

To: Councillor Ivan Henderson, Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration & Tourism & Councillor Mick Barry, Portfolio Holder for Leisure & Public Realm

From: Charlie Colwell, Community Sport and Activity Manager

Cc: Lee Heley, Deputy Chief Executive & Corporate Director, Place and Wellbeing

Cc: Mike Carran, Assistant Director Sport, Culture & Health Management Team

Cc: Kieran Charles, Head of Sport and Leisure

Date: 02/10/2025

Dear Councillor Henderson,

The purpose of this information is to inform you of the background and details set out in the Executive Decision which allocated **£2,965** to the *Sport and Widening Participation Grant* of the UKSPF.

UK Shared Prosperity Funding

Further to the report dated 21st February 2025 [Decision - Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Economic Growth, Regeneration & Tourism Portfolio Holder - A.3 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund Transition Year 2025/26](#), open calls were made available for suggested projects across the 3 themes for Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) in spring 2025:

- People & Skills
- Supporting Local Business
- Communities & Place

On 18th August 2025 the panel discussed the independent scores and agreed on the final projects listed below.

UKSPF Widening Sports Participation Grant panel had proposed a second release of funds to provide funding for applicants who have either provided their bank details after the initial release of funds or who have provided additional information for their application to improve their score and now meet the successful criteria.

Applicants who did not initially reach the pass-mark were invited to provide additional information to provide the required criteria to maximise community development with remaining grant funding.

Sports and Widening Participation Grants:

1. Developing a Coastal Sport and Activity Events Programme
2. Inclusive Access to Sport Clubs
3. Enhancing Sport & Activity Provision in Local Schools

Allocation: £2,965 – Proposed spend as below:

Applicant	Grant	Proposed Grant Award	Project in Brief (as per applicant summary)	Score
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	Grant 1	£500	The school will look to pay for an after school club in which Harwich and Dovercourt Cricket Club and Little Oakley football club can be utilised to provide specialised coaching in a fun and safe environment. With no full time PE Lead, these sessions can be so rewarding for such a small. These will be an after school club in which specialised coaches will be able to make positive contribution and related training to such a small school.	75%
Harwich and Dovercourt High School	Grant 1	£1000	Whilst completing his England Rugby Advanced Coaching Award, Ben is currently leading the rugby programme at Colchester Sixth Form College, coaching in the Northampton Saints DPP, and has been running Tiny Rugby School for over seven years. We believe Ben is a fantastic fit for the club. He shares our passion for player development at all levels and is committed to building on the culture and style of play we've worked hard to establish. Ben will be involved in both training sessions and match days, offering our players consistent coaching throughout the season.	75%
Clacton College	Grant 1	£465	We will be looking to put into place a Sports Leaders group. They will have regular sessions looking at how to lead but the biggest impact we would like to see is them working in the school and local community spreading the positive word of PE and School Sport. We aim to host primary schools at our site laying on various sporting experiences across the whole year. We will be targeting 15 students in the first year.	75%

Essex Professional Coaching	Grant 1	£1000	Essex Professional Coaching (EPC) is a children's activity and education provider committed to creating a healthier, happier, and more active Essex. Our programmes inspire over 500 children across the Tendring district every term through curriculum PE, after-school clubs, and holiday provision. We're proud to work in partnership with schools such as Whitehall Academy, Tendring Primary, Holland Haven, and Bradfield Primary, where we've sustained and expanded extra-curricular activity over the last five years. Our delivery is inclusive, engaging, and led by qualified educators who specialise in creating positive first experiences of sport. We're passionate about removing barriers to participation and strive to make physical activity accessible, enjoyable, and meaningful for every child. Our 'Ultimate Activity Club' will run for 10 weeks during the Spring Term (Jan - March 2026), ideally on Monday afternoons from 3:15 - 4:15pm. The club will feature inclusive, high-impact activities such as Archery, NERF Gun Games, and Golf carefully selected to engage less active or disengaged children and provide them with a fun, non-traditional sporting experience. Each session will be delivered by two members of our expert team: • A lead coach with a minimum NGB Level 2 qualification. • A trained support staff member to guarantee consistent delivery in the event of absence — part of our Cover Guarantee. Both staff members are DBS checked, hold appropriate insurance, and receive termly in-situ support visits from our education leadership team. All EPC educators complete a minimum of 10 hours CPD per year and operate under our comprehensive Safeguarding Policy and Quality Assurance Framework. To encourage participation and inclusion: • Sessions will be open to all children in school years 3–6. • Parents will be asked to contribute just £3 per session. • We will seek to partner with the school to offer free or subsidised places for targeted pupils. Our goal is to create positive associations with physical activity and	95%
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If you could, by way of a completed form (below) or by return email, indicate your consent to proceed with the proposed projects, we would be most grateful. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us to discuss any aspect further before granting your consent, on any of the above outlined proposals.

Kind regards,

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Dear Charlie,

Thank you for your memorandum 02/10/2025 requesting approval for suggested UKSPF projects, after an open call for projects in spring 2025 and work to progress project ideas which meet the committed to outputs & outcomes of SPF.

I agree/ do not agree with the outlined process.

Kind regards,

Cllr Ivan Henderson

Deputy Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration & Tourism