

THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

Name of Officer:	Louise Askew, Head of Regeneration and Growth
Directorate:	
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Ruth Duckworth, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Property
Date of Decision	11 April 2024
Subject of decision:	UK Shared Prosperity Fund Grant Programme
Call-in Deadline:	

Decision made:

In June 2023 Cabinet approved the programme of spend for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in Thanet, with funding allocated to a grant programme for Community, Voluntary and Social Enterprise Sector. In January 2024 the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Property approved the scoring matrix for the UK Shared Prosperity Small Grants and Development Grants, in order for a panel of officers to sift, review and approve external grants to the two programmes.

Through an open process applications were sent to the council for the Small Grant programme and the Development Grants programme. The Grant Review Panel reviewed these and made a set of recommendations against the scoring criteria for approval of a number of grants.

The following allocations have been made as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Grants Programme.

	Revenue	Capital	Total Awarded
Small Grants Programme	£167,606.55	£26,700	£194,556.55
Development Grant - Stage 1	£13,500	-	£13,500
Development Grant Stage 2	£136,032.52	-	£136,032.52
Total Awarded	£317,389.07	£26,700	£344,089.07

The following grants have been awarded as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund programme:

Small Grants Programme

Total Awarded: 26 Grants of £167,606.55 revenue, and £26,700 capital to deliver projects that positively impact the five priority areas in Thanet.

Name of organisation	Project name	Award (revenue)	Award (capital)
Kidenza	Music to make you feel good	£4,079	£0
Kent Enterprise Trust	Page Turners: A Community Book Club	£8,100	£0
Eudaimonia	The Lounge Cliftonville	£6,000	£0
The Margate School Ltd	National Saturday Club Margate	£10,000	£0
6th Ramsgate Royal Harbour Sea Scout Group	Ice House Community Centre	£0	£10,000
The Margate Bookie	The Margate Volunteer Pool	£4,200	£0
Well Projects C.I.C.	Hidden Ecologies Creative Workshops	£3,285	£0
Inclusive Sport Kent CIC	Inclusive Sport Holiday Club	£9,940	£0
Broadstairs Folk Week	Folk Week Volunteer Support	£2,000	£0
YO! STREET ZONE CIC	Ramsgate Street Football Project	£6,870	£0
The Garden Gate Project Ltd	Garden Gate Coffee Mornings	£2,719.56	£0
Discovery Planet C.I.C.	STEM Extravaganzas	£9,745	£0
Headway Kent	Thriving Thanet Brains – Beyond the Brain Injury	£6,846.99	£0
Starlings Support CIC	Newington Community Gardening: Field to Fork	£9,500	£0
St George's Church, Ramsgate	St George's Community Soup	£10,000	£0
Athelstan Road Tenants and Residents' Association	Ethel Athel Alleyway gardening and wildlife group	£3,000	£0
NBE Fitness	We Move Together	£7,170	£0
Arts in Ramsgate	Love Where We Live	£8,880	£0
Dane Valley Woods	A Welcoming Woods	£3,150	£6,700

Margate Football Club Community Trust	Margate Memories	£9,850	£0
Quench Gallery	Quench Youth Artists Club	£9,421	£0
Ramsgate Skatepark Project	Ramsgate Skatepark Basketball Court Refurbishment	£0	£10,000
The Perfect Place to Grow	Employability Trainee Programme	£10,000	£0
Margate Radio CIC	Turning Tables, Turning Lives: Youth Empowerment	£2,850	£0
Cliftonville Cultural Space	Cliftonville – a great place to grow & thrive	£10,000	£0
Citizens Advice Thanet	Community Connect	£10,000	£0

Development Grant - Stage 1

Total awarded: 9 organisations received a £1500 grant, to fund their project business plan. £13,500 revenue.

Name of organisation	What is the project title
POW Thanet	Rest with PACE partnership
Thanet Community Development Trust	Ramsgate Heritage Centre
Foreland Fields Charity	The Hive
East Kent Mencap	The Scrap Store
Windmill Community Gardens Margate	Community Roots
21 Together	21 Together Thanet Centre
Sports Connect Community CIC	Walpole Bay Education and Sports Hub
Thanet Judokwai	Thanet Judokwai Wellbeing Practice Garden
Kent Coast Volunteering	Youth Volunteering Programme

Development Grant - Stage 2

Total awarded: seven organisations received grants totalling £136,032.52 revenue to deliver projects that positively impact the five priority areas

Name of organisation	What is the project title	Awarded
The Hive CIC (was Foreland Fields Charity)	The Hive	£ 19,990.00
East Kent Mencap	The Scrap Store	£ 16,100.00
Windmill Community Gardens Margate	Community Roots	£ 19,952.32

21 Together	21 Together Thanet Centre	£ 20,000.00
Sports Connect Community CIC	Walpole Bay Education and Sports Hub	£ 20,000.00
Thanet Judokwai	Thanet Judokwai Wellbeing Practice Garden	£ 20,000.00
Kent Coast Volunteering	Youth Volunteering Programme	£ 19,990.20

Reasons for the Decision:

Following the published grant allocation process the Grant Review Panel have reached their decision to award the grants as stated above. The allocation of seven Development Grants at Stage 2 and a larger allocation for the Small Grants Programme brings the total allocated to UKSPF to £344,089.07.

The funding profile for the grants is over both 2023/24 and 2024/25 budgets. The reprofile has been agreed with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Property on the basis that there was approval of an extra two Development Grants within the programme, and this will be funded through the underspend within the Community Champions programme.

Many of the projects awarded support a number of the identified outcomes for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund programme, including the creation of volunteering opportunities, training and jobs. Once these projects are delivered, further information will be sent to the council as part of the monitoring process to help collate the number of volunteering opportunities, training and jobs that are created.

Alternative options considered and why they were rejected when the decision was made:

Approval has been provided to deliver a grant funding programme for community, voluntary and social enterprise organisations in Thanet. This decision is providing the ratification for the grants that were awarded, following allocation via the approved process. The only alternative is not to provide the grants, with a likely underspend for the financial year that may then need to be returned to central government.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted by the officer making the decision and of any dispensation granted to that executive Member by the Head of Paid Service:

None

Please attach any report considered when making the decision (if applicable):

[UK Shared Prosperity Fund Scoring Matrix](#)
[UK Shared Prosperity Fund Cabinet update report on 15 June, 2023](#)

If you are aware this decision relates to a previous decision, please advise who took that decision and approximately when the decision was taken:

[UK Shared Prosperity Fund Cabinet update report on 15 June, 2023](#)
[Individual Cabinet Member Decision Notice 10 January, 2024 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund Grant Scoring Matrix](#)

Statement if decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in:

None