

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date	Decision Maker	Decision	Reason(s) for Decision	Alternative Options Considered	Conflicts of Interest Declared (and Dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer)	Consultation with relevant Ward Member(s) Yes/No	Subject to Call-in? Yes/No
14 th August 2025	Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration & Leisure; Portfolio Holder for Arts, Culture and Heritage	In relation to the allocation of funds for year 3 of the Rural England Prosperity Fund, the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration & Leisure and the Portfolio Holder for Arts, Culture and Heritage agrees to fund the following from the Rural England Prosperity Fund budget: a) To approve the 11 successful applications, as set out in the background information report to the value of £120,000 in the Supporting Local Business theme; b) To approve the nine successful applications, as set out in the background	To set out projects which will have funds allocated to them from year 3 of the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) for approval by the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration & Leisure and the Portfolio Holder for Arts, Culture and Heritage. The REPF programme, established in 2022 by Central Government, is part of a wider programme which has allocated funding nationwide to Councils for locally led delivery. Funding has been delivered via the Multiply, REPF, and Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Programmes. The 2024/25 REPF has now closed; a transition year has been announced (March 2025) for 2025/26. Via an updated funding formula, the Council has been allocated £197,761.00 (made up of all capital funding) to be allocated to grants/projects across two themes in 2025/26: Supporting Local Business and Communities and Place. On 23 May 2025 Cabinet approved acceptance of the REPF 2025/26 and	To not launch a funding scheme and reducing opportunities for local businesses and community groups to thrive. To give the funding to alternative projects, however we followed the scoring criteria rigorously. The proposed applications have been selected by the scoring panel by following approved criteria.	N/A	No N/A	Yes

		information report to the value of £77,761 in the Communities and Place theme. Previous Reports: Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Economic Growth, Regeneration & Tourism Portfolio Holder - A.1 - Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) transition year 2025/26 (Appendices: A1 Appendix A1 - Criteria business; A1 Appendix A2 - Criteria community) Submission of addendum to Shared Prosperity Fund Investment plan, to access Tendring District Council Rural England Prosperity Fund allocation Decisions: Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) Years 1 & 2, Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) Years 2 & 3	authorised the Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism and the Portfolio Holder for Arts, Culture and Heritage to approve the award of grants to organisations under the Rural England Prosperity Fund. On this date, Cabinet also approved the criteria for the assessment of grants for both Schemes under the Rural England Prosperity Fund, as set out in Appendix A to the Portfolio Holder's report (Please see Cabinet report appendices A1 and A2 linked within this decision). On 11 August 2025, two officers from the Economic Growth team applied the scoring criteria to assess the funding bids. These scores were discussed to identify the successful bids with the highest score, and referenced against the funding available. The Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism and the Portfolio Holder for Arts, Culture and Heritage in the decision above is approving allocation of funding to the highest scoring bids as recommended by the panel. In line with the approved scoring criteria, after selecting applications with the highest scores, and funding remained with various applicants with the same score, they were evaluated on a value for money basis. Lower scoring bids were not successful and				
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		Year 1 of the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF): Business and Community Project Recommendations	have been rejected. There will be the opportunity for rejected bids to request their scores. Officers have now completed due diligence on the proposed successful bidders, and those proposed for funding have been assessed as compliant. The grant also complies with the External Funding Checklist				
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URGENT DECISIONS ONLY (If non-urgent go to “Agreement to Decision” below):-

GENERAL EXCEPTION APPLIES? (Rule 14 Access to Information Procedure Rules)	YES/NO	If yes, has at least 5 clear days notice been given to the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee?	YES/NO
SPECIAL URGENCY APPLIES? (Rule 15 Access to Information Procedure Rules)	YES/NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?	YES/NO
EXEMPTION FROM CALL-IN APPLIES? (Rule 18i Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules)	YES/NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?	YES/NO
URGENT & OUTSIDE BUDGET OR POLICY FRAMEWORK? (Rule 6 Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules)	YES/NO	If yes, why is it not practical to convene a quorate meeting of full Council?	
		If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?	YES/NO

AGREEMENT TO DECISION:-

Signed:- Decision Maker	Date:- 	Delegated Power Reference (in Part 3 of the Constitution):-
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