

**To:** Councillor Mary Newton, Portfolio Holder for Business and Economic Growth

**From:** Laura Richardson, Economic Growth Officer

**Cc:** Lee Heley, Interim Corporate Director – Projects Delivery

**Cc:** Mike Carran, Assistant Director, Economic Growth & Leisure

**Cc:** Barbara Pole, Economic Growth and Enterprise Manager

**Cc:** Rebecca Bromley, Regeneration Project Lead

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Councillor Newton,

**Year 1 of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) Allocation: Cost of Living Intervention**

This letter follows the decision published on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 regarding the allocations for year 1 of the Shared Prosperity Fund, setting out that £10,203 has been allocated to support residents with the cost of living.

A number of projects have been explored, and working with Community Voluntary Services Tendring (CVST) represents the best opportunity to make the most impact with this available funding.

CVST propose to coordinate a voucher scheme to support Tendring residents in need, with vouchers to the value of £30 (food & essential groceries) or £60 (fuel) to be distributed strictly via referral through trusted partners including Homestart, Inclusion Ventures, and Citizens Advice Tendring.

Thank you for your query via email concerning how the vouchers will be targeted towards the families most in need. Eligibility for the vouchers would be robust, based on need in the community and within families. Advice on budgeting, and energy efficiency, will be available alongside the vouchers themselves to offer further support beyond the immediate value of the voucher.

With communication in mind, we propose the CVST grant from the Shared Prosperity Fund would include a stipulation of using up to £2,000 to promote the vouchers, possibly to include traditional methods (newspapers, leaflets) to avoid digital exclusion.

If you could, by way of a completed form (below) or by return email, indicate your consent to proceed with the allocation of £10,203 to CVST, I would be most grateful. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me to discuss any aspect further before granting your formal consent.

Kind regards,

Laura Richardson

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Dear Laura,

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Thank you for your memorandum dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 requesting approval for the allocations for year 1 of the Shared Prosperity Fund, setting out that £10,203 will be allocated to Community Voluntary Services Tendring.

I agree/ do not agree with the outlined allocation of funds.

Kind regards,

Councillor Mary Newton

Portfolio Holder for Business and Economic Growth