

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION



Decision taken by individual Cabinet member

(All sections must be completed (mark "N/A" as applicable))

DECISION MAKER *(Name and designation)*

Councillor Gareth Williams, Leader of the Council

DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

The decision is to make final decisions on specific UKSPF project allocations as delegated to the Leader by [Cabinet on the 11 February 2025](#), subject to full receipt of the funding.

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) supports the Government's five national missions to deliver its plan for change: pushing power out to communities everywhere, with a specific focus to help kickstart economic growth and promoting opportunities in all parts of the UK. The UK government's Autumn Budget announced a further funding for local investment by March 2026. On 13 December 2024 government announced that the Council has been allocated £327,146 for 2025-26, with £60,401 capital funding and £266,745 revenue funding.

Cabinet considered Report No. ACE2204 at its meeting on the 5 July 2022, setting out the development of the Council's UKSPF Investment Plan. The national missions have been mapped by Government against existing UKSPF priorities and investments, allowing a wider range of activity to be funded in 2025-26. The proposed projects support the Council's Delivery Plan priorities and will be included in the forthcoming decision on the 2025-26 Council Delivery Plan at April Cabinet.

The specific UKSPF project allocations attached to this decision achieve:

- A continuation of successful activity from the 24/25 programme.
- New and additional activity in support of the Council's strategic priorities.
- A contribution towards achieving medium term financial sustainability.

The allocations include a contribution from the Community Recovery Fund of £200,000 to support activity to rebuild social trust and promote cohesion between communities.

DATE DECISION TAKEN

9 April 2025

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

(Those examined by officers and generated by consultation, etc)

The Leader consulted with relevant portfolio holders in making this decision through an Informal Cabinet meeting on the 27 February 2025.

An alternative option to not include a contribution from the Community Recovery Fund was considered and rejected on the basis that it would result in reduced activity across the UKSPF

programme. This would negatively impact the ability of the Council to rebuild social trust and promote cohesion between communities.

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

(conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).

N/A

Signed _____ **Cllr Gareth Williams** _____
(Decision maker)

Designation: Leader of the Council

Project Title	UKSPF Revenue	UKSPF Capital	UKSPF Total	Community Recovery Fund Total	Delivery Plan priority	UKSPF Theme
An enhanced community grant programme, including the Supporting Communities Grant, Pride in Place Grant, Community Transport Grant, and Shopfront Improvement Grant.	£ 58,731.00	£ -	£ 58,731.00	£ 29,250.00	Community and Wellbeing / Pride in Place	Communities and Place
Delivery of the Young Peoples' Plan	£ 25,000.00	£ -	£ 25,000.00	£ -	Community and Wellbeing	Communities and Place
Healthy Weights & Physical Activity in Schools Programme	£ 3,000.00	£ -	£ 3,000.00	£ -	Community and Wellbeing	Communities and Place
Delivering programmes to increase physical activity for young and elderly groups, including a sports day.	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 5,000.00	£ -	Community and Wellbeing	Communities and Place
Expanding sports and health activities to new locations, transportation, and harder-to-reach communities.	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 5,000.00	£ -	Community and Wellbeing	Communities and Place
Work with partners to increase physical activity opportunities for harder-to-reach communities	£ 1,000.00	£ -	£ 1,000.00	£ -	Community and Wellbeing	Communities and Place
Resources and people to further enhance community engagement efforts to better reach disadvantaged populations.	£ 32,000.00	£ -	£ 32,000.00	£ 20,000.00	Community and Wellbeing	Communities and Place
Develop and deliver Rushmoor Youth Voice.	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,000.00	Community and Wellbeing	Communities and Place

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Collaborate with health partners to address inequalities by exploring new funding streams and securing more resources.	£ 4,000.00	£ -	£ 4,000.00	£ -	Community and Wellbeing	Communities and Place
Project to increase access to mental health services, promote well-being, and encourage residents to seek help when needed	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 5,000.00	£ -	Community and Wellbeing	Communities and Place
Delivery of actions identified in the refreshed climate change action plan	£ 20,000.00	£ -	£ 20,000.00	£ -	Vision for the Future	Communities and Place
An enhanced town centre events programme	£ -	£ -	£ -	£146,750.00	Pride in Place	Communities and Place
An enhanced economic development programme, including business support, training, communication and engagement	£ 35,000.00	£ -	£ 35,000.00	£ -	Skills, economy and business	Communities and Place
Promote the availability of training and employment opportunities for residents.	£ 20,000.00	£ -	£ 20,000.00	£ -	Skills, economy and business	People and Skills
Town centres promotion, improvements and business support	£ 10,000.00	£ -	£ 10,000.00	£ -	Pride in Place	Communities and Place
A fund to facilitate activities which embed the Aldershot and Farnborough place narrative delivered in 2024/25	£ 10,000.00	£ -	£ 10,000.00	£ -	Skills, economy and business	Communities and Place

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Collaborate with the Pride in Place Champion on educational campaigns, raising awareness and promoting compliance.	£ 8,200.00	£ -	£ 8,200.00	£ -	Pride in Place	Communities and Place
Establish a quarterly Landlord Forum with educational topics and financial advice	£ 10,000.00	£ -	£ 10,000.00	£ -	Homes for All	Communities and Place
Create a new local social housing providers forum with a strategic and collaborative focus.	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 5,000.00	£ -	Homes for All	Communities and Place
Secure improvements and enhancements to the new Farnborough Town Square including the introduction of additional seating, planting and public art.	£ -	£ 60,401.00	£ 60,401.00	£ -	Pride in Place	Communities and Place
Management and administration costs	£ 9,814.00		£ 9,814.00	£ -	Vision for the Future (financial resilience)	Management and administration costs