

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS

2014

OFFICER DECISION WRITTEN RECORD

Reference:	OD/(to be added by Democratic Services)
Subject Matter:	UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Support+
Date of Decision:	18 February 2025
Exempt/Confidential information (Yes/No):	No
If Exempt/Confidential – reason why:	No
Name of Officer taking decision under delegated authority:	Benjamin Wood
Source of delegated authority (constitution/express delegation/etc):	<p>Council meeting 18th January 2023: Council resolved that the following amounts from the East Herts UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and the Rural Prosperity Fund (RPF) be agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• up to £630,000 allocated from the UKSPF and up to

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	<p>£236,421 from the RPF for delivery of town and village centre improvements, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to £287,000 from UKSPF and up to £236,421 from RPF allocated to business support, and <p>that decisions on spending be delegated to the Head of Communications, Strategy and Policy acting in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Growth</p>
Exercise of delegated authority approved by:	
Decision:	<p>That the following amounts are allocated as grant payments for town and village support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £24,610 to Datchworth Parish Council to implement improvements to the Nutcroft Play Area as well as new fencing and outdoor table tennis equipment to Turkey Farm • £29,665 to Cottered and Throcking Parish Council for pathway repairs and towards the cost of refurbishing the sports pavilion

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £14,177.50 to Watton-at-Stone Parish Council towards various improvements in the village, including new street furniture, planters and refurbishments to the Lammas common area • £75,543.25 to Hertfordshire County Council for improvements to Buntingford High Street, including replacing paving stones, installing 12 new planters and repainting and replacing bollards • £27,654.93 to Hertfordshire County Council to complete installation of VMS in Hertford town centre • £9,000 to the Bishop's Stortford Business Improvement District for the provision of rangers in the town centre between January – March 2025 • £30,000 to Bengoe Rural Parish Council for installation and improvements to play equipment at Tonwell

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	<p>That the following amounts are made in contract awards for town and village support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £6308 to Douglas Ltd for installation of 13 pieces of artwork in the Northgate End Car Park lobby areas • £9999 to FM Suckling Ltd for improvements to the Buntingford public toilets • £37,400 to Jeff Skidmore Agricultural Ltd for improvements to Castle Park pathway • £59,817.41 to Bakers of Danbury Ltd for the installation of a harness system at Waytemore Castle • £3,220 to Purcell Architecture Ltd for contract supervision services in regards to the harness at Waytemore Castle • £944 to Lime Centre Ltd for mortar testing in regards to Waytemore Castle <p>That up to £15,000 is allocated towards the provision of Markets Manager for Hertford and Ware, on a temporary contract until 31 March 2025, for town and village support.</p>

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	<p>That the following amounts are allocated in grants for business support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £3,000 to Dzined, Stansted Abbots, as a new premises grant • £3,000 to the Classic Boutique, Bishop's Stortford, as a new premises grant • £5,019.89 to Attend2Health Ltd, Buntingford, as a large business grant for provision of new equipment to diversify income • £17,049.29 to Made by Landmark Ltd, Hertford, for provision of new manufacturing equipment to increase productivity
Reason(s) for Decision:	UKSPF funds are designed to support town and village centre activities and business support

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Details of alternative options, if any considered and rejected:	N/A – remaining funds from UKSPF will all be allocated by 31 March 2025
Name of Officer who has confirmed with all Members involved in taking this decision whether they have pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest:	Benjamin Wood
Name(s) of any Member who has removed himself/herself from contributing to this decision because of a conflict of interest:	None
A record of any conflict of interest or of any dispensation granted	None
Signature of Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	
Signature of Member consulted by Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	◁

SIGNATURES TO BE REDACTED