



UK Shared Prosperity Fund in West Yorkshire

4th July 2022

Stakeholder Consultation on Local Investment Plan Framework

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Recap on what is the UK Shared Prosperity Fund?
- Ambition for UK Shared Prosperity Fund in West Yorkshire
- West Yorkshire Local Investment Framework
- Multiply update
- Timeline of Activity
- Next Steps

There will also be interactive elements of the Webinar.

WHO IS IN THE VIRTUAL ROOM ?

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:

- All areas of the UK with an allocation of revenue and capital funding - via a funding formula, not 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.
- Lead nationally - Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) support across government.
- **Primary goal is building pride in place and increasing life chances across the UK - achieved across three Investment Priorities/ Pillars:**
 - Pillar 1 : Communities and Place
 - Pillar 2 : Local Business; and
 - Pillar 3 : People and Skills
- **It is not a like for like replacement for EU Structural Funds.**
- **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 in the wider funding landscape

- As set out in an earlier slide UKSPF is only one of several funding pots that can help West Yorkshire to deliver the priorities set out in the West Yorkshire Investment Strategy.
- UKSPF should be considered in the wider funding landscape and should complement other funding and activity in West Yorkshire . This includes examples such as ;

Communities & Place

Examples include;

- Levelling up Fund
- Community Ownership fund
- Future High Streets Fund
- Towns Fund
- Get Building Fund
- UK Community Renewal Fund
- City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement
- Gainshare

Local Business

Examples include;

- Levelling Up Fund
- UK Community Renewal Fund
- Extension of ERDF funded business support to mid/late-2023
- Gainshare

People & Skills

Examples include;

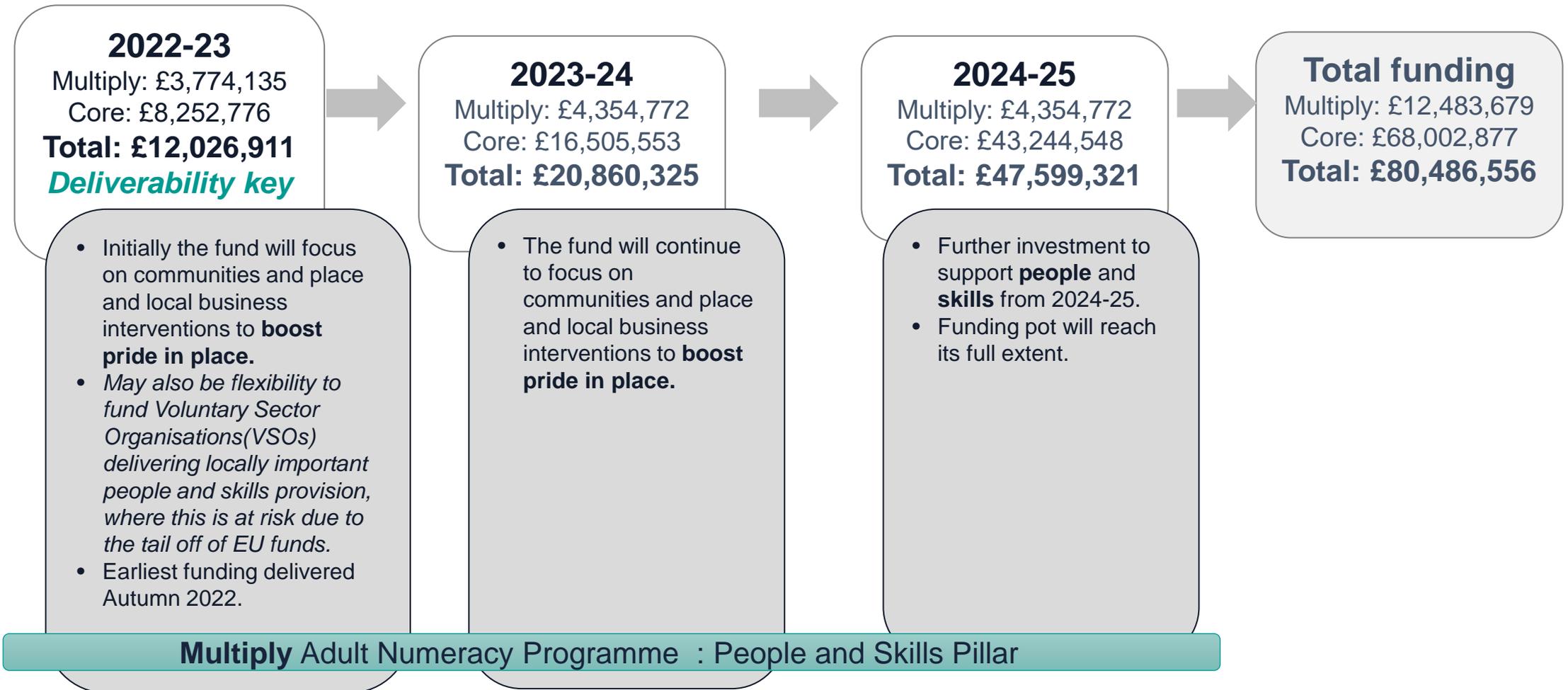
- Devolved Adult Education Budget
- National Skills Fund: Bootcamps
- DWP Restart LTU Programme
- Extension of ESF funded skills and employment support to mid/late-2023
- UK Community Renewal Fund
- Gainshare
- **UKSPF Multiply**

Lead Authority Role

- 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

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) (Revised 2022)

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	Delivering Sustainable, Inclusive and affordable Transport
IP 6	Culture, Creative Industries, Sport and Physical Activities

Good Governance in West Yorkshire



- Government require comprehensive and balanced local partnership to support the Lead Authority including Members of Parliament - in the design and delivery of the fund.
- Overall will ensure the Combined Authority is accountable, open and transparent with other local partners as well as HMG.

UKSPF West Yorkshire Partnership Advisory Group (Local Partnership Group)

- Membership made up of existing members of committees, inaugural meeting 6th July 2022 - to meet regularly therein.
- Will report to the Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee (FRCC) and ultimately to the Combined Authority.
- 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**.

MP Engagement Group

- Now established – met mid June and next 6th July 2022 – to meet regularly therein.

Local Partnership Group Membership



Name	Committee	Organisation Representing
Cllr Alex Ross-Shaw (L) Bradford	Business, Economy and Innovation Committee; and Place, Regeneration & Housing Committee ; and Business Investment Panel	Local Authority – Bradford
Cllr Jane Scullion (L) - Calderdale	Combined Authority (sub); and Business, Economy and Innovation Committee; and Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee: and Business Investment Panel	Local Authority – Calderdale
Cllr Graham Turner (L) Kirklees	Cabinet Member for Regeneration; and Employment and Skills Committee (tbc CA 23/6)	Local Authority – Kirklees
Cllr Jonathan Pryor Leeds (L)	Business, Economy and Innovation Committee; and Culture, Arts & Creative Industries Committee	Local Authority – Leeds
Cllr Darren Byford (L) Wakefield	Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economic Growth	Local Authority – Wakefield
Karl Oxford	Business, Economy and Innovation Committee	Private Sector (African & Caribbean Business Ventures Ltd)
Andrew Wright	Business, Economy and Innovation Committee	LEP Board member – Private ; and Deputy Chair of BEIC and ESIF Sub-Committee
Alan Lane	Culture, Arts and Creative Committee	Private Sector
Mandy Ridyard	LEP Board ; and Business, Economy and Innovation Committee	LEP Board member – Private Sector

Local Partnership Group Membership



Name	Committee	Organisation Representing
Catherine Mitchell	Culture and Creative Industries Committee	Arts Council
Sam Keighley	Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee; and Culture and Creative Industries Committee	Private Sector (Yorkshire Sport Foundation)
Shirley Congdon	LEP Board	Higher Education (Vice-Chancellor, Bradford University)
Martin Stow	Business, Economy and Innovation Committee	Universities
Dr Neville Young	Business, Economy and Innovation Committee	Y&H Academic Health Partnership
Colin Booth	Employment and Skills Committee	Further Education (CEO Luminate Education Group)
Bill Adams	Employment and Skills Committee	Trades Union Congress
Alex Miles	Employment and Skills Committee	West Yorkshire Skills Partnership - WY Learning Providers
Sharon Riding for Sue Soroczan	Employment and Skills Committee	DWP/JCP - Work & Health Directorate
Cllr Scott Patient	Climate, Energy and Environment Committee	Nature/Environment
Cassandra Walker	N/A	Locality – VCSE West Yorkshire Representative
VACANT	VACANT	Police and Crime
<i>UKSPF Core Officer Team</i>	<i>Combined Authority</i>	

CORE UKSPF - Local Investment Framework : Developing the Local Investment Plan (LIP)

Principles of the Investment Framework

- Core UKSPF

- Led by outcomes derived from the West Yorkshire Investment Strategy
- Local Authorities have a crucial role in determining the approach for their local areas – working in partnership as a group of six is key.
- Local engagement aswell as collective agreement to achieve and benefit from economies of scale – to be determined over time.
- Deliverability at the forefront to mitigate risk of losing funding to the region.
- Leverage and alignment to other funding as a package of support – to be encouraged at all stages.
- Framework designed on a mix of in house, commissioned and procured activity over the Fund lifetime- seeking best solutions to issues to be addressed to help deliver the WYIS and to allow range of stakeholders to engage with the Fund.
- To govern the Fund in an open and transparent way – Core and Multiply to ensure integrated alignment and delivery.
- Narrative to be high level with implementation plans developed over summer/early autumn 22.

PILLARS ALLOW FOR INTEGRATED PROVISION BEST DESIGNED TO CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVELLING UP

Bradford	Calderdale	Kirklees	Leeds	Wakefield	West Yorkshire level
<i>In partnership develop the best, outcome focussed, efficient and effective Routes to Market - commissioning local outcomes together</i> <i>SPF headline outcomes to be achieved in West Yorkshire to achieve resilient places, better skilled people and more productive business</i>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved perception of safety Reduction in neighbourhood crime Improved perception of facilities/amenities Improved perceived/experienced accessibility Increased footfall Increased visitor numbers Increased users of facilities / amenities 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased number of businesses supported Increased amount of investment (at firm level) Number of organisations engaged in new knowledge transfer activity Number of businesses adopting new to the firm technologies or processes Increased number of innovation active SMEs Number of businesses adopting new or improved products or services Number of businesses with improved productivity 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of economically inactive individuals in receipt of benefits they are entitled to following support Increased active or sustained participants of UKSPF beneficiaries in community groups [and/or] increased employability through development of interpersonal skills Number of people in employment, including self-employment, following support Number of people in education/training Fewer people facing structural barriers into employment and into skills provision Number of people gaining a qualification or completing a course following support 	

Local Authority Allocation – supports hyper local integrated (cross Pillar) delivery in a Place £30m

PILLAR 1 – COMMUNITIES AND PLACE Local areas to define what they wish to deliver	PILLAR 2 – SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS Local areas to define what they wish to deliver	PILLAR 3 – PEOPLE AND SKILLS Local areas to define what they wish to deliver
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Supported by a small number of complementary regional initiatives – developed in partnership with codesigned commissioning/ procurement routes to be developed over time in partnership – *strategic need, economies of scale, builds on proven partnership models*

£1.2m	£20m	£14m – dependent on whether fund at risk provision
<p>Supported by enhanced programme of support delivering more resilient and safe communities through two agreed Partnership approaches ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Yorkshire Flood Innovation Programme (FLIP) (£310K) Women and Girl safety outreach Offered to LAs create and deliver community safety projects to deliver on the ambitions of the police and crime plan (£850K) 	<p>Business Support Gateway including eg support for ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for businesses: Increasing productivity, business growth, and supporting communities to access opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment West Yorkshire (working title) Improve employment support for individuals from key groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skills for Workforce Programme Community Grants programme

MULTIPLY – Adult numeracy programmes including community learning delivered by local council partners with codesigned procurement of business interventions

Local Authority Allocations

LA area	Baseline: Govt Methodology split	Share per Govt split	AMOUNT
Bradford	17,177,855	25%	7,578,145
Calderdale	6,265,510	9%	2,764,079
Kirklees	13,203,570	19%	5,824,858
Leeds	21,292,920	31%	9,393,538
Wakefield	10,063,022	15%	4,439,381
TOTAL	68,002,877	100%	30,000,000

Provision delivered by VSOs post ESF

- 18 ESF projects out of 33 live projects have VSO delivery partners – mainly via the supply chain.
- Most organisations in the supply chain are used to time limited grant funding, fixed term contracts and the need to continue to apply for additional ongoing resources from other external funding streams. A large number of the VSOs deliver ESF alongside other externally funded initiatives and therefore would not necessarily close due to EU funding coming to an end and will continue to apply for available funding after their project has ended.
- Most projects end between August and December 2023 – with those finishing December 2023 only having a 3 month gap IF they were successful in securing additional SPF in year 3. However the Fund budget is much smaller than previous ESF and competition for resources will be fierce and there will still be winners and losers in the region.
- The information supplied to the Combined Authority to date has been provided by the Lead Applicant following a conversation with their partners – no due diligence and formal assessment of the risks to the viability of VSOs has been undertaken and so at this stage it is very difficult to formally assess need.
- The closing of ESF funded schemes – like many grant funded projects do, *in some projects*, result in, as reported by the Applicants;
 - some staff being served redundancy notices but many project staff are on fixed term contracts and therefore are aware that there will be no extensions
 - VSOs scaling back delivery
 - Some continuing to provide services to local residents after the ESF contact ended/ends but may have to curtail services they are able to offer

Provision delivered by VSOs post ESF

- some of the smaller voluntary sector partners stating that the loss of income could impact by reducing the management team as well as impact on the sustainability of keeping some of their satellite bases open
 - staff being redeployed to other areas of work
 - job roles that may not be 100% fully funded by the project eg finance, administrative and management hours, being funded by their organisations other funding streams.
 - reducing the size of their organisation and the offer to the local community but are not at risk of closing.
- This exercise has highlighted the sectors volatile nature which is an ongoing issue not only due to EU funding coming to an end.
 - **Conclusion is that there is not enough info at this stage to make firm investment recommendations for inclusion in the SPF LIP. Other sources of funding may be more appropriate : exploring first the extent to which provision and VSO organisations in West Yorkshire are at risk, by undertaking a bespoke piece of research in to these issues, may be a first option.**

POLLING TIME

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MULTIPLY

What is Multiply ?

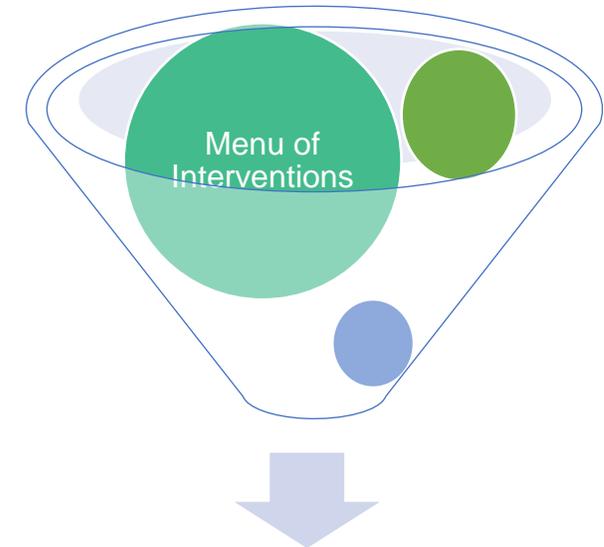
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- It is one of the **first skills and employment** programmes under **Pillar 3 (People and Skills)**.
- An **adult numeracy programme**, led by the Department for Education (DfE) .
- **£559m nationally** with £430m for local delivery across the four nations over the three years.
- Target group - adults with numeracy levels below level 2 (GCSE C/4 pass).
- In addition there will be a national website launched late 2022 so that people can learn at their own pace, with personalised on-line tutor support.
- Government published a ‘menu of interventions’ with opportunity to go ‘off menu’, however, this required a clear evidence-based case for each proposal with measurable outcomes proposed.
- **£12.4 million for West Yorkshire** - less up to 10% management fee – approx. £11.23m local delivery.

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 during May to prioritise most needed activity and determine** weighting of funds across the workstreams.
- Co-designed with a range of sector and stakeholder reps.
- Timing and phasing of interventions critical to mobilise activity in stages and in maximising the fund use in-year.



Business Focused Activity
Individual Focused Activity
Capacity Building for sector

Multiply – What will multiply do?

Multiply



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 c)</p> <p>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 – *Split of Funding*

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Agreed way forward

Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual focused (of which Community Learning) - £2.7m (£2m)• Business focused - £5m• Capacity Building - £3.6m
Management and Assurance	LAs to assure and procure Community Focussed activity MCA to assure Business Focussed and Capacity Building Activity

PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS

Progress since 7th June 2022 Webinar



Since the Webinar on the 7th June 2022 the following has taken place :

- UKSPF Core Investment Framework and high level drafting principles of the Local Investment Plan endorsed by the West Yorkshire Political Leadership.
- Further work undertaken with Local Authorities on Place Based activity
- Further discussions between CA and council officers about proposals for business and skills activity to compliment local plans, enable high level drafting of the Local Investment Plan
- Local Partnership Group established. Inaugural meeting on the 6th July.
- MP Engagement Group established.
- West Yorkshire UKSPF Website in development.
- Multiply Local Investment Plan submitted 30th June 2022.

Next steps : Core SPF and Multiply

- Next two weeks further consultation on draft LIP including ;
 - Support via Local Authority partners
 - Endorsement of the draft Local Investment Framework by the Local Partnership Group
 - Endorsement of the draft Local Investment Framework by the MP Engagement Group
- Present draft Local Investment Plan and governance for SPF to Combined Authority **22 July** for approval, and to seek delegation to Managing Director in consultation with Mayor and Leaders for the Final LIP to be submitted to Government on **26th July 2022**.
- **Over Summer** - Develop the implementation Plan for UK Shared Prosperity Fund, including Multiply.
- Further consultation over the summer to further define some of the activity/share updates this includes routes to market yet to be determined.

Updated Timetable and next steps



Timing	UKSPF Milestone
13 April	Government launch Fund and announce allocations
30 June	SPF Multiply Investment Framework Submitted to Government
1 st to 8 th July	Consultation on Core SPF Investment Plan
4 th July	Webinar held with wider stakeholders – update and consultation on LIP
6 th July	Inaugural West Yorkshire Local Partnership Group meets - first meeting and – consultation on LIP
6 th July	MP Engagement Group meets – consultation on LIP
By 12 th July	Finalise CA papers for publication
14 th July	CA papers published – seek delegation for final amends to MD prior to submission
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

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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>