

### Meeting Information

Meeting Title	Winchester District Shared Prosperity Fund Partnership Board
Location	Walton Suite, Winchester Guildhall
Date	Friday 27 October 2023

### Attendees

Cllr Lucille Thompson (LT)	Winchester City Council
Alison Woods (AW)	Winchester City Council
Andrew Gostelow (AG)	Winchester City Council
Susan Robbins (SR)	Winchester City Council
Camilla Sharp (CS)	Winchester City Council
Ellen Evans (EE)	Winchester City Council
Jo Crocker (JC)	WinAcc
Mark Mills-Goodlet (MMG)	Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Cllr Jon Woodman (JW)	Swanmore Parish Council
Cllr Michael Kurn (MK)	Shadow Cabinet Member
Lucy Charman (LC)	CLA
Emma Noyce (EN)	Hampshire County Council
Paul Sapwell (PS)	Hampshire Cultural Trust
Richard Rous (RR)	Winchester College

### Apologies

Liz Keys	Winchester City Council
Dawn Adey	Winchester City Council
Cllr Mark Reach	Winchester City Council
Steve Brine	MP
Flick Drummond	MP
Paresh Thakrar	Winchester College
Elizabeth Stone	Winchester College
Chris Stevens	Winchester College
Julie Milburn	Sparsholt College
Theresa Hogsbjerg	Hampshire County Council
Michelle Wells	Hampshire County Council
Lisa Hall	Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Ross McNally	Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Zulfiya Truscott	Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Paul Spencer	Winchester BID
Sajid Butt	Enterprise M3
Tim Houghton	Community First
Alex Clayton	WinAcc
Andrew Lee	South Downs National Park

## Meeting Minutes

Welcome and introductions	LT
<p><u>LT</u> asked for any declarations of interest, and it was confirmed that Hampshire Cultural Trust and WinAcc are recipients of grant funding.</p> <p><u>LT</u> reported on the actions taken since last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WCC to investigate coft-effectiveness of Twyford Parish Council EV chargers. <b>Resolution:</b> This application has since been withdrawn.</li> <li>WCC to check environment agency permit for Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall's ground source heat pump. <b>Resolution:</b> Permit not required</li> <li>WCC will obtain further information on biodiversity / native species regarding Central Winchester Regeneration (CWR). <b>Resolution:</b> this is being considered as part of the project application.</li> <li>Board members to receive application summaries and board papers to review ahead of future meetings. <b>Resolution:</b> papers sent out ahead of meeting.</li> </ul>	
1. Board discussion and review	All
<p><u>AW</u> outlined the launch of Rural England Prosperity Fund for 2024/2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Round 1</b> (£350,000 of £558,822) application period open 6 November 2023 and close 5 January 2024. Scored applications will be bought to February Partnership Board for comment</li> <li><b>Round 2</b> (remaining 208,822) applications open May 2024.</li> </ul> <p><u>AW</u> opened the table for discussion on how to best launch REPF funding. The board suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>large-scale outreach through organisations' mailing lists</li> <li>targeting WeCAN community groups and WGW network</li> <li>approaching unsuccessful applicants for HCC grants</li> <li>providing more support and information for smaller, rural organisations</li> <li>ensuring all underspend is allocated per government interventions</li> <li>providing assistance regarding cultural interventions (i.e., how to deliver cultural outcomes through capital spending)</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Board members to promote the launch of Rural England Prosperity Fund for 2024/2025 to mailing lists and interested parties.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: WCC to ensure communication and language in funding specifications is clear, relevant, and inclusive. Resolution:</b> Actioned with communications team and ongoing for next round of funding.</p> <p><u>AW</u> also wanted to bring attention to upcoming grants within economy and community departments for green initiatives / net-zero targets.</p> <p><b>ACTION: WCC to confirm match funding percentages for business grants. Resolution:</b> For the green business grants businesses are required to provide 50% match funding. For further information about the grant criteria visit: <a href="http://www.winchester.gov.uk/business/support-for-sustainable-businesses">www.winchester.gov.uk/business/support-for-sustainable-businesses</a></p> <p><u>AG</u> explained that £80,000 remains available to fund 2024/25 UK Shared Prosperity projects, made up from the allocation to parish projects and the withdrawal of Wickham Square project. Feedback on priority areas/themes was sought and included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>intelligence from residents or visitors as to what they would like to see</li> <li>WeCan groups will be a good point of contact as they are likely to have pipeline projects ready for funding</li> <li>wildflower/pollinator planting in places of non-diverse/neglected space</li> <li>emphasising not just physical space but also social projects</li> <li>WCC neighbourhood teams could advise and help us explore the safety and inclusivity of our streets which could inform potential projects</li> <li>Local Nature Recovery Strategy will highlight opportunities in the district</li> <li>picking up existing projects where funding has been cut</li> <li>build on extending reach on existing activity into the district.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>ACTION: WCC to use resident survey, Local Nature Recovery Strategy and WeCan groups to signpost priorities. Resolution: In progress</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: WCC to use language that does not limit the scope of potential projects, within the parameters set by Government. Resolution: Actioned with communications team</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: WCC to investigate expansion of existing projects. Resolution: Ongoing</b></p>	
<p><b>2. Information and updates</b></p>	<p><b>AG</b></p>
<p><b>UK Shared Prosperity Fund</b></p> <p>AG introduced the 2023/2024 UKSPF project status update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 projects</li> <li>• 7 underway</li> <li>• 1 contract signing</li> <li>• 2 reassigned</li> </ul> <p>Due to a £17,600 underspend, there was an additional project call to applicants of which two met all requirements. See slides for further information. SR thanked the board for their comments.</p> <p><b>ACTION: The Board requested to be informed of any future underspends requiring additional project calls.</b></p> <p><b>Rural England Prosperity Fund</b></p> <p>AG introduced the 2023/2024 REPF project status update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 projects</li> <li>• 4 underway</li> <li>• 4 pending</li> <li>• 1 withdrawn</li> </ul> <p>£12,000 had become available for reallocation, pending confirmation of four projects. AG confirmed that there is a small amount of flexibility from government to carry-over money to next year, supported by a project plan</p>	
<p><b>3. Government reporting</b></p>	<p><b>AG</b></p>
<p>AG informed the board that government reporting is due on 1 November 2023 for any outputs and outcomes from money spend between 1 April to 30 September. WCC felt confident that this would be achieved and reported in good time.</p>	
<p><b>4. Next meeting</b></p>	<p><b>SR</b></p>
<p>Friday 9 February 2024 - 9:30am to 11:30am</p>	
<p><b>5. Summing up</b></p>	<p><b>LT</b></p>
<p>AG confirmed that due diligence will be undertaken by the financial team. The formal risk register will be updated upon further application decisions.</p>	