



UK Shared Prosperity Fund in West Yorkshire

7th June 2022

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- What is the UK Shared Prosperity Fund?
 - Multiply
- Ambition for UKSPF in West Yorkshire
- Progress since March 2022
- Timeline of Activity
- Next Steps

There will also be interactive elements of the Webinar.

WHO IS IN THE VIRTUAL ROOM ?

Journey over 6 years !

- **May 2016** - EU Referendum the start to replace EU Structural Funds
- **Nov 2020** - £220m support *communities* to pilot programmes 21-22 **UK Community Renewal Fund**.
- **Oct 2021 - Spending Review** - UKSPF is the *centrepiece of Governments ambition to improve outcomes in education, skills and health*.
 - ❑ Included as a first priority - **£560 million** UK wide **Multiply programme** to improve low levels of numeracy
 - ❑ **£2.6bn** announced split as follows, with the **majority of funding being revenue**;
 - 22 - 23 £0.4bn
 - 23 -24 £0.7bn
 - 24 - 25 £1.5bn
- **Feb 22 - Levelling Up White Paper** – UKSPF Pre Launch Guidance: MCA Mandate, No Allocations, Further Guidance due Mar/April 22.
- **April 22** – Launch of the Fund and announcement of allocations

What is the UK Shared Prosperity Fund?

£2.6 bn of new funding for local investment by March 2025, as part of a suite of complementary Levelling Up funding. It will:

- Provide all areas of the UK with an allocation of revenue and capital funding - via a funding formula, not a competition.
- Taper in from 2022-23, with funding reaching £1.5bn a year by 2025.
- Empower each place to identify and build on their own strengths and needs at a local level, focused on pride in place.
- Delegate delivery of the fund to Lead Authorities, supported by local partners.
- Enable local places to build a package of funding, drawing on other programmes such as the Levelling Up Fund or employment and skills support to maximise impact and simplify delivery. T
- The fund will be led nationally by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) with support from other government departments.
- **It is not a like for like replacement for EU Structural Funds.**

Introduction to UKSPF



The UK Shared Prosperity Fund will support the UK Government's wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK by delivering on each of the four parts of Levelling Up:

- Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards, especially in those places where they are lagging.
- Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest.
- Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost.
- Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency.

The primary goal of UKSPF is **building pride in place and increasing life chances across the UK**, while recognising the acute challenges town centres and communities have faced during the Covid pandemic.

This will be achieved across **three Investment Priorities/Pillars**:

- Communities and Place
- Local Business; and
- People and Skills

UKSPF investments will also need to demonstrate their contribution to net zero and nature recovery objectives.

The UKSPF will be split between a core allocation/main fund, and the Multiply Adult Numeracy Programme.

UKSPF – Pillars of the Fund

Investment Priority	Summary of Objectives
Community and Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening our social fabric and fostering a sense of local pride and belonging.• To build resilient and safe neighbourhoods.
Supporting Local Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating jobs and boosting community cohesion by supporting local businesses.• Promoting networking and collaboration and stimulating innovation and growth.• Targeted support to help businesses grow - e.g. innovation, productivity, energy efficiency, low carbon and exporting.
People and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boosting core skills and support adults to progress in work.• Supporting disadvantaged people to access the skills they need.• Funding local skills needs and supplementing local adult skills provision.• Reducing levels of economic inactivity and supporting those furthest from the labour market.

Government Example Interventions



Communities and place

- Visual improvements to town centres and high streets
- Cultural/ visitor economy interventions
- Litter, waste and graffiti reduction
- Projects to fight antisocial behaviour
- Community projects



Local business

- Support to increase town centre footfall (e.g. outdoor markets)
- Development of cultural, visitor and heritage assets
- Targeted business growth and innovation support



People and skills

- Technical and vocational qualifications in areas of local skills shortage
- Intensive, wraparound one-to-one support to address barriers to employment
- Life skills, basic skills and specialist support including achieving basic qualifications in alternative settings
- Work experience, supported employment, enrichment activities, counselling and advice, and community referrals

- *DLUHC Slide.*

UKSPF Investment Priorities

Pillar 1 - Communities and Place



The intention of this Pillar is to strengthen the social fabric of communities, supporting building pride in place. Lead authorities are encouraged to identify interventions and activities that will support these objectives in an area.

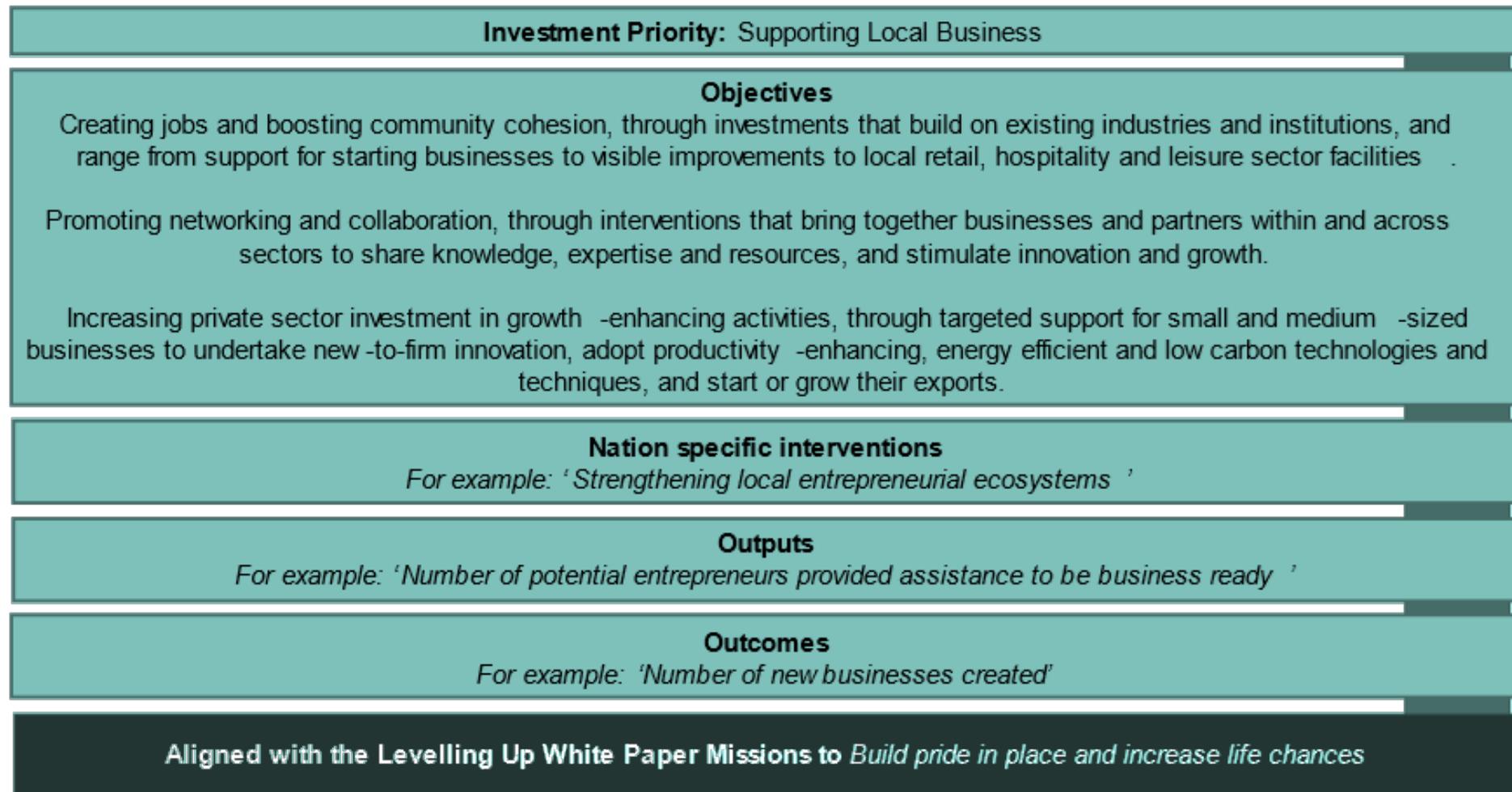


UKSPF Investment Priorities

Pillar 2 - Supporting Local Business



Areas are encouraged to review the interventions and activities that would support business to thrive, innovate and grow, including any interventions that are best delivered at a larger scale in collaboration with other places, or more locally. Places should also consider segmenting their business population, focusing on specific interventions that will best meet local business need. This can be informed by early engagement with local business representatives.



UKSPF Investment Priorities

Pillar 3 - People and Skills



There will **no requirement** to identify skills and people related interventions for the **first two years** of UKSPF (with some limited exceptions).

The UKSPF guidance also states lead authorities are strongly encouraged to agree and commission people and skills activities over larger geographies.

Investment Priority: People and Skills

Objectives

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.

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.

Nation specific interventions

For example: 'Employment support for economically inactive people'

Outputs

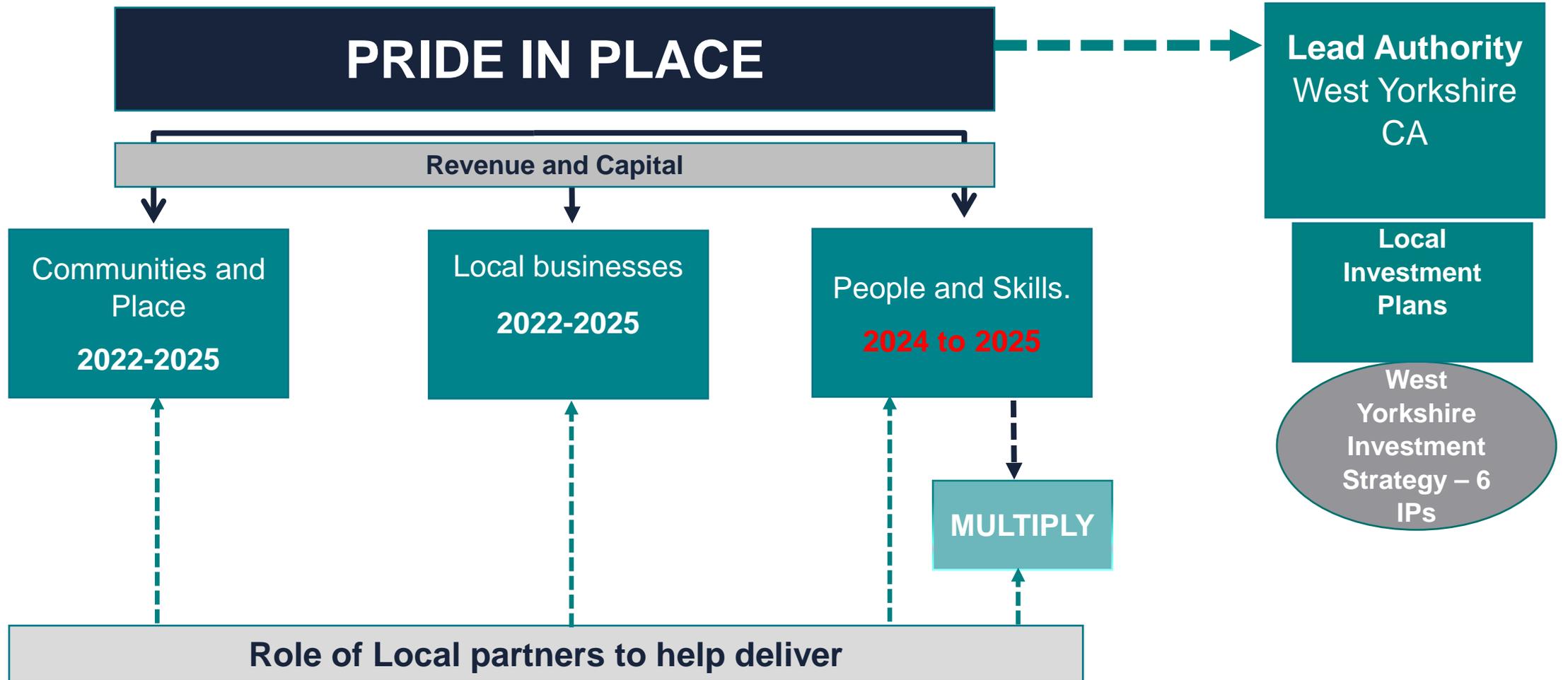
For example: 'Number of people supported to engage in job-searching'

Outcomes

For example: 'Number of people in employment, including self-employment, following support'

Aligned with the Levelling Up White Paper Missions to Build pride in place and increase life chances

UKSPF Structure



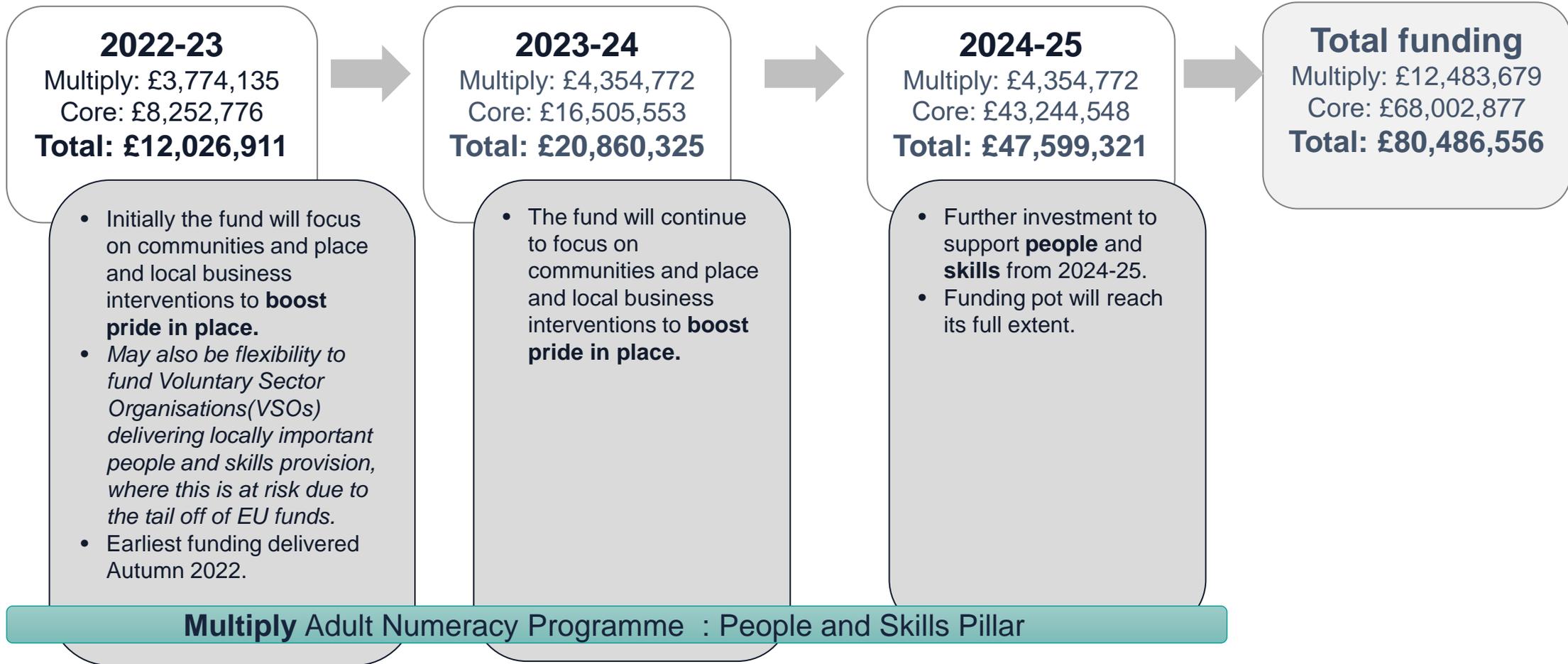
The role of Lead Authorities

- In West Yorkshire the Lead Authority is **West Yorkshire Combined Authority** working in partnership with our 5 partner Councils.
- **Championing the region to achieve the best outcomes**
- Developing and submitting Investment Plans to unlock devolved funding allocation
- *Potentially* calling for projects/commissioning with wider partnership or in house delivery
- Appraising and selecting projects
- Contracting with delivery partners
- Undertaking monitoring and assurance activity
- Paying grants to successful projects and managing their performance
- Reporting to Government – spend, delivery outcomes, evaluation
- Management fee to be top sliced off allocation to run the Fund

- **2022-24 - Communities and place and local business plus Multiply.**
- **2022-24 - Consider at risk VSO skills provision at risk due to ESF end - locally important provision.**
- **2024-25 – plus Support people and skills.**

UKSPF In West Yorkshire – our ambition for the Fund

UKSPF Funding in West Yorkshire



Lead Authorities will be asked to **return any underspend** to the Government at the end of each financial year.

Ambition for UKSPF in West Yorkshire

- Collective agreement that we need to 'level up' West Yorkshire - discussion have begun to agree how together can make this happen as a partnership.
- To complement our other funding streams to help deliver outcomes local Leaders have agreed in the West Yorkshire Investment Strategy.
- Simplification
- Flexibility - Using funding available in the region as flexibly as possible.
- Local decision making made by local partners who know their areas best
- Transparency in decision making building on already developed processes where possible.
- Development of projects/programmes will be done through policy led pipeline development work and consideration given to the place based support required.
- Need to be balanced with areas of opportunity, which in turn can improve outcomes for wider communities across West Yorkshire.
- Deliver better outcomes than previous EU Structural Funds – demonstrating to Government the new model works.

West Yorkshire Investment Strategy (WYIS) 2021 to 2024



Combined Authority June 2021 agreed WYIS – six Investment Priorities (IPs)

Investment Priority	Title
IP1	Good Jobs and Resilient Businesses (including entrepreneurialism)
IP2	Skills and training for people
IP3	Creating Great Places and Accelerated Infrastructure
IP 4	Tackling the Climate Emergency and Environmental Sustainability
IP 5	Future Transport
IP 6	Culture and Creative Industries

SPF Governance in West Yorkshire

- Required to set out a governance model, including Multiply, that is acceptable to Government.
- Requires comprehensive and balanced local partnership.
- Local partners expected to support the Lead Authority to develop the Investment Plan.
- Once approved to provide advice on deliverability and strategic fit on schemes to be funded.
- Overall will ensure the Combined Authority is accountable, open and transparent with other local partners as well as HMG.

Recommendations made and accepted by West Yorkshire Political Leaders

- UKSPF West Yorkshire Partnership Advisory Group established with immediate effect (***the Local Partnership Group - LPG***).
- Building upon and re-purposes members from existing governance groups.
- Reporting to the Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee (FRCC) and ultimately to the Combined Authority.
- Two reps from each of the relevant Committees plus a rep for each Council.
- Recommendations made by the 'Group' ratified by FRCC and enacted by the WYCA UKSPF Officer Team.
- To be supported by an **External Officer Advisory Group** and the **AEB Performance Group**.

Engagement with MPs

- should be closely engaged in the design and delivery of the Fund.
- should be invited to join the local partnership group.
- provide an advisory role.
- the investment plan needs to demonstrate local consensus for the plan. If it does not, ministers reserve the right to defer sign off until broad consensus is secured. Failure of one or more MPs to agree would not prevent consideration of the investment plan.
- the Lead Authority is encouraged to engage proactively and constructively with MPs on a periodic basis, post investment plan sign-off – including through a regular reviews and meetings of the partnership group in its delivery phase.
- Accepted by WYPL: **MP Engagement Group** be established to run parallel to the main Local Partnership Group.

CORE UKSPF

West Yorkshire Core UKSPF Allocation

The Allocation for West Yorkshire is **£80,486,557** (£68,002,877 UKSPF and £12,483,680 Multiply): See later slides for **Multiply**

	UKSPF			TOTALS
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	ALL YEARS
Overall Allocation	8,252,776	16,505,553	43,244,548	68,002,877
Less Mngt fee max 4%	330,111	660,222	1,729,782	2,720,115
Balance left for Delivery	7,922,665	15,845,331	41,514,766	65,282,762

Fund constraints in designing the Plan

- Conditional 3 year allocation - split by financial year and by capital and revenue minimum thresholds.
- Any in year underspends to be returned to HMG at the end of each financial year.
- Year 1 issue : spend, deliverability and capacity - earliest start date to protect funding.
- Match funding not required - strongly encouraged to seek and include leverage in the Investment Plan if possible.
- No spend in Years 1 and 2 for People and Skills unless to be used to fund targeted people and skills provision where this is a continuing priority for West Yorkshire in 2024-25 and may be at significant risk of ending due to the tail off of EU funds and currently delivered by voluntary and community organisations.

Multiply



MULTIPLY

What is Multiply ?

Multiply



- It is one of **the first skills and employment** programmes under **Pillar 3 (People and Skills)**.
- Multiply is **an adult numeracy programme**, led by the Department for Education (DfE)
- £430m will be available across the four nations over the three years.
- The funding is to engage more adults with numeracy levels below level 2 (GCSE C/4 pass) in informal learning to boost their maths skills for life and work.
- In addition to locally delivered programmes there will also be a national website launched later in the year so that people can learn at their own pace, with personalised on-line tutor support.
- Government have published a ‘menu of interventions’ against which activity should be planned. There is an opportunity to go ‘off menu’, however, this will require a clear evidence-based case for each proposal with measurable outcomes proposed.
- **£12.4 million for West Yorkshire.**

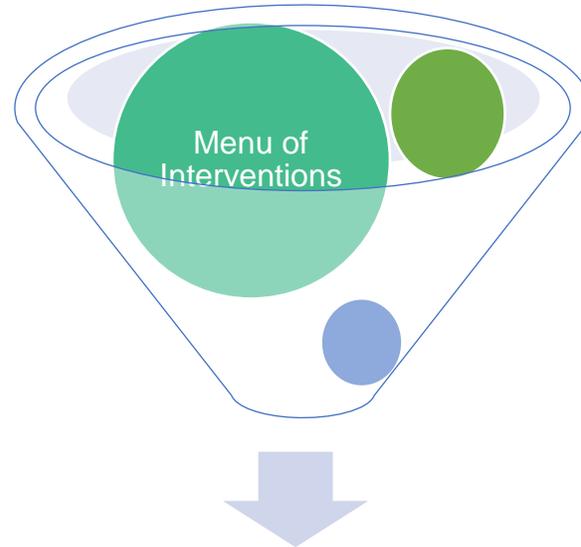
MULTIPLY – West Yorkshire Allocation				
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	ALL YEARS
Overall Allocation	3,774,135	4,354,772	4,354,772	12,483,679

- Critical to align and design around AEB – avoid duplication and maximise impact of funds
- ‘Menu of interventions’ consulted upon with key stakeholders and sector representatives
- Potential to focus Multiply on 3 key workstreams which will add value:
 - Individual engagement activity - aspiration focused
 - Business focused intervention for existing workforce
 - Capacity Building in the sector
- Delivery options **provided have been tested in consultation late May to prioritise most needed activity and determine** weighting of funds across the workstreams.
- Ambition that Investment Plan will be co-designed with a range of sector and stakeholder reps.
- Timing and phasing of interventions will be critical to mobilise activity in stages and in maximising the fund use in-year.

Multiply – What could multiply do?

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**LEVELLING
— UP —**



Business Focused Activity
Individual Focused Activity
Capacity Building for sector

Multiply – What could multiply do?

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Activity to be delivered in West Yorkshire	
Individual Focussed	<p>A) Flexible activity and courses delivered through community organisations which provide money management and budgeting support to tackle numeracy and cost of living concerns</p> <p>B) flexible activity and courses delivered to families to support children with numeracy: aspiration raising and myth-busting</p> <p>c) Additional numeracy modules to be embedded into vocational programmes</p>
Business Focussed	<p>d) Innovative programmes delivered together with employers – including courses designed to cover specific numeracy skills required in the workplace</p> <p>e) Provide incentives: e.g. pay for employee time spent on course, based on hourly rate?</p> <p>f) Numeracy champions embedded within workplaces to identify and support staff needs: triage skills needs, signpost to (new &) existing programmes, provide mentoring/buddy support. To include training package and coordination of mentors</p>
Capacity Building	<p>g) Consultation / qualitative work with the adult education sector to explore and unpack key issues around numeracy and to map / assess existing provision</p> <p>h) Training subject specialists in maths to embed numeracy into vocational curriculum (FE and Training provider programmes)</p> <p>i) Sector training for front line staff (e.g. employment hub advisors, student services, PAs for Care leavers, careers teams, community tutors) to be numeracy ambassadors and/or numeracy mentors</p> <p>j) Activity which specifically links multiply providers to AEB and UKSPF provision</p> <p>k) Awareness raising campaign and collateral to support all streams with engagement</p>

Multiply – *Some* Challenges

Multiply



Given that AEB is a devolved fund within West Yorkshire, which can be flexibly applied and to meet residents and economic needs as determined by the Combined Authority, there is considerable potential for Multiply to duplicate current provision

- Multiply funds must focus on different target groups and activity.
- Commissioned Multiply activity must 'wrap around' and add value to existing provision, particularly AEB.
- Devolution affords us the ability to design out duplication.

- Year 1 uptake is likely to be low for new markets.
- New funding streams need considerable awareness raising activity upfront to support engagement.
- Funding streams that provide free education to individuals can be undervalued with a high dropout rate.

PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS

Developing the Local Investment Plans

As Lead Authority, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority is developing the Local Investment Plans (LIPs), working in conjunction, initially and overall at this stage, with our Local Authority partners to develop the Investment framework.

Government expect the content of each LIP to be coherent and broadly supported by relevant partners – the LPG will be a key vehicle for assuring this.

The interventions, outputs and outcomes set out in the LIP must be deliverable, and Lead Authorities are expected to set out how they will deliver a successful programme.

The LIPs will be assessed on three key areas :

- Local Context – including challenges and opportunities
- Selection of outcomes, outputs and proposed interventions
- Delivery

**The Mutiply LIP will be submitted late-June 2022 - and is due to be approved by Government in summer 2022.
The Core SPF LIP will be submitted late-July 2022 - and is due to be approved by Government in Autumn 2022.**

Progress since March 2022 Webinar

Since the Webinar on the 31st March 2022 the following has taken place :

- Ongoing codesign and consultation with West Yorkshire Political Leaders on the overall Framework for the Fund in West Yorkshire building on the ongoing policy led pipeline development work to help deliver the WYIS.
- Agreed the Governance model for the SPF in West Yorkshire and sought nominations from the Combined Authority Committees.
- In the process of establishing a MP Engagement Group for the purpose of engaging MPs with SPF and the LIPs
- Held a Multiply Stakeholder Engagement Event – May 22.
- Undertook a survey in to numeracy provision and need - targeted at business to inform the options for the Multiply Investment Plan.
- Set up a central mailbox for all enquiries.
- West Yorkshire UKSPF Website in development.

Updated Timetable and next steps

Timing	UKSPF Milestone
13 April	Government launch Fund and announce allocations
June to late July	Consultation and co-production with West Yorkshire Political Leadership (ongoing)
26 th May	Closing date for nominations to join the West Yorkshire Local Partnership Group
7 th June	Webinar held with wider stakeholders – engagement and to aid understand on what UKSPF is
8 th to 17 th June	Consultation on Multiply Investment Plan
Mid June	WY UKSPF Local Partnership Group established – Inaugural meeting
16 th June	MP Engagement Group - Inaugural meeting
23 June CA	Approval of Multiply Investment Plan for submission to Government
30 June	SPF Multiply Investment Framework Submitted to Government
1 st to 8 th July	Consultation on Core SPF Investment Plan
By 12 th July	Finalise CA papers for publication
14 th July	CA papers published
22 July CA	Approval of Core SPF Investment Plan for submission to Government
25th July	Final amends made to Plan and loaded in to Government Portal
26 July	SPF Core Investment Framework Submitted to Government
Over the Summer	Work on detail of Fund delivery and operation via Implementation Plans and more detailed consultation
End of August	Investment Plan for Multiply signed off by UK Government : DfE
September	Delivery starts for Multiply
October	Investment Plan Core SPF signed off by UK Government
October/November	Delivery starts for Core SPF

POLLING AND QUESTION TIME

Other Information

Link to UKSPF National Guidance Documentation <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>

Link to Multiply National Guidance Documentation <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiply-funding-available-to-improve-numeracy-skills>

West Yorkshire Investment Strategy

<https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/media/8428/west-yorkshire-investment-strategy.pdf>

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