

CABINET

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REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR BUSINESS & ECONOMIC GROWTH

A.4 SHARED PROSPERITY FUND INVESTMENT PLAN

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PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To agree the approach to completion of the Council's Investment Plan submission for its allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, and delegation to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth to approve the final plan ahead of the 1 August 2022 deadline.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is part of the Government's levelling up agenda. The new Fund replaces European Structural Funds. It provides a total of £2.6 billion of new, mainly revenue, funding for local investment by March 2025. All areas of the UK will receive a conditional allocation from the Fund via a funding formula, rather than a competition.

The primary goal of the UKSPF is to build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK. Within this goal there are three UKSPF investment priorities:

- communities and place;
- supporting local business; and
- people and skills.

Tendring has been allocated a total of £1,188,232 via a funding formula designed to be a real-terms match for previous EU structural funds, to be spent over a three year period to 2025. Funding in support of the 'people and skills' investment priority can only be accessed in the 2024/25 financial year.

Tendring District Council is the lead local authority for UKSPF in Tendring. Lead local authorities receive the area's allocation of funding to manage, including assessing and approving applications, processing payments and day-to-day monitoring.

To access the allocation, TDC is required to produce an Investment Proposal for Government signoff, which prioritises interventions and details the measurable outcomes of project delivery. The investment plan will be based around government intervention types, with measureable outcomes.

Partnership working between local authorities and with local partners is strongly encouraged. In line with the funding guidance, a local partnership meeting has been convened by the Council as lead local authority to engage on the Investment Plan. The Council also took part

in three workshops convened by Essex Chief Executives that brought together councils across greater Essex to share learning on the development of their investment plans, and has engaged with the North Essex Economic Board on the development of the interventions, in particular for business support. In addition to district partners, the Council has engaged with health partners, the County Council, the University of Essex and current recipients of the precursor to this fund, the Community Renewal Fund, to engage on plan development and test project ideas.

The core focus of the plan is the “interventions” that the Council plans to fund under the three themes, also referred to as the UKSPF investment priorities. The Government has developed 41 potential interventions – Appendix A. The longer the final list of interventions, the less funding there is to deliver each one, so there is a balance between targeting and spreading investment and so fewer projects may be agreed and therefore funded.

Long list of Tendring District Interventions, by theme:

Communities and Place

- Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets, including accessibility for disabled people
- Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions/ E6: Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities
- Funding for local sports facilities, tournaments, teams and leagues; to bring people together
- Community engagement to support community involvement in decision making in local regeneration.
- Measures to reduce the cost of living, improve energy efficiency & combat fuel poverty

Supporting Local Business

- Improvements to town centre retail / markets / service infrastructure, with business support
- Development/promotion of the visitor economy - incl. attractions, trails, tours and tourism products
- Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level
- Generalist Business Support Service for all businesses (across all life-stages) inc. business networks / or E30: Business support measures to drive employment growth, particularly in areas of high unemployment
- Export Grants to support businesses to grow their overseas trading, supporting local employment.

People and Skills (From 2024/5)

- Courses including basic skills (digital, English and English as a Second Language), and life skills and career skills and financial support
- Support for employed people to address barriers to education and training
- Green skills courses

Government has included a long list of outputs and outcomes to choose from for each intervention, which will be included in the Investment Plan and subsequently monitored by government. Final interventions, measures and outcomes are subject to consultation with partners and will be approved by the Portfolio Holder. The plan will allocate how much funding

and which outcomes and outputs will be delivered against each of these interventions towards each output, and the Government will monitor progress against the outputs.

The Council has engaged internally and with partners to see appetite for initial project ideas, and received a number which have helped in framing the interventions in the draft investment plan (Appendix B). The final list of projects will be decided upon, then commissioned by the Council and agreed over the summer, in line with the interventions and measures, ahead of government signing off the Investment Plan in the autumn. This will also enable the Council to align relevant projects in the UK Shared Prosperity Fund with its Corporate Investment Plan, which is due to come to Cabinet in September.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 1. Approves the approach to the development of the UK Shared Prosperity Investment Plan for Tendring District set out in this report to spend government's conditional allocation of £1,188,232; and**
- 2. Delegates to the Portfolio Holder for Business and Economic Growth the approval of the final plan for submission to the Government ahead of the deadline of 1 August 2022.**

REASON(S) FOR THE RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Government has allocated the Council £1,188,232 on the basis of the development of an Investment Plan that follows the criteria government has set, summarised in this report. This provides the opportunity to invest over three years in priorities supported by the Council and shared by partners, and to see improvements for residents in the district of Tendring.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The following options have been considered:

As is the case with new activity, the Council had to consider not taking forward the allocation, but this was discounted as the benefits to the district's residents far outweighed the delivery risks and officer time associated with developing the Investment Plan. This is a guaranteed funding allocation with no competitive element.

Agreeing projects within the Investment Plan. It is possible, although not required, for Councils to include projects within the plan. However, the Council will take the opportunity to align this process with the Corporate Investment Plan internally, and give partners the best opportunity to develop projects that fit the interventions agreed. Projects cannot start before the Investment Plan is agreed by government in the Autumn, so not including projects in the Investment Plan should not delay delivery.

Agreement now to project delivery jointly with other district councils across Essex including allocating 10 percent of funding alongside members of in the North Essex Economic Board. It

was decided to keep the option of joint working open, but not to specify an amount at this stage as all partners are currently developing bespoke plans.

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

Corporate Plan (2020-2024)

The above approach to the UKSPF will allow us to meet the following priorities in the Corporate Plan:

- Public spaces to be proud of
- Building Sustainable Communities for the Future
- Vibrant Town Centres
- A Growing and Inclusive Economy
- Develop and attract new businesses
- Support existing businesses
- More and better jobs
- Promote Tendring's tourism, cultural and heritage offers
- Maximise our coastal and seafront opportunities
- Community Leadership Through Partnerships
- Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses

Corporate Priorities 2022/23

The focus areas identified for use of the UKSPF investment align with the following Corporate Priorities:

- D1 Develop and attract new businesses
- D2 Supporting existing businesses
- D4 Promote Tendring's tourism, cultural and heritage offers
- E1 Health and wellbeing – for effective services and improved public health

Economic Strategy 2020-24

The Tendring Economic Strategy was updated in 2020. The Strategy uses evidence from Office of National Statistics to demonstrate that there have been some important changes in the district's economy in recent years which require a change in approach.

The approach to the UKSPF set out above could complement the following areas for Action set out in the Strategy:

- Supporting long term investment into local civil society, citizen engagement and participatory activities within Jaywick Sands and Clacton
- Building the capacity of local civil society and third sector organisations to support the development of routes to employment in community businesses, social enterprise and alternative labour markets

- Work with core Higher Education and Further Education partners (primarily the University of Essex and the Colchester Institute)
- Accommodate the business needs of a growing population by developing new flexible spaces for start-up and micro business growth.

OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

The Council has engaged with partner organisations on project ideas for the UK shared prosperity fund, including Essex County Council, the North East Essex CCG (NEECCG), and the University of Essex. The Council will formally consult on the Investment Plan at a partner meeting in July, in line with Government guidance, including local statutory and private sector organisations.

In addition, the Council engaged with current recipients of the Community Renewal Fund, the precursor to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to gather intelligence on their programmes of work, including Enable East; MaybeTech; Colchester Institute; Abberton Rural Training; and via ECC, the Retrofit Pipeline and IAG Connect. A list of projects ideas received by current projects and other partners is at Appendix B.

The Council has taken part in three workshops with other Councils in Essex on the UKSPF, and discussed joint approaches to future delivery with the North East Economic Board (NEEB).

We will consult Sir Bernard Jenkin MP and Giles Watling MP on the Investment Plan ahead of submission.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS (including legislation & constitutional powers)

Is the recommendation a Key Decision (see the criteria stated here)	YES	If Yes, indicate which by which criteria it is a Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant effect on two or more wards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Involves £100,000 expenditure/income <input type="checkbox"/> Is otherwise significant for the service budget
		And when was the proposed decision published in the Notice of forthcoming decisions for the Council (must be 28 days at the latest prior to the meeting date)	26 April 2022

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF or SPF) forms part of the Government’s “levelling-up and regeneration” agenda and is a grant intended to replace the current European Union structural funds currently being received but that will cease in 2023. The foundations and approach for delivering the Government’s agenda are provided for in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, currently understood to be at the Committee Stage in the House of Commons. Subject to any amendments to that Bill, the UKSPF investment priorities,

management and monitoring of the grants will accord with the information already provided and upon which this report and the Council's approach is based.

X The Monitoring Officer confirms they have been made aware of the above and any additional comments from them are below:

Yes.

FINANCE AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Council is allocated the UK Shared Prosperity Fund by government to manage for the Tendring District. The allocation of to the Council is as follows:

22-23	23-24	24-25	Total
£144,203	£288,406	£755,623	£1,188,232

This allocation can be further broken down into the maximum amount of revenue, the minimum amount of capital, and the four per cent fund administration by year.

Year	Total amount	4% Fund admin	Percentage revenue	Percentage capital	Max amount revenue	Min Amount Capital
2022/23	£144,203	£5,768	90%	10%	£124,014.70	£14,420.30
2023/24	£288,406	£11,536	87%	13%	£239,377.22	£37,492.78
2024/25	£755,623	£30,224	80%	20%	£574,274.40	£151,124.60
Total	£1,188,232					

Government will pay the Council annually in advance. In 2022-23, funding will be paid once the local investment plan has been signed off. In 2023-24 and 2024-25, Government will pay towards the start of the financial year, taking into account performance in the preceding year.

The total annual levels of funding will be further divided within the final Investment Plan by intervention. As such, there is a balance to be struck in developing the Plan between the number of interventions, and the scale of the funding that can be allocated to each for project delivery.

Underspends may be carried forward. Government will consider withholding the next annual instalment of funding until the Council submits credible plans to use underspends in the next year or appropriate milestones and spend have been achieved for the previous year.

The Council can claim a further £20,000 to support investment Plan development, on sign off of the Investment Plan by Government, expected in Autumn 2022, who will later ask the Council to report how the money was spent.

All projects that are funded will either end by March 2025, or have a break clause in the funding agreement at that point. Grants will be made in line with government guidance.

The development of projects will align with the Council's Corporate Investment Plan. The Shared Prosperity Fund is administered by the Council for the benefit of the District and is expected to involve projects delivered by partners as well as the Council. Where projects are

brought forward and delivered by the Council, they will align with its wider priorities, and be included within the Corporate Investment Plan approach.

The Section 151 Officer confirms they have been made aware of the above and any additional comments from them are below:

USE OF RESOURCES AND VALUE FOR MONEY

The following are submitted in respect of the indicated use of resources and value for money indicators:

A) Financial sustainability: how the body plans and manages its resources to ensure it can continue to deliver its services;	This funding will be managed so that activity is within budget, and any projects funded have a break clause in March 2025. It is clear there is no expectation of continued funding after the UKSPF grant ends.
B) Governance: how the body ensures that it makes informed decisions and properly manages its risks; and	The Council is following government guidance, engaging with partners, and setting out the investment plan in line with local priorities. Funding decisions on projects will follow government guidance and Council procedure.
C) Improving economy, efficiency and effectiveness: how the body uses information about its costs and performance to improve the way it manages and delivers its services.	The Investment Plan includes outcomes and outputs, which will measure the impact of the investment made, which will be reported to annually to government. This will generate the information to show whether projects are achieving the intended goals.

MILESTONES AND DELIVERY

The window for investment plan submissions to the UKSPF will open on 30 June 2022 and close on 1st August 2022, with first payments expected to lead local authorities from October 2022. The funding allocation is then expected to be spent over three years, from 2022 – 2025.

Council Cabinet	15 July
Partner engagement, including MPs	June / July 2022
Investment Plan Submitted	1 August
Projects developed	August – October 2022
Government response to investment plan	Autumn 2022

ASSOCIATED RISKS AND MITIGATION

The timetable from government to develop the Investment Plan has been tight, and run in parallel with the Levelling Up Fund application process. Tasks have been allocated to officers to complete the plan to the deadline.

Once funds are allocated, there are delivery risks to projects. The fund requires a process of commissioning and monitoring projects against the Investment Plan.

There are reputational risks if later projects funded through the Investment Plan are not delivered. The Council will develop project monitoring to track delivery of the UKSPF, and will seek to redistribute unspent funds to other projects.

Financial risks will be mitigated through the grant agreement with any external grant recipients, for example requiring unspent funds be returned, setting clear break clauses, e.g. in March 2025, and making overspends the responsibility of the recipient.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

The interventions proposed in the Investment Plan mean it is not anticipated that projects funded under the Plan will negatively impact on groups with protected characteristics.

Equality assessments would be carried out on relevant projects delivered by the Council under the fund.

SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS

The Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of the Government's wider levelling up agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK, and many of the projects delivered via this funding stream will have a direct positive social value.

IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S AIM TO BE NET ZERO BY 2030

The interventions are primarily focused on benefiting Tendring residents, rather than the Council's own emissions or estate. However, the proposed interventions include 'green skills' which would support the wider ambitions of the government to transition the country away from a carbon based economy.

OTHER RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS OR IMPLICATIONS

Consideration has been given to the implications of the proposed decision in respect of the following and any significant issues are set out below.

Crime and Disorder	<p>Improving the offer to town centres and increasing activity in town centre areas, has been shown to reduce crime and disorder in these areas.</p> <p>The interventions also support employability and access to jobs which improves quality of life and may reduce the likelihood of crime and disorder.</p>
Health Inequalities	<p>Some of the interventions proposed could improve life chances, and provide access to services for marginalised groups. This would have a positive impact on quality of life and will help to reduce health inequalities.</p>
Area or Ward affected	All wards

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

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Spend starts in the current financial year, and matches a profile set by the Government. Spending is expected to be predominantly revenue, with a minimum capital spend per year.

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Total	£1,188,232					

An additional £20,000 will be paid to each lead local authority on sign off of the Plan to support the initial preparatory work on the local investment plan. A maximum of four percent of the total allocation can be used to undertake Fund administration during the investment period.

Investment Plan

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To access the allocation, TDC is required to produce an Investment Proposal for Government signoff, which prioritises interventions and details the measurable outcomes of project delivery. The investment plan will be based around government intervention types, with measureable outcomes. The investment plan is not an exhaustive document containing detailed project or intervention planning.

Partnership

Partnership working between local authorities and with local partners is strongly encouraged. In line with the funding guidance, a local partnership meeting has been convened by the Council as lead local authority to engage on the Investment Plan, including relevant partner representatives, including Essex County Council, the North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance, and business support provider Colbea.

In addition, working with other places is strongly encouraged in the delivery of interventions. In particular, lead local authorities are expected to work with other district, county or unitary councils to agree and commission people and skills activity, or business support activity over a larger scale. The Council took part in three workshops convened by Essex Chief Executives that brought together councils across greater Essex to share learning on the development of their investment plans, and has engaged with the North Essex Economic Board on the development of the interventions, in particular for business support.

In addition to district partners, the Council has engaged with health partners, the County Council, the University of Essex and current recipients of the pre cursor to this fund, the Community Renewal Fund, to engage on plan development and test project ideas. (See Appendix B)

Interventions

The core focus of the plan is the “interventions” that the Council plans to fund under the three themes, also referred to as the UKSPF investment priorities. The Government has developed 41 potential interventions – Appendix A. However, given that funding is limited, the Council needs to choose which of those to focus on.

The proposal is to choose interventions which fit with the strategic ambitions for Tendring, both of the Council and our partners. The proposed long list of potential interventions for the Tendring Plan is below, including the government reference numbers. The longer the final list of interventions, the less funding there is to deliver each one, so there is a balance between targeting and spreading investment and so fewer projects may be agreed and therefore funded.

Communities and Place

- E1: Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets, including accessibility for disabled people
- E4: Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions/ E6: Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities
- E10: Funding for local sports facilities, tournaments, teams and leagues; to bring people together
- E12: Community engagement to support community involvement in decision making in local regeneration.
- E13: Measures to reduce the cost of living, improve energy efficiency & combat fuel poverty

Supporting Local Business

- E16: Improvements to town centre retail / markets / service infrastructure, with business support
- E17: Development/promotion of the visitor economy - incl. attractions, trails, tours and tourism products

- E21: Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level
- E23: Generalist Business Support Service for all businesses (across all life-stages) inc. business networks / or E30: Business support measures to drive employment growth, particularly in areas of high unemployment
- E28: Export Grants to support businesses to grow their overseas trading, supporting local employment.

People and Skills

- E34: Courses inc. basic skills (digital, English and English as a Second Language), and life skills and career skills and financial support
- E37: Support for employed people to address barriers to education and training
- E39: Green skills courses

Outputs and outcomes

Government has included a long list of outputs and outcomes to choose from for each intervention, which will be included in the Investment Plan and subsequently monitored by government. For example government guidance for the improvements to town centre intervention has the following long list of indicative outputs and outcomes, with proposed measures for the Tending Plan in bold.

Intervention	Indicative outputs	Indicative outcomes
E1: Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets, including better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and Sqm of commercial buildings developed or improved • Amount of rehabilitated land or premises • Amount of public realm created or improved • Amount of low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed • Number of decarbonisation plans developed • Sqm of land made wheelchair accessible/step free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs created • Jobs safeguarded • Increase footfall • Increased visitor numbers • Reduced vacancy rates • Greenhouse gas reductions • Improved perceived/ experienced accessibility • Improved perception of facilities/amenities

Final interventions, measures and outcomes are subject to consultation with partners and will be approved by the Portfolio Holder. The plan will allocate how much funding and which outcomes and outputs will be delivered against each of these interventions towards each output, and the Government will monitor progress against the outputs.

Projects

The Council has engaged internally and with partners to see appetite for initial project ideas, and received a number which have helped in framing the interventions in the draft investment plan (Appendix B). The final list of projects will be decided upon, then commissioned by the Council and agreed over the summer, in line with the interventions and measures, ahead of government signing off the Investment Plan in the autumn. This will also enable the Council

to align relevant projects in the UK Shared Prosperity Fund with its Corporate Investment Plan, which is due to come to Cabinet in September.

The investment plan document will cover:

- **Local context**, with local evidence of opportunities and challenges for communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills.
- **Outcomes and interventions**. The Investment plan will set out which interventions to focus on, linked to local opportunities and challenges, and how they will achieve the outcomes.
- **Delivery**, which sets out:
 - *Approach to delivery and governance*, including engagement on the development of the Plan with partner organisations and MPs and how the Council will collaborate with partners on the delivery of interventions.
 - *Expenditure and deliverables*, including the spend profile for the three years of the fund against each intervention, as well as outputs and outcomes figures, and any specific projects to be funded.
- **Capability and resource**, outlining the resource the Council has to manage and work on UKSPF and the capability and previous experience of delivering similar funds.

In addition, the wider Share Prosperity Fund includes an adult numeracy programme called Multiply, which will support people with no or low level maths skills return to work. The scheme is administered by the County Council who are currently developing the Investment Plan for the county. The programme is expected to offer free personal tutoring, digital training and flexible courses to improve adults' confidence and numeracy skills.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT DECISIONS

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS AND PUBLISHED REFERENCE MATERIAL

- [Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus - https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus)
- [Agenda Report Pack for Cabinet - Friday, 25th February, 2022 - contains Corporate Priorities for 2022/23](#)

APPENDICES

Appendix A - List of Interventions

Appendix B – Table of UKSPF project ideas from partners.

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A.4 Appendix A: Potential interventions in the Government Guidance

The full list of government interventions by theme is set out below. The proposed long list of Tendring interventions are highlighted in bold.

Communities and Place

E1: Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets, including accessibility for disabled people
E2: Funding for new, or improvements to existing, community and neighbourhood infrastructure projects
E3: Creation of and improvements to green spaces, community gardens, watercourses & embankments
E4: Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions
E5: Design and management of the built and landscaped environment to 'design out crime'
E6: Support for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities
E7: Support for active travel enhancements in the local area
E8: Funding for campaigns which encourage people to visit/explore the area
E9: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital
E10: Funding for local sports facilities, tournaments, teams and leagues; to bring people together
E11: Investment in capacity building/infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups
E12: Community engagement to support community involvement in decision making in local regeneration.
E13: Measures to reduce the cost of living, improve energy efficiency & combat fuel poverty
E14: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.
E15: Investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities.

Supporting Local Business

E16: Improvements to town centre retail / markets / service infrastructure, with business support
E17: Development/promotion of the visitor economy - incl. attractions, trails, tours and tourism products
E18: Business Support Service for Manufacturers (inc. Grants Programme & Training)
E19: Specialist Innovation Advisory Service for Pre-Start and Established Businesses (inc. Grants and Cluster Programmes)

E20: R&D grants supporting the development of innovative products and services.

E21: Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level

E22: Investing in enterprise infrastructure and employment/innovation site development projects.

E23: Generalist Business Support Service for all businesses (across all life-stages) inc. business networks

E24: Funding for new/improvements to training hubs, 'incubators' and 'accelerators'

E25: Grants to help places bid for and host international business events and conferences

E26: Specialised Social Enterprise Support Service (inc. Grants)

E27: Funding to develop angel investor networks

E28: Export Grants to support businesses to grow their overseas trading, supporting local employment.

E29: Specialist Low Carbon Business Support Service (in. Grants)

E30: Business support measures to drive employment growth, particularly in areas of high unemployment

E31: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies.

E32: Resilience infrastructure and nature based solutions to protect areas from natural hazards

People and Skills

Supporting economically inactive people to overcome barriers to work through cohesive, locally tailored support inc. access to basic skills.

E33: Employment support for non-employed: 1:1 support & specialist life/basic skills (digital, English, ESOL)

Supporting people furthest from the labour market through access to basic skills

E34: Courses inc. basic skills (digital, English and ESOL), and life skills and career skills and financial support

E35: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing.

E36: Intervention to increase digital inclusion: essential digital skills, online safety & in community support
Skills to progress in work and to fund local skills needs.

E37: Support for employed people to address barriers to education and training

E38: Support to fund local skills needs - technical/vocational quals, up to L2 and high value qualifications

E39: Green skills courses

E40: Retraining support for those employed in high carbon sectors.

E41: Funding to support local digital skills.

A.4 Appendix B – Table of UKSPF Project Submissions

Below are example project ideas submitted by partners through engagement in the development of the Tendring UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan. The project list is included for information and does not indicate an agreement to fund. Decisions on which projects to fund will be taken after the Investment Plan is complete, which may include a further call for projects to align with the final agreed Investment Plan.

Organisation	Project Outline
Colchester Institute	Continuation of Pathways to Diagnostics Programme, funded (Nov 2021 – Oct 2022) through Community Renewal Fund, to assist local residents to acquire skills to support local job opportunities at the Community Diagnostic Centre at Clacton Hospital.
North East Essex CCG	Transport support costs for students living/studying in Tendring to access work experience opportunities with a focus on the Health and Care Sector, Green & Renewable Energy and Construction.
North East Essex CCG	To continue the Tendring Career and Job Roadshow is held monthly across the Tendring district with the aim to help people on their journey into employment through a variety of partners in attendance
North East Essex CCG	An Inclusion Advocacy service that will support vulnerable Citizens to begin their journey towards inclusion with a view to employment, and improved quality of life with meaningful outcomes. This funding would enable Summit Services to continue the project at the end of the current funding cycle.
North East Essex CCG	Further developing the co-investment model for widening the Peer Researcher programme through establishment of a community interest company for skills and employment that will extend the reach and impact of this existing programme and provide employment for the Peer Researchers.
North East Essex CCG	Take forward the strategic outline business case to determine the feasibility of a Care Technology (“Care Tech”) hub in the North Essex region. The initial concept for this hub was a Care Tech “testbed facility” to enable researchers and entrepreneurs to test and develop new Care Tech products in a care-giving environment.
North East Essex CCG	DragonGate Market Intelligence were appointed in September 2021 by the Colchester and Tendring Care Innovation Board to undertake a strategic outline business case towards the merits of establishing the CareTech Innovation Hub in Essex. The outcome of the OBC was broadly positive. Based upon feedback given, the project is looking to establish match funding opportunities to complete the final business case which in turn will secure long term capital investment toward physical completion of the hub.
Maybe Solutions Ltd	Extension of the UKCRF program which is currently providing 400 + businesses with training and access to the social media tools they need for business growth. This funding would extend the program over the next 3 years to

	2500 businesses in Tendring with training, social media tools and grants that improve sustainable economic growth.
Abberton Rural Training	Continuation of the CRF funded Seeds4Growth project, which provides training in horticulture and food production together with interview skills training, media production (radio) and podcast production training as well as self-employment and employment skills.
ACL Essex	Extension of the Your Future Matters (YFM) programme, currently funded through Community Renewal Fund. The project provides residents, businesses and communities with Information Advice and Guidance on the opportunities and services that exist locally and providing mechanisms to access them.
University of Essex	To stimulate the development of a high-value cluster around the Freeport East Bathside Bay site to develop high-value jobs and economic growth in the area by creating an Emerging and Enabling Technologies Innovation Centre.
Enable East (CCG)	HeadsUp project is an advocacy project currently running across Essex, Southend, and Thurrock, which helps to move people closer to the labour market. A mental health employability service which already engages with the Roadshow.