

What is the UK SPF?

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UK SPF) is a central pillar of the UK government's ambitious Levelling Up agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK.

The primary goal of the UK SPF is to build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK. This aligns with Levelling Up White Paper missions, particularly: *'By 2030, pride in place, such as people's satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.'*

The UK SPF has three investment priorities, with each have a series of objectives:

- Community and Place
- Supporting Local Business; and
- People and Skills

UK SPF Investment Priorities	Objectives	Interventions
Community and Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening our social fabric and fostering a sense of local pride and belonging, through investment in activities that enhance physical, cultural and social ties and access to amenities, such as community infrastructure and local green space, and community-led projects. • Building resilient, healthy and safe neighbourhoods, through investment in quality places that people want to live, work, play and learn in, through targeted improvements to the built and natural environment innovative approaches to crime prevention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E1: Funding for improvements to town centres and high streets, including better accessibility for disabled people, including capital spend and running costs. • E2: Funding for new, or improvements to existing, community and neighbourhood infrastructure projects including those that increase communities' resilience to natural hazards, such as flooding. This could cover capital spend and running costs. • E3: Creation of and improvements to local green spaces, community gardens, watercourses and embankments, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces. • E4: Enhanced support for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions that make up the local cultural heritage offer. • 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 the development and promotion of wider campaigns which encourage people to visit and explore the

		<p>local area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E9: Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places. • E10: Funding for local sports facilities, tournaments, teams and leagues; to bring people together. • E11: Investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. • E12: Investment in community engagement schemes to support community involvement in decision making in local regeneration. • E13: Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including through measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change. • E14: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies. • E15: Investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities.
Supporting Local Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion, through investments that build on existing industries and institutions, and range from support for starting businesses to visible improvements to local retail, hospitality and leisure sector facilities. • Promoting networking and collaboration, through interventions that bring together businesses and partners within and across sectors to share knowledge, expertise and resources, and stimulate innovation and growth. • Increasing private sector investment in growth-enhancing activities, through targeted support for small and medium-sized businesses to undertake new-to-firm innovation, adopt productivity-enhancing, energy efficient and low carbon technologies and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E16: Investment in open markets and improvements to town centre retail and service sector infrastructure, with wrap around support for small businesses. • E17: Funding for the development and promotion (both trade and consumer) of the visitor economy, such as local attractions, trails, tours and tourism products more generally. • E18: Supporting Made Smarter Adoption: Providing tailored expert advice, matched grants and leadership training to enable manufacturing SMEs to adopt industrial digital technology solutions including artificial intelligence; robotics and autonomous systems; additive manufacturing; industrial internet of things; virtual reality; data analytics. The support is proven to leverage high levels of private investment into technologies that drive growth, productivity, efficiency and resilience in manufacturing. • E19: Increasing investment in research and development at the local level. Investment to support the diffusion of innovation knowledge and activities. Support the commercialisation of ideas,

techniques, and start or grow their exports.

encouraging collaboration and accelerating the path to market so that more ideas translate into industrial and commercial practices.

- E20: Research and development 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. This can help to unlock site development projects which will support growth in places.
- E23: Strengthening local entrepreneurial ecosystems, and supporting businesses at all stages of their development to start, sustain, grow and innovate, including through local networks.
- E24: Funding for new and improvements to existing training hubs, business support offers, 'incubators' and 'accelerators' for local enterprise (including social enterprise) which can support entrepreneurs and start-ups through the early stages of development and growth by offering a combination of services including account management, advice, resources, training, coaching, mentorship and access to workspace.
- E25: Grants to help places bid for and host international business events and conferences that support wider local growth sectors.
- E26: Support for growing the local social economy, including community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises.
- E27: Funding to develop angel investor networks nationwide.
- E28: Export Grants to support businesses to grow their overseas trading, supporting local employment.
- E29: Supporting decarbonisation and improving the natural environment whilst growing the local economy. Taking a whole systems approach to invest in infrastructure to deliver effective decarbonisation across energy, buildings

		<p>and transport and beyond, in line with our legally binding climate target. Maximising existing or emerging local strengths in low carbon technologies, goods and services to take advantage of the growing global opportunity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E30: Business support measures to drive employment growth, particularly in areas of higher unemployment. • E31: Funding to support relevant feasibility studies. • E32: Investment in resilience infrastructure and nature based solutions that protect local businesses and community areas from natural hazards including flooding and coastal erosion.
People and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boosting core skills and support adults to progress in work, by targeting adults with no or low level qualifications and skills in maths, and upskill the working population, yielding personal and societal economic impact, and by encouraging innovative approaches to reducing adult learning barriers (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland only. In England, this is delivered through the Department for Education's Multiply programme). • Reducing levels of economic inactivity through investment in bespoke intensive life and employment support tailored to local need. Investment should 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. • Supporting people furthest from the labour market to overcome barriers to work by providing cohesive, locally tailored support including access to basic skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E33: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment, supplemented by additional and/or specialist life and basic skills (digital, English, maths* and ESOL) support where there are local provision gaps. • E34: Courses including basic skills (digital, English, maths (via Multiply) and ESOL), and life skills and career skills** provision for people who are unable to access training through the adult education budget or wrap around support detailed above. Supplemented by financial support for learners to enrol onto courses and complete qualifications. • E35: Activities such as enrichment and volunteering to improve opportunities and promote wellbeing. • E36: Intervention to increase levels of digital inclusion, with a focus on essential digital skills, communicating the benefits of getting (safely) online, and in-community support to provide users with the confidence and trust to stay online. • E37: Tailored support to help people in employment, who are not supported by mainstream provision to address barriers to accessing education and training courses. This includes supporting the retention of groups who are likely to leave

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting local areas to fund gaps in local skills provision to support people to progress in work, and supplement local adult skills provision e.g. by providing additional volumes; delivering provision through wider range of routes or enabling more intensive/innovative provision, both qualification based and non-qualification based. This should be supplementary to provision available through national employment and skills programmes 	<p>the labour market early.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> E38: Support for local areas to fund local skills needs. This includes technical and vocational qualifications and courses up to level 2 and training for vocational licences relevant to local area needs and high-value qualifications where there is a need for additional skills capacity that is not being met through other provision. E39: Green skills courses targeted around ensuring we have the skilled workforce to achieve the government's net zero and wider environmental ambitions. E40: Retraining support for those in high carbon sectors. E41: Funding to support local digital skills.
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For more information, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>

Hart District Council has been allocated £1 million to be spent over three years:

Year	Total Budget	Core UKSPF: Revenue (Maximum)		Core UKSPF: Capital (Minimum)	
2022-23	£39,708	90%	£35,737	10%	£3,971
2023-24	£79,417	87%	£69,093	13%	£10,324
2024-25	£880,875	80%	£704,700	20%	£176,175
Totals	£1,000,000		£809,530		£190,470