UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Local Investment Plan

CCBC
Outline List of projects
funded by UKSPF

2022/25 Interventions and Projects

As at

01-04-2024.





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 Cynnon 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 revised total budget allocations, number of projects, as phased over the 3-year programme for Caerphilly (Local Investment Plan), and the suite of project reference names.

• Communities and Place

Allocations	Capital Spend Yr 1	Revenue Spend Yr 1	Capital Yr 2	Revenue Yr 2	Capital Yr 3	Revenue Yr 3	Total Capital	Total Revenue	Intervention Project Total
Value (£'s)	6,831	618,681	801,445	1,888,491	2,539,875	4,700,617	3,348,151	7,207,789	10,555,940
No of Projects	7	17	12	22	17	24	17	20	32

• Supporting Local Businesses

Allocations	Capital Spend Yr 1	Revenue Spend Yr 1	Capital Yr 2	Revenue Yr 2	Capital Yr 3	Revenue Yr 3	Total Capital	Total Revenue	Intervention Project Total
Value (£'s)	985,436	216,287	1,903,379	1,404,148	3,117,690	2,678,517	6,006,505	4,298,952	10,305,457
No of Projects	2	9	4	18	8	19	9	20	22

• People and Skills

Allocations	Capital Spend Yr 1	Revenue Spend Yr 1	Capital Yr 2	Revenue Yr 2	Capital Yr 3	Revenue Yr 3	Total Capital	Total Revenue	Intervention Project Total
Value (£'s)	0	128,331	0	3,451,810	10,592	3,908,926	10,592	7,489,952	7,499,658
No of Projects	0	8	0	8	1	9	1	9	9

And Multiply

Allocations	Capital Spend Yr 1	Revenue Spend 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)	82,827	1,976,314	1,976,315	4,035,456	4,035,456
No of	10	10	10	10	10
Projects	10	10	10	10	10

Communities and Place Project Ref

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

- W01. Town Response Team to deal with Audit issues.
- W02. Visitor Centre Improvements Cwmcarn, enhancement of unused carpark Pontymister.
- W03. Green Space Team set up to work under the management of our Parks Department.
- W03. Gwent Green Grid partners.
- W03. Parc Cwm Darren Enhancement to boundary, security, and safety, and includes biodiversity enhancements.
- W04. Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions that make up the local cultural and heritage offer. Fund to bring dilapidated buildings back into use
- W04. Repairs and enhancement to the Twisted Chimney (Rhymney) monument.
- 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.
- 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.
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- W06. Expand town centre events programme, increased event funding administered by events staff.

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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, 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.

W06. Create a 'Talking Shop' - (6mths ~ 10 weeks Pilot in Year 2) - Cultural, Education, Information Advice and Guidance, Community Engagement, Bought in Services, Property Rental.....Town Centre Pop-up shop.

- W07. Active travel promotional budget To support initiatives that support active travel use.
- W08. Northern Valley Initiative Site enhancements to Park Cwm Darren (PCD) Community facilities and accessibility improvements.
- 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 s.
- 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 and tournaments, e.g. 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.
- 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.

Communities and Place Project Ref

W13. Decarb 1 - Support local communities, households, and organisations in working to achieve net zero.

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 Welsh Government 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.

Supporting Local Businesses Project Ref

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 for 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. Physical improvements to the Business and Innovation hub at the Tredomen campus, a site for SME's and smaller start-up units in the county borough to support businesses to innovate, scale and reach new investment as part of a Property portfolio improvement programme to modernise the offer across through a number of project interventions.

Supporting Local Businesses Project Ref

- W22. Install access road infrastructure to support the development of starter units on Oakdale Business Park and modular build construction factory on reclaimed colliery employment site.
- 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 officer support.
- 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 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.
- W29. Decarb 2 Engagement with local Businesses to achieve net zero within Caerphilly County borough.
- 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.