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**REPORT TO:** East Lothian Council (Summer Recess Arrangements  
– Standing Order 15.5)

**MEETING DATE:**

**BY:** Executive Director for Place

**SUBJECT:** UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To approve the submission of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Implementation Plan – first iteration.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Council is asked to approve the submission of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Implementation Plan – first iteration.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The UKSPF is a central pillar of the UK Government’s 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.
- 3.2 UKSPF is the UK Government’s domestic replacement for the European Structural and Investment Programme (ESIF) which the UK continues to participate in until 2023. The ESIF programme was essential for local regeneration, employment and skills. East Lothian Council utilised ESF for a Strategic Employability Pipeline Programme and ERDF for additional business support.
- 3.3 The overarching objective of UKSPF is *Building Pride in Place and Increasing Life Chances*. There are three core UKSPF investment priorities, Communities and Place, Supporting Local Business, and People and Skills, plus Multiply (numeracy interventions).
- 3.4 Multiply will be delivered as part of the single UKSPF investment plan with ring-fenced funding allocated. Its key objective is to increase the levels of

functional numeracy in the adult population through free tutoring, digital training and flexible courses.

- 3.5 East Lothian Council's initial response to these interventions is set out in this first iteration of our investment plan submitted to the UK Government for approval on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022. This version of the investment plan, which was submitted digitally through the UK Government porthole is summarised in Appendix 1.
- 3.6 A suite of year 1 projects have been developed and costed and included in the plan alongside the 3-year Multiply component and regional projects to the level as agreed by Council. Appendix 2 shows year 1 costs by intervention area.
- 3.7 UK Government gave officers assurance that this plan could and should be one that is incrementally developed working with UK Government Officers from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC). In practice, this was expected to mean that whilst it remained important for a plan to be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> August (particularly in respect of year 1 interventions being approved and delivered), Investment Plans could initially be high level, flexible, and incrementally developed allowing year 2 and year 3 interventions to be considered and costed fully in due course.
- 3.8 In practice the UKSPF prospectus outlined a number of areas that required fuller information to be submitted for assessment. Whilst officers from DLUHC clarified that they did not need to see project-level detail in Investment Plans, they latterly clarified that the submission gateway checks did require a spend profile for the three years of the fund as well as indicative outputs and outcomes figures for interventions chosen, including for regional projects. They explained that Investment Plans which had incomplete or incorrect information would be deemed to have failed 'triage' and would likely be returned to local authorities for review and resubmission, delaying payment of funds and jeopardising delivery.
- 3.9 Additional guidance was published during July (just prior to plan submission) that set out the Reporting and Performance Management arrangements for the Fund. This importantly also details the approval process for making changes to Investment Plans, and specifically when approval must be sought. The guidance clarifies that DLUHC approval will only need to be sought when "material changes" as defined below are made to UKSPF investment plans:
  - Material change 1: A post investment plan approval request for administration costs to exceed the percentage agreed in a lead local authority's investment plan.
  - Material change 2: Moving funding between investment priorities if the change involves moving 30% of the total funding allocation over the three years or £5m whichever is lower.
  - Material change 3: If the indicative outputs are expected to drop from what had been set out in the original investment plan submitted to DLUHC, within the following parameters:

- In lead local authorities with a total UKSPF allocation of £1.5m or lower it would constitute a material change if the total outputs set out in the investment plan were forecast to drop by 30% or more against an investment intervention.
  - In lead local authorities with a total UKSPF allocation of £1.5m or lower it would constitute a material change if the total outputs set out in the investment plan were forecast to drop by 30% or more against an investment intervention.
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- 3.10 As a result of this further clarification and guidance, and to fundamentally meet the submission gateway requirements, officers at local and regional level have developed high level project descriptions under key intervention headings that will allow for sufficient flexibility of approach for our investment plan to be developed and approved in the context of Council approval. The remaining core local SPF allocation for years 2 and 3 has been pro-rated across 16 interventions identified in the prospectus to allow for sufficient flexibility to refine existing or introduce new projects to the programme. The full set of high level project descriptions is included in the appendix, these are therefore initial project area proposals to be augmented during further consultation, engagement and development work.
- 3.11 Officers are content that the level of flexibility set out above in respect of change control parameters, along with the material change process detailed within the guidance, allows the approach that was agreed by Council in June to be implemented i.e. the Investment Plan will be reported to Council for approval for year 2 and year 3 interventions (including regional) once these have been developed further including allowing for continued consultation and engagement with partners.

## **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 UKSPF will replace European funding that is being phased out in 2023 and has seen tapered reduction in recent years. The Council's relevant policy position has not altered directly as a result of this and it envisaged from the policy work that is ongoing, both locally and regionally, that the Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus aligns with the work that is ongoing to re-fresh the Council Plan, renew the Economic Development Strategy; and, on a regional basis, the Regional Prosperity Framework (RPF) Delivery Plan. Development work is currently "live" on all of these aspects.

## **5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 The subject of this report, at this stage, does not affect the wellbeing of the community and have a significant impact on equality, the environment or

economy. An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) will be undertaken as a fully developed investment plan is considered.

## **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Financial – The subject of this report is the UK Shared Prosperity Fund 20220-2025. The allocation noted in the June Council report for delivery over the period is a direct grant made to local authorities annually following approval of their investment plan submission.
- 6.1 Personnel - Individual interventions delivered via the above noted funding include allocations for additional personnel where required.
- 6.2 Other – None

## **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 East Lothian Council Standing Orders/Recess Arrangements
- 7.2 East Lothian Council Report 28 June 2022 – UK Shared Prosperity Fund [https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/23100/07\\_uk\\_shared\\_prosperity\\_fund](https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/23100/07_uk_shared_prosperity_fund)
- 7.3 UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>
- 7.4 UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Reporting and Performance Management Arrangements [UK Shared Prosperity Fund: reporting and performance management \(3\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-reporting-and-performance-management-3)

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## Appendix 1 – ELC Summary Shared Propensity Fund (SPF) Submission

A number of local projects were identified by officers within the Council's SPF submission under the main investment priority headings of *Communities and Place, Supporting Local Business, People and Skills, and Multiply (numeracy)*. Further projects were identified for potential regional delivery in conjunction with ESES City Deal partners. Local projects are based on delivery or development during year one of the SPF term (2022/23), subject to approval, these and/or additional projects may be developed for subsequent years of the SPF 2023/24 and 2024/25. All indicative regional projects are for development and/or delivery in years two and three and are subject to future approval. A list of all individual SPF interventions is contained in Appendix 3.

All projects will need to demonstrate impact, value for money, and deliverability within the timescales of UK SPF funding. The following initial project area proposals may be augmented during further consultation. Projects identified for year 1 funding are highlighted in the body of the report.

### **Communities and Place investment priority**

#### Regional Projects

Intervention S2, S7, S13

Regional Energy Masterplan, Regional Climate Risk Assessment, Forth Estuary Collaboration Network, Regional Transport Masterplan, Regional Visitor Economy Partnership to create and deliver a regional visitor economy development plan, Community Wealth Building, Green Skills – Net Zero Accelerator.

#### Local Projects

##### *Regeneration Project Development Fund*

Intervention S11

Working with local and national stakeholders the Regeneration Project Development Fund will assist in the initial stages of potential local regeneration projects (Consultation, Feasibility, Design Development etc.) with the aim of creating robust project proposals capable of attracting relevant funding from a variety of sources. The criteria will be developed to enable support to be provided to both key Local Authority regeneration opportunities as well as local community ideas and initiatives, including the appointment of relevant consultants or development staff to build capacity and develop projects to the required level.

##### *Regeneration Project Fund*

Interventions S1

The aim of the Regeneration Project Fund is to support the continued improvement of key urban and rural locations which provide positive spaces to improve the health, wellbeing, educational, and economic prospects of our communities.

The Regeneration Project Fund will support the delivery of physical improvements within key locations, especially where multiple benefits in terms of education, training, wellbeing, and community involvement can be demonstrated. Projects will be identified through engagement with key stakeholders with the aim of delivering a variety of initiatives across East Lothian in partnership with local communities. The Regeneration Project Development Fund, above, will be key to the initial stages of the development of capital projects supported by this fund. This fund will support both small and large scale projects, with complementary funding being secured from external sources where appropriate.

### **Supporting Local Business investment priority**

#### Regional Projects

Intervention S14, S17

Regional Visitor Economy Partnership to create and deliver a regional visitor economy development plan, Green Skills – Net Zero Accelerator.

#### Local Projects

Intervention S14, S15, S19, S20, S25

#### *Expert Help*

Appoint consultants / consultancies to deliver targeted expert help to the business base. This would comprise one to one direct interventions and wider training/awareness sessions. The provision would be reviewed in each year to ensure the offering remains relevant and current. This would be supported by a programme of business events to including conferences, training, workshops, and roadshows and include topics such as marketing, business resilience, NZC, exporting, taking product to market, business continuity planning, financial planning, social enterprises and community owned businesses, and post Covid-19 business transformation.

#### *Business Grants and Loans*

Build on current business support grants and LA-CER interventions to create a grant programme covering start-up, growth, project feasibility and implementation, export, transition towards NZC, digital infrastructure, research and development, employability / staffing, tourism marketing and major tourism events. Develop a programme in partnership with East Lothian Investments Ltd offering interest free loans to businesses who have undergone audit and received recommendations in relation to transition towards NZC to implement measures.

### *Town Catalyst*

Building on a successful pilot conducted prior to COVID-19, East Lothian Council would lease empty premises, support and install new businesses and work with them to grow to move on into other premises or to take over the lease. Adopting a social enterprise model and initially focused on retail space in towns and villages individual opportunities would be based around the spaces available and may focus on single occupiers or pop-up spaces – e.g. a retail venture that could encompass a new look town centre vision and include art, food & drink, business services. Colocation of business support services would be advantageous, e.g. an incubator.

### *Business Support Hubs*

Develop locations, e.g. high street premises (town catalyst above) or within other business hubs / innovation zones to showcase and improve access to the range of support available from ELC Economic Development, Business Gateway, East Lothian Works, and other strategic partners. Hubs would become the go-to place for any business looking for advice - start-up, growth, transformation, product development, social enterprise/community owned, sources of funding, training, etc. and depending on scale / location include incubator space.

### *Key Sector Support*

Support for key sectors within East Lothian, e.g. tourism, food and drink, towns to promote East Lothian as a destination, collaboration between groups, and shop local investment and initiatives e.g. SOLE.scot and the EL Gift Card.

### *Tourism Product Development*

Creation of products linked to East Lothian Council's Visitor Research 2021, Visitor Management Strategy, Scotland Outlook 2030 and East Lothian Council's Economic Development Strategy. The focus will be on responsible and sustainable / regenerative tourism, products which have an economic significance, and furthering transition to NZC.

Linked to overall business and sector support, this intervention would help create and market product(s) to key target markets and visitor personas e.g. agri-tourism, food & drink tourism, wellness/slow tourism, cycling and walking.

### *Destination Infrastructure Development Capital Projects*

Each of these projects has been through consultation and evaluation as part of the wider project to create a Visitor Management Plan which received funding from Scottish Government. It is anticipated that projects will be eligible for RTIF (Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund) funding should that continue with SPF providing match funding.



DDI – Smart Destinations - Build on the sensor technology and live data work undertaken with the University of Edinburgh at East Lothian’s coastal car parks to explore the potential to grow the current app and its uses and for further DDI projects with similar visitor management needs e.g. town centres, other car parks, rural locations to provide current and accurate live information to inform ELC and business planning and operations. Enhance the app to include sustainable travel options, highlight green infrastructure, capture user generated content, and enable push notifications. Install variable messaging signage.

John Muir Way - Improve a key section of the JMW to enable more inclusive access, increase route capacity and promote low carbon solutions, active travel, and non-vehicle access. The proposal bolts well into existing transport strategy goals around low carbon and active travel, road safety for cyclists and connectivity.

Development of Visitor Facilities at Yellowcraig - Improve the visitor facilities at this popular coastal location to include changing places toilet, play park, paths, EV chargers, Rangers hub, interpretation, address accessibility issues. Improved capacity will meet needs of day and overnight visitors and provide improved amenities for the community.

Aires - Provision of short term overnight accommodation for motor homes across the county to meet demand and help with visitor management issues in popular coastal areas. Next to key settlements and including facilities - e.g. Wi-Fi and toilets, and located within walking distance of services e.g. retail, hospitality, active transport points. Two pilot locations will be developed at Wallyford and Morrison's Haven with potential to replicate in North Berwick and Dunbar.

Levenhall Links and Prestongrange Heritage Park - Development of a destination heritage landscape linking Prestongrange Heritage and Park and Levenhall Links. Upgrade access and install new facilities to match the national importance of this site as a wildlife haven and site of significance (industrial / natural / cultural heritage). New flagship bird hide, webcams, improved car parking and active travel access, improved links to Prestongrange, development of commercial, community, and tourism benefits of Prestongrange Heritage Park. Project is a creative use of a brownfield site and industrial fly ash waste.

Lammermuir Viewpoint - Construct a new viewing point with public art installation, appropriate interpretation, and car park at this important tourist route from East Lothian to the Scottish Borders. This will provide an enhanced visitor experience, counter verge-side parking which damages environment and causes traffic issues.

#### *Local Strategic Sites*

Support the future development of the Edinburgh Innovation Hub, Blindwells New Settlement, and former Cockenzie Power Station Site.

#### **People and Skills investment priority**

#### Regional Projects

## Intervention S37

### Green Skills – Net Zero Accelerator

#### Local projects

Intervention S32, S33, S35, S36, S37, S39

#### *Holistic community based engagement/practical activity for Long Term Unemployed (LTU) and economically inactive*

Bespoke life and employment support to engage the hardest to reach. Starting a pathway towards employment by getting LTU and economically inactive participants ready to access employability programmes. Identified as a gap in service provision, via local intelligence from DWP and SLDR, the early engagement skills which are pre-stage 1 of the employability pipeline. Targeting the long term economically inactive with no or low level qualifications or long term health conditions. The focus will be on group work, life skills, budgeting skills, confidence building and softer skills that are required for employment. A partnership project which will undertake stakeholder engagement is fundamental to the success of this project.

#### *Enhanced mental health & wellbeing support for adults (linked with employability provision)*

Develop a specific 1-2-1 and group counselling provision for participants of East Lothian Works (ELW) employability services based on the person's individual needs. Address the impact of Covid on mental health and wellbeing which is a barrier for many progressing into employment.

#### *Enhance and develop existing provision including new LMI pathways*

Stakeholder engagement will inform and influence this holistic community based project. Development work will focus on LMI pathways that ELW are currently not developing due to lack of resources, such as hospitality and Health & Social Care. Engagement and collaboration with specific sectors and communities to reduce barriers and develop pathways to address existing labour shortages.

#### *Employability Grant Fund Programme*

In consultation with local stakeholder engagement, develop an employability Grant Programme which will complement the existing LEP No One Left Behind Employability Grant Programme. The grant programme will support projects which will target particular hard to reach groups, such as over 50s, NEET, ex-offenders, substance misuse, long term unemployed, re-skilling individuals, mental health and wellbeing, etc. The programme will be linked to Regional Skills Assessment and LMI. Provide additionality or address a gap in provision in EL.

#### *Targeted Care Experienced Programme*

Dedicated key worker support for care experienced young people. An intensive programme of interventions to support the young person's employability journey. All support will be person-centred and individually tailored.

*Supporting businesses to uplift their employee's skills*

Engage with local businesses and other stakeholders to identify skills gaps and address retention and progression of employees, focusing on improving core skills, in particular digital skills.

*Literacy & numeracy development (in addition to Multiply)*

Working closely with Edinburgh College and engaging with other key partners to develop and broaden the scope of Adult Literacy & Numeracy and ESOL... Reaching into the local community to engage with those who have not realised their full potential with qualifications through traditional school and formal learning route. Expand accredited qualifications offer in core skills up to Level 5 for those with low or no skills/qualifications, and developing the potential for ESOL learners, including refugees, to engage with wider targeted employability programmes to tackle underemployment and cultural barriers.

*Embed literacies in other learning and employability programmes to support upskilling of employees, including modern apprentices.*

Development of a suitable adult learning online platform (Google Workspace) to enable a hybrid offer of remote and in venue learning. Currently no platform exists. There is a shortage of suitably qualified tutors for literacy and numeracy so upskilling and the ability to recruit tutors from further afield (to deliver online) will be necessary to meet our commitments and need.

*Supported Employment Pilot Programme extension*

Procurement of a specialist programme for adults with disabilities to progress into and sustain employment, addressing the disability employment gap which widened during Covid.

*Workforce for the Future (internal council opportunities)*

A programme to continue to create job opportunities across the council, such as Modern Apprenticeships, Graduate Internships, Traineeships and Paid Work Experience. Targeted opportunities which are protected for disadvantaged residents.

*Workforce for the Future - Employer Recruitment Incentives (external grants)*

Employer Recruitment Incentive (ERI) supports the creation of sustainable job opportunities (including Modern Apprenticeships) within the private or 3rd sector for adults and young people with barrier(s) to employment. Employers can apply for up to £6,000 for newly created jobs to employ someone who meets the eligibility criteria. Funding is based on the rate of pay of the employee and is paid in monthly instalments across 26 weeks.

### *Employability Support – Employer and Stakeholder Engagement*

Development and promotion of employer offer to local private and 3rd sector organisations. Develop relationships with key local employers to create a variety of opportunities for pathways into employment. Additionally employability provider stakeholder engagement and contract management is vital to the success of project proposals as the majority of projects will be delivered in partnership.

### *Wallyford Training Centre*

The new Wallyford Learning Campus comprises of a new secondary school along with both internal and external intergenerational spaces where education, employability and community engagement will be delivered. There is a requirement to augment the existing budget for the outside shelter to convert this from a seasonal to all weather space for the certification of construction crafts, predominately brickwork and our Rural Skills delivery. The delivery of certificated qualifications within the construction/land based sector meets the needs of our local labour market intelligence, providing upskilling and reskilling opportunities for local people whilst enhancing our ability to deliver pathways for both youth and adults into MA's etc.

### **Multiply investment priority (numeracy)**

#### *Numeracy and Maths for Employment*

(Interventions S45)

Training and upskilling, including SQA qualifications for those who, without these skills, would not be able to apply for certain jobs – e.g. entrance tests for police/armed forces, fire service, trades etc.

#### *Level 5 Numeracy and Maths*

(Interventions S48 & 50)

Increase community based offer, working in partnership with Edinburgh College to offer Level 5 numeracy and maths. Currently only offer up to Level 4 in communities across East Lothian. Would offer a hybrid model of in venue and online learning during the day and evening to maximise the reach into communities.

#### *Employer Engagement / In Work Support*

(Interventions S47 & 48)

Working with employers across East Lothian to support the upskilling and retention of employees. Delivery of specific numeracy/maths courses, including qualifications, in line with business need both in the public, private and third sector.

### *Vocational Courses*

(Interventions S46 & 48)

Community based numeracy and maths for those on vocational course (e.g. undertaking SVQs) who do not have L4 or L5 Numeracy/Maths but it would benefit them in their chosen career. These would be either standalone courses or embedded in existing vocational courses.

### *Parental Engagement*

(Interventions S43)

Supporting parents to increase their skills and confidence to help their children. It would link to family learning offered in East Lothian and would provide separate provision for parents to upskill and gain qualifications. Work in partnership with schools across the authority to target areas where attainment is lowest.

### *Community Based Engagement Courses and small grants programme*

(Interventions S42, S44, S49-S51)

Targeting the hardest to reach and would support early engagement/life skills/budgeting and financial inclusion. Work in partnership with the third sector and wider council departments (e.g. CLD/Social Work/Housing) to engage with communities and encourage innovative ideas to break down the barriers and stigma surrounding a lack of confidence in numeracy and maths. Would include targeting Care Leavers (19+), those with low or no qualifications, long term health conditions and disabilities, economically inactive and those in most deprived SIMD areas. Would support progression to more formal community based accredited learning.

### *Staff Training/Upskilling and recruitment of additional tutors*

(Interventions S42-S51)

The increase in the offer and demand for numeracy will require a larger pool of tutors and upskilling of existing staff in order to deliver the programme.

## Appendix 2 – UKSPF Expenditure Profile 2022-2023

Expenditure Profile		UKSPF	Capital/Revenue Split (£)	
Investment Priority	Intervention	2022-23	Capital 22/23	Revenue 22/23
Communities & Place	S1: Place based investments, regen & town centre improvements	£100,000	£50,000	£50,000
Communities & Place	S11: Relevant feasibility studies	£50,000	£0	£50,000
<b>Communities &amp; Place</b>	<b>Communities &amp; Place Interventions Total</b>	<b>£150,000</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£100,000</b>
Local Business	S19: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems	£50,000	£0	£50,000
Local Business	S20: Expert business advice & support programmes, local & regional	£40,000	£0	£40,000
<b>Local Business</b>	<b>Local Business Interventions Total</b>	<b>£90,000</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£90,000</b>
People & Skills	S32: Courses including basic skills for those not economically inactive	£25,295	£0	£25,295
People & Skills	S33: Enrichment & volunteering activities	£85,000	£0	£85,000
People & Skills	S35: Employability programmes & advice - No One Left Behind agenda etc	£28,731	£15,000	£13,731
People & Skills	S36: Local areas to fund local skills needs	£21,109	£0	£21,109
People & Skills	S39: Education & skills targeting the vulnerable leaving school	£8,350	£0	£8,350
<b>People &amp; Skills</b>	<b>People &amp; Skills Intervention Total</b>	<b>£168,485</b>	<b>£15,000</b>	<b>£153,485</b>
Multiply	S42: Courses designed to increase confidence with numbers	£6,700		£6,700
Multiply	S43: Courses for parents wanting to increase numeracy skills	£6,700		£6,700
Multiply	S44: Courses for prisoners, those recently released or on temporary licence	£6,700		£6,700
Multiply	S45: Courses aimed at encouraging people to upskill to access jobs/careers	£6,700		£6,700
Multiply	S46: Additional relevant maths modules in vocational courses	£6,700		£6,700
Multiply	S47: Innovative programmes delivered with employers	£6,700		£6,700
Multiply	S48: Intensive& flexible courses targetted at those without Level 5 maths	£152,112		£152,112
Multiply	S49: Courses designed to help people use numeracy to manage money	£6,700		£6,700
Multiply	S50: Courses for 19s or over leaving or just left the care system	£6,700		£6,700
Multiply	S51: Provision developed in partnership with community organisations	£6,700		£6,700
<b>Multiply</b>	<b>Multiply Interventions Total</b>	<b>£212,412</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£212,412</b>
<b>Allocation Totals</b>		<b>£620,897</b>	<b>£65,000</b>	<b>£555,897</b>

### Appendix 3 – Intervention List for Scotland - full menu of interventions for each of the priority areas

<b>Communities and Places</b>	
<b>S1</b>	Place based investments for regeneration and town centre improvements, which could include better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs.
<b>S2</b>	Support and improvement of community assets and infrastructure projects, including those that increase communities’ resilience to natural hazards, and support for decarbonisation of facilities, energy efficiency audits, and installation of energy efficiency and renewable measures in community buildings (including capital spend and running costs).
<b>S3</b>	Improvements to the natural environment and green and open space which could include community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces.
<b>S4</b>	Design and management of the built and landscaped environment.
<b>S5</b>	Support for sport, arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and institutions.
<b>S6</b>	Funding for active travel enhancements and other small scale strategic transport projects.
<b>S7</b>	Funding for the development and promotion of wider campaigns which encourage people to visit and explore the local area.
<b>S8</b>	Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.
<b>S9</b>	Investment in capacity building, resilience (including climate change resilience) and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.
<b>S10</b>	Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change
<b>S11</b>	Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.
<b>S12</b>	Investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities
<b>S13</b>	Support for linking communities together and with employment opportunities with a focus on decarbonisation.
<b>Supporting Local Business</b>	
<b>S14</b>	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.
<b>S15</b>	SME development grants and support, aligned with local and regional sectoral priorities and growth potential. This could include, 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. The support is proven to leverage high levels of private investment into technologies that drive growth, productivity, efficiency and resilience in manufacturing.
<b>S16</b>	Research and development grants supporting the development of innovative products and services, with a particular focus on low carbon goods and environmental services, and climate resilience. This could include Investment to support the diffusion of innovation knowledge and activities. Support the commercialisation of ideas, encouraging collaboration and accelerating the path to market so that more ideas translate into industrial and commercial practices.
<b>S17</b>	Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level.
<b>S18</b>	Investing in enterprise infrastructure and employment/innovation site development projects.
<b>S19</b>	Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks.
<b>S20</b>	Support for expert business advice and support programmes at the local and regional level, including support for decarbonisation, climate adaptation and circular economy advice. This could include funding for new and improvements to existing training hubs, business support offers, 'incubators', 'accelerators' and other forms of developmental environments for local enterprise (including social enterprise) which can support entrepreneurs and start-ups/high growth potential firms through the early stages of development and growth by offering a combination of services including: e.g. account management, advice, resources, training, mentorship, coaching and access to workspace.
<b>S21</b>	Grants to help places bid for and host international business events and conferences that support wider local growth sectors.
<b>S22</b>	Support for growing the local social economy, including community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises.
<b>S23</b>	Funding to develop angel investor networks nationwide.
<b>S24</b>	Export Grants to support businesses to grow their overseas trading, supporting local employment and investment, having regard to Scotland's export plan ('Scotland: a trading nation').
<b>S25</b>	Developing existing or emerging local strengths in low carbon and climate adaptation technologies.
<b>S26</b>	Business support measures to drive employment growth, particularly in areas of higher unemployment.
<b>S27</b>	Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.
<b>S28</b>	Support for business resilience and Covid-19 recovery.
<b>S29</b>	Support for new and existing businesses and start-ups aligned with local, regional and Scottish policy.
<b>S30</b>	Investment in resilience infrastructure and nature based solutions that protect local businesses and community areas from natural hazards including flooding and coastal erosion.
<b>People and Skills</b>	



<b>S31</b>	Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment, supplemented by additional and/or specialist life and basic skills (digital, English, maths* and ESOL) support where there are local provision gaps.
<b>S32</b>	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. This could be supplemented by financial support for learners to enrol onto courses and complete qualifications.
<b>S33</b>	Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.
<b>S34</b>	Intervention 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.
<b>S35</b>	Support for employability programmes and advice places should have regards for the No One Left Behind agenda, the Young Person's Guarantee, Fair Start Scotland and Scottish employability pipeline. This could include 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.
<b>S36</b>	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 is not being met through other provision.
<b>S37</b>	Green skills courses to ensure we have the skilled workforce to support the Just Transition to a net zero economy and climate resilience, with a particular focus on vulnerable or low-income groups who will be disproportionately affected by climate change. Retraining support for those in high carbon sectors, providing career guidance and supporting people to seek employment in other sectors.
<b>S38</b>	Funding to support local digital skills.
<b>S39</b>	Support for education and skills targeting vulnerable young people leaving school, places should have regard for the Young Person's Guarantee, modern apprenticeships and related policy.
<b>S40</b>	Support for community learning and development
<b>S41</b>	Funding to support new partnership and project-based entrepreneurial learning between business and education to develop a culture that celebrates entrepreneurship.
<b>Multiply</b>	
<b>S42</b>	Courses designed to increase confidence with numbers for those needing the first steps towards formal qualifications.

<b>S43</b>	Courses for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children and help with their own progression.
<b>S44</b>	Courses aimed at prisoners, those recently released from prison or on temporary licence.
<b>S45</b>	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.
<b>S46</b>	Additional relevant maths modules embedded into other vocational courses
<b>S47</b>	Innovative programmes delivered together with employers – including courses designed to cover specific numeracy skills required in the workplace.
<b>S48</b>	New intensive and flexible courses targeted at people without Level 5 maths in Scotland, leading to an equivalent qualification (for more information on equivalent qualifications, please see <a href="http://sqa.org.uk">Qualifications can cross boundaries (sqa.org.uk)</a> ).
<b>S49</b>	Courses designed to help people use numeracy to manage their money.
<b>S50</b>	Courses aimed at those 19 or over that are leaving, or have just left, the care system
<b>S51</b>	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