

## **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:	21 March 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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"><li>• up to £630,000 allocated from the UKSPF and up to £236,421 from the RPF for delivery of town and village centre improvements, and</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to £287,000 from UKSPF and up to £236,421 from RPF allocated to business support, and</li> </ul> <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 business support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £43,824.96 to UK Network Services, Little Hadham, for equipment and materials associated with moving premises and new research and development facilities</li> <li>• £45,902.50 to the Black Horse Public House in Brent Pelham, towards costs of creating new accommodation space to help diversify income</li> <li>• £50,000 to Air Energy, Hertford, towards costs of relocating and expanding research and development facilities</li> </ul>

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	<p>That the following amounts are awarded for town and village support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A contract for £3140 to Douglas Ltd for additional works associated with the installation of 13 pieces of artwork in the Northgate End Car Park lobby areas</li> <li>• £200 grant each for printed artworks for Northgate End to the following individuals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kathy Gales</li> <li>○ Gunta Andrews</li> <li>○ Julie Walker</li> <li>○ Julia Fonnereau</li> <li>○ Diane Scheffer</li> <li>○ Nicola Anthony</li> <li>○ Shveti Maini</li> <li>○ Amar Devsi</li> <li>○ Gabrielle Vickery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A contract for £59,920.80 to AECOM for undertaking a full structural survey of Water Lane Hall</li> </ul>
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**