hostile Vehicle Mitigation & Public Safety)

W05. Review of existing ASB prevention measures and new technology available. Funding to tackle anti-social behaviour problems at key hotspots (e.g., Morrisons Car Park - Bargoed - physical measures. Continuation of the Smart Water Project to support business owners to design out crime. Increased security in areas targeted by fly-tipping.
([Anti-Social Behaviour & Public Safety](#))

W05. Crime and Disorder Prevention Project – The project will run across all three sectors of the SPF, supporting each category by dealing with fundamental challenges that crime and disorder brings when trying to improve / support local communities
([Intervention & Prevention Co-ordinator](#))

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([Mobile CCTV Unit](#))

W06. Expand town centre events programme. Increased event funding administered by events staff

W06. Funding for cultural, heritage and art & craft events. Funding for maker spaces. Funding for local art galleries/museums/libraries for exhibitions. Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities. Support for displays for artists to showcase work. Locally led music and theatre performances, tours, author events and film screenings. Funding for cultural, .and creative events. Support for outreach/engagement/participatory programmes as part of wider local arts, cultural,

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heritage and creative activities. Support for the establishment/development of cultural/heritage collaborative networks to share knowledge locally. Support to re-introduce Community Carnivals. Support for Community Art and Community Competitions such as Towns in Bloom. Work with local schools to develop Tourist Trails and develop apps signposting to arts/community competitions. Digital Maker Space - Bargoed (Fab Lab) use in conjunction with WG (Welsh Government) TT funding.

W07. Active travel promotional budget - To support initiatives that support active travel use

W08. Investigation into the creation of Business Improvements Districts including supporting Welsh Ice in preparing a BID for Caerphilly Town Centre

W09. Rural Engagement and Resilience Programme

W09. Food 4 Growth: Gwent Resilience Framework

W09. Community focussed projects e.g., community orchards led by 3rd sector organisation and GAVO

W10. The establishment of a CCBC Sports and Recreation grants programme for community groups. Support for community sports leagues. Improve provision of sports facilities in county borough. Workshops to promote the importance of community sports facilities and engaging in sports.

W10. Support for community leagues, Caerphilly 10k, Tour of Britain

W10. 3G Pitches at key locations

W10. Fitness suite enhancement programme - Purchase of recreational equipment to support increased activity and peripatetic leisure support staff

W10. Fitness suite enhancement programme – (Heolddu LC)
(Withdrawn and funding re-allocated to cost of living project W13).

W11. Establish Community Grants Programme for use by community groups/third sector/voluntary sector. Funding for community spaces, such as village halls, libraries or community centres for local civil society and community groups to use. Training programmes to support local civil society and community group leaders

W13. Establish cost of living crisis support fund - Programmes/campaigns to encourage uptake of energy efficiency measures for homes, including, heat pumps, water pumps and increased insulation. Support for local foodbanks. Social supermarkets. Fair Share Scheme. Energy Efficiency fabric first Programme to tackle cost of living crisis and fuel poverty. Targeted at specific geographically deprived area. To be used by CCBC & external stakeholders.

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W14. Creation of Action Plans focused on using land for locally grown products. Based on the opportunities identified through the current Community Renewal Fund programme Food4Growth - Development and establishment of a local food strategy, support and maintain the development of the Caerphilly Food Network and build on the links between the social and private food sector.

FW14. Feasibility plans to develop projects from placemaking plans in train under WG Transforming Towns

W14. Wider feasibility budget for various identified projects. Funding to create Town Centre Green Strategies. Funding to identify alternative uses for the Monmouth & Brecon Canal such as the introduction of water sports.

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W16. Investment in open markets and investments to town centre retail and service sector infrastructure with wrap around support for small businesses. Increase budget of CEF fund to include retail/night-time economy and tourism sub threads, decarbonisation & feasibility studies

W16. Develop a meanwhile uses support programme

W16. Improve Wi Fi/digital connectivity in town centres and offer support to local businesses to enhance digital connectivity

W16. Funding programme to support start-up businesses / entrepreneurial support. Increase Business start-up grant. Offer up to £5k

W16. Facilitate relocation of market tenants out of current accommodation and facilitate new market in Caerphilly

W16. Extend and expand Choose Local campaign. Increase budget of the CCBC Marketing team to expand offer

W17. Development of 'experience/ tastebud tourism' (result of Hackathon). Marketing drive to increase 'tastebud tourism' within the brough. Help to improve websites and interaction with potential customers

W17. Support and promote the LA's visitor portfolio. Marketing drive specifically designed for promoting visitor offer throughout the county borough. Support CTA

W18. Match funded grants to enable firms to buy and implement new industrial digital technology solutions. CCBC led grant under CEF umbrella to support businesses looking to implement new industrial digital technology solutions

W22. Funding for increasing scope and reach of Welsh Ice / Town Squared, etc. To include Introduction of satellite hubs and extension of the 5-9 club, boot camps etc. plus entrepreneurial support and new projects

W22. Accelerator and incubator provision (the development of smaller start-up units in the county borough) to support businesses to innovate, scale and reach new investment. (Built by both CCBC and the private sector) Property portfolio improvement programme

Supporting Local Businesses

Project Ref

W22. Development of starter units on Oakdale Business Park and modular build construction factory. Capital split over 2 years.

W22. New Units at Ty Du

W23. Supply Voids – Where there is limited supply base to demonstrate good competition in response to an advertisement for a defined requirement.

W23. Competitive fund for 3rd and private sector business support projects to bid into to deliver across business interventions e.g. Co work, Town Square, Cwmpas, Caerphilly Business Club, Welsh Ice, CRF projects

W28. Support existing International Trade Support Officer by allocating a budget to develop a tailored export strategy. Grant available to ISO to help support International Trade within the borough by developing a tailored export strategy plus additional funds to extend the officers employment contract

W29. Allow the RDP team to continue past ESF funding to continue its Rural Engagement plan and resilience programme

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W29. Allow the RDP team to continue past ESF funding. Deliver a Rural Engagement and Resilience Programme- for community spaces, initiatives, groups, and rural communities

W29. Allow the RDP team to continue past ESF funding to continue its Rural Engagement plan and resilience programme. Research & development, publicity, evaluation

W29. Roll out Electric Vehicle Charge Points at key locations across the County Borough. Funding to provide Electric Vehicle charge point at industrial park locations owned by the Council

W31. Report to be conducted by CCBC Communications and Platform Engineers to identify sites that need digital infrastructure improvements. Group with Digital plus various employment development schemes

People and Skills

Project Ref

W34: Employment support for economically inactive people

W35: Courses including basic & life skills for people not economically inactive

W36: Enrichment & volunteering

W38: Tailored support for the employed to access courses

W39: Support for local areas to fund local skills needs.

W40: Green skills courses

W41: Retraining & upskilling support for those in high carbon sectors

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

Regional - Stage: Remaining in FE

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Local - Interventions with young people pre 16 who are at risk of becoming NEET as identified by STRIVE.

Multiply Project Ref

W44: Courses designed to increase confidence with numbers for those needing the first steps towards formal qualifications.

W45: Courses for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children and help with their own progression.

W46: Courses aimed at prisoners, those recently released from prison or on temporary licence.

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.

W48: Additional relevant maths modules embedded into other vocational courses.

W49: Innovative programmes delivered together with employers – including courses designed to cover specific numeracy skills required in the workplace.

W50: New intensive and flexible courses targeted at people without Level 2 maths in Wales, leading to an equivalent qualification.

W51: Courses designed to help people use numeracy to manage their money.

W52: Courses aimed at those 19 or over that are leaving, or have just left, the care system

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.