



APPENDIX 6a – SHARED PROSPERITY FUND SCHEME SUMMARIES

SPF THEME: COMMUNITIES and PLACE

Scheme Name / Activity Area	Brief Outline	Delivery organisation(s)/ Lead	Total Value (c-capital; r-revenue)
<p>Grundy Art Gallery, Library and Claremont Feasibility Study</p>	<p>This scheme will include a needs and options assessment which will lead to completion of architects’ designs (procurement undertaken previously in 2021 whilst awaiting unsuccessful Community Renewal Fund project funding). £178,500 total SPF budget is available to the scheme.</p> <p>A placemaking vision and narrative will also be provided, including an analysis and articulated vision for how an expanded cultural and community offer could instigate wider placemaking moves around Queen Street and Claremont that would support the development of a creative cluster for Blackpool</p>	<p>Carolyn Primett Blackpool Council alongside using tendered consultants</p>	<p>£178,500 (r)</p>
<p>Town Centre Interventions</p>	<p>Interventions in line with the refreshed Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan , particularly covering the following priority Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1A. Streetscape: Furniture and planting; Promenade gateways 1B. Environment: Biophilia 1C. Illuminate: Lighting enhancements 2C. Signage and Wayfinding: Visual appearance; Key entry and decision points; Pedestrian traffic flow 	<p>Mark Gillingham Blackpool Council (with BID advisory support) Tendered contracts for works</p>	<p>£1,500,000 <i>£1,200,000(c)</i> <i>& £300, 000 (r)</i></p>

VCFSE Capacity Building support	<p>The scheme would increase the capacity of the local VCSE sector to deliver support to the community by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • delivering a small grants programme to build capacity of the sector • working with other funders and strategic partners to promote grants and encourage investment in the VCFS sector; • supporting groups to submit funding applications; • supporting the development of new groups through governance advice and training; • developing volunteering and increasing volunteer numbers and good practice in volunteer management; • supporting the development of community engagement 	Volunteer Centre, Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde	£295,000 <i>£5000 (c)</i> <i>£290,000 (r)</i>
Community Flood Risk Reduction	<p>Provide property owners in areas of high risk of flooding a financial incentive to replace hard areas, with soft landscaping to reduce local flood risk. Providing £650 per domestic property with the potential to provide larger sums for larger reallocated areas such as business premises.</p>	Ruth Henshaw (Robert Snape and Scott Butterfield) Blackpool Council working alongside partners / tendered consultants	£ 100,000 <i>£25,000 (r)</i> <i>£75,000 (c)</i>
Eco Coaching (residents)	<p>Scaling up an existing project on the Grange Park estate, this scheme offers practical 1:1 support delivered within resident's homes to help them understand domestic energy efficiency and how their behaviour can increase/decrease energy consumption. The project will include a complete domestic energy assessment to maximise the efficiency of the property. The visit also includes the installation of low cost energy saving devices such as draft proofing, low energy lightbulbs and radiator reflector panels. Beyond this households can be registered with the Priority Services Register and onward referrals made to large domestic energy saving schemes. Numbers of residents seeking help for the scheme have risen substantially in light of the cost of living crisis and this would provide a resource across the town.</p>	Ruth Henshaw (Robert Snape and Scott Butterfield) Council led project with contractors to be appointed	£265,250 <i>(£251,750 (r)</i> <i>£13,500 (c)</i>
Eco-Hubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of 2x eco-hubs in Blackpool, covering both North and South Blackpool, retrofitting low carbon technologies to 2 pre-existing building and developing local green spaces to engage local communities with nature and biodiversity 	Ruth Henshaw (Robert Snape and Scott Butterfield)	£380,000 <i>£200k (c)</i> <i>£180k (r)</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Solaris Centre in the South of Blackpool has a history of being a centre for sustainability, and will be updated to renew its role as a sustainability hub. • The North Eco-Hub will serve as an exemplar project, demonstrating the steps homeowners, and businesses can take in order to achieve net-zero emissions, increase efficiency and reduce running costs. • Both hubs will including renewable power generation, high thermal efficiency, nature rich public green space and carbon free heating systems. • The hubs will be used to deliver courses to long-term unemployed, those currently in education, school leavers, business owners, entrepreneurs and others. • Delivering courses in green skills – Ecology, renewable energy generation, engineering, building management, Carbon accounting etc • Provide job seeking support • Serving as information points with multiple people providing energy saving advice and information on green grants • When the hubs are not in use renewable energy will be utilised in the local grid. 	<p>Blackpool Council alongside other delivery organisations including some tendering of works</p>	
<p>Showtown: Laughter Programme</p>	<p>This is a unique community engagement activity programme completely grounded and rooted in Blackpool and its incredible history. It encompasses a range of laughter-themed activities ranging from a laughter club and festival, a funny bones artist residency, a laughter-based schools programme, an exhibition and an app to guide people around Blackpool on a laughter-themed tour of discovery. A dedicated officer would coordinate and deliver the programme. This programme would enable Showtown to continue and further develop its community engagement programme which is currently funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This would include the extension of the hugely applauded Open Up the Mic programme. There is the potential for this to be matched against other sources e.g. Paul Hamlyn Foundation, National Lottery Heritage Fund.</p>	<p>Kerry Vasiliou</p> <p>Showtown Museum, Blackpool Council , Tendered contracts to artists etc.</p>	<p>£179,095(r)</p>
<p>Total Allocation by theme : £ 2,897,845m</p>			

SPF THEME: LOCAL BUSINESS

Scheme Name / Activity Area	Brief Outline	Delivery organisation(s)	Total Value (c-capital r- revenue)
Development and Collaboration Support Services to Blackpool's Business and Community Sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Blackpool Council to bring forward an Employment Charter and support the rolling out of the initiative to Blackpool businesses; • Act as an advocate for Blackpool and its development amongst businesses and residents including activity to promote the town to visitors, for example through events; • Provide activity to support and encourage the use and development of existing community buildings and infrastructure and its enhancement for example through additional green space. This would be facilitated by co-ordinated business level input and expertise; • Provision of activity to develop life skills either directly or through a delivery partner, to those who are disadvantaged across Blackpool, and upskill local residents, either directly or through a delivery partner, to provide localised digital support and advice in key community spaces; • Support and enhance existing local activity that looks to bring those furthest from the labour market in to access opportunities to secure work experience and placements; • Provide activity that will support and facilitate innovation and growth for business start-ups. It is anticipated this would be undertaken alongside the Council's existing Economic Development Team making use of its existing and proposed new facilities e.g. the EDGE once complete; • Provide networking opportunities for local businesses to share knowledge, expertise and resources, and work collaboratively to boost productivity, innovation and growth; • Co-ordinate and support activity including the above to deliver the specified Shared Prosperity Fund outputs an outcomes 	Business in the Community	£200,000 (r)

Business Support Team Capacity	<p>Recruitment and resources to increase the capacity of the Business Support Team to increase entrepreneur and business engagement and to help realise the ambitions for The Edge and other Strategic projects. Blackpool needs a flexible place-driven business support service to complement and underpin strategic capital investment in the town. The service will aim to support and encourage business success and growth with a particular focus on more high quality jobs for local people. The Blackpool Business Support service will provide support for self-employment, business start-up and business growth. It will also significantly contribute to the establishment of The Edge (a Town Deal project) as a focal point for small business in Blackpool. There are two key parts to the Blackpool Business Support service:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase capacity of the existing Blackpool Council Business Support Team to enable greater entrepreneur and business engagement. This greater engagement is essential for more business start-up and growth, and to help realise the ambitions for Blackpool. 2. To create a commissioning fund to bring in relevant external expertise to meet the needs of local businesses. Support is expected to include Incubation, Business Networks, Business Growth, Made Smarter, R&D, Innovation, Entrepreneurial Ecosystems, International Trade, Supporting Decarbonisation and Mentoring. 	Peter Legg/David Slater Blackpool Council Economic Development Dept. and some tendered consultancy delivered business support, driven by business need	£900,000 (r)
Purchase of low carbon heating system and solar panels for The Edge	To enable a significantly lower carbon footprint for Stanley Buildings which is being renovated to create The Edge. Solar panels and ground source heat pumps would be incorporated.	Peter Legg/David Slater Blackpool Council Economic Development Dept. and tendered equipment supply and contractors fees	£100,000 (c)
Total Allocation by theme : £ 1,200,000			

SPF THEME: PEOPLE and SKILLS

Scheme Name / Activity Area	Brief Outline	Delivery organisation(s)	Total Value (c-capital; r- revenue)
The Platform	Extension of The Platform scheme post-Town Deal/CRF funding The scheme will support disadvantaged people to access the skills they need to progress in life and into work, for example, the long-term unemployed and those with protected characteristics through funding life, and basic skills where this is not delivered through national or local employment and skills provision. To fund local skills needs and supplement local adult skills provision e.g. by delivering provision through a wider range of routes or enabling more intensive/innovative provision, both qualification based and non-qualification based. Reduce levels of economic inactivity and move those furthest from the labour market closer to employment, through investment in bespoke employment support tailored to local needs. Investment will facilitate the join-up of mainstream provision and local services within an area for participants, through the use of one-to-one keyworker support, improving employment outcomes for specific cohorts who face labour market barriers.	Vanda DeFreitas/ Andrew Fletcher Blackpool Council led - some possible external providers via tendered work packages	£450,000 (r)
Blackpool Pathways to Employment**	Aim to provide intensive wrap around support via a team of dedicated individuals/"navigators" to 200 economically inactive Blackpool residents living in the most disadvantaged wards who are furthest away from the labour market, including help with practical issues and navigating systems, such as Welfare Benefits	Full Tender Exercise required	£250,000 (r)
Lets Get Digital **	This project will develop the digital skills of a minimum of 100 Blackpool residents who have not had the opportunity, access or finances to secure an understanding of technology and the benefits it can provide them in their daily lives, with training delivered in community venues.	Ongoing discussion with Council procurement team on direct appointment or requirement for tendering.	£112,000 (r)
Total Allocation by theme : £ 812,000			

**Note

It is hoped that there is a compliant route to award funding directly for this scheme, but it is subject to internal due diligence with the Council procurement and legal teams. If there are issues, the Council would conduct a procurement exercise