

North Yorkshire County Council

Executive

25 October 2022

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund Delivery Framework

Report of the Corporate Director – Business and Environmental Services

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report outlines progress on the development and management of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in North Yorkshire and provides further detail of the recently announced Rural England Prosperity Fund.
- 1.2 The report seeks approval for a UK Shared Prosperity Fund Delivery Framework in North Yorkshire in order to progress delivery of the fund in the current financial year and to begin commissioning of the programmes within it.
- 1.3 The report seeks approval subject to prior consideration of the funding agreement to accept funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for a total of £16.9m.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Following approval by the Executive Committee on 19 July 2022 of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan for North Yorkshire, the plan was duly submitted to Government. The Investment Plan outlines the proposed expenditure of £16.9m of Government funding over three years in accordance with the Government's UKSPF prospectus, published on the 13 April 2022. The prospectus indicated that some further consultation would be likely to take place following submission of the investment plan, and that the first UK Investment Plans would be approved from October onwards. At the time of writing this report a response from Government has yet to be received.
- 2.2 In the meantime work has been undertaken to progress delivery of the UKSPF in North Yorkshire and a draft Delivery Framework which details the deployment and delivery of the UKSPF has been created with input from the Local Partnership Group, and is attached as appendix A. This report seeks approval of the Delivery Framework and specifically for the commencement of activity to deliver the year 1 funding allocation of just over £2m.

3.0 Rural England Prosperity Fund

- 3.1 On the 3 September 2022 the Government Department for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) published the Rural England Prosperity Fund Prospectus (REPF). The REPF is linked to the UKSPF providing capital funding for rural communities in England. In order to access the funds Lead Authorities are required to submit an addendum to the UKSPF Investment Plan by the end of November, which outlines the rural issues faced by local communities and businesses and sets out, along the same lines as the UKSPF, how the Lead Authorities allocation of funding could be used. North Yorkshire has been given an initial allocation of £5,417,114 covering the two financial years between April 2023 and March 2025.

- 3.2 The REPF largely follows the criteria of the UKSPF although the following points should be noted:
- REPF is for capital investment only.
 - The funds are divided 25% (£1.354m) and 75% (£4.06m) in years one and two respectively.
 - The fund covers the UKSPF themes of Communities and Place, and Supporting Local Business, but does not include People and Skills.
 - The prospectus states that rural areas and settlements of up to 10,000 population are eligible for funding and that market or 'hub towns' with populations of up to 30,000 that serve their surrounding rural areas as centres of employment and in providing services are also eligible. Further guidance is expected on this point however it seems clear that the fund excludes the towns of both Harrogate and Scarborough.
- 3.3 Like the UKSPF the REPF submission is based around a series of prescribed interventions. These correspond to the UKSPF interventions with the addition of two new ones concerning the circular economy in rural areas and small grants for micro businesses and SMEs. The REPF will be overseen by the UKSPF Local Partnership Group who will convene a working group to draft the required investment plan addendum, which must be submitted to Government by the end of November.

4.0 Delivery Framework.

- 4.1 The Delivery Framework has been considered by the UKSPF Local Partnership Group and follows the format of the Investment Plan, highlighting five priority themes which will be delivered across three financial years. Delivery of the UKSPF will be undertaken by a project team comprising officers from the Local Enterprise Partnership and the County Council's core services. Responsibility for the fund will transfer to the new Council in April 2023 and this will be case for the remainder of the fund through to the end of March 2025. Within the submitted investment plan the overall funding has been allocated as follows;

Priority Theme	Delivery Service	£ funding
i. Addressing rurality and tackling inequality	NYCC Stronger Communities	3,552,000
ii. Building pride in our places	NYCC Growth and Heritage	3,312,000
iii. Decarbonising our communities and economy	YNY LEP carbon reduction	1,632,333
iv. Boosting productivity	YNY Growth Hub	3,648,000
v. Challenging labour market	YNY LEP Skills	4,072,901
4% administration costs	YNY LEP delivery team	675,718
Total UKSPF North Yorkshire		16,892,952

- 4.2 The Delivery Framework identifies programme leads for each of the key priorities and briefly describes the mechanisms for deploying funding to achieve outcomes and outputs contained within the Investment Plan.
- 4.3 It is intended that the majority of funding will be allocated through grant giving and procurement to be delivered in such a way that the funds directly reach the communities which they are intended to support. The programme of delivery outlined in the Government's UKSPF prospectus allows for the initial calls for funding to be launched in November of this year.

- 4.4 Across the programme as a whole 4% of the funds are available for administration and this will be used to support a UKSPF delivery team based in the Local Enterprise Partnership.
- 4.5 This report specifically seeks approval to proceed with the work of delivering the year 1 allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in North Yorkshire in accordance with the content of the UKSPF Delivery Framework and the Investment Plan. Year 1 covers the current financial year and must be utilised by the end of March 2023. The funding profile for year 1 is outlined in the table below:

UKSPF Priority	North Yorkshire Programme	Value £
Communities and Place	Addressing Rurality and tackling inequality	650,000
	Pride in our places	530,000
Supporting Local Business	Boosting Productivity	396,000
	Decarbonising our communities	344,111
People and Skills	Enabling an active labour market	48,000
	Administration @ 4%	82,005
	Total year 1 expenditure	2,050,116

- 4.6 At the time of writing the Council has yet to be given formal approval for the investment plan, submitted at the end of July. Guidance had stated that it will not be possible to transfer funds from one financial year to the next and so any unspent funding from the year 1 allocation of £2,050,116 will be lost if not used by the end of March 2023. This report seeks approval to move forward with year 1 delivery activity, at risk, until such time as the investment has been approved.

5.0 Equalities - equalities have been considered in the context of establishing the Governance arrangements for the fund. When specific projects / funding opportunities are delivered they will be required to demonstrate that consideration has been given to the protected characteristics and that no direct or indirect discrimination should occur in the delivery of the project.

6.0 Finance - The Shared Prosperity Fund allocation for North Yorkshire is funding of £16.9m over three years, 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25, which is apportioned as follows:

2022/23	£2,050,116
2023/24	£4,100,231
2024/25	£10,742,605

- 6.1 The funding prospectus stipulates that as a minimum 17% (2.9m) of the fund must be capital spend. The Shared Prosperity Fund requires no match funding on the part of the Lead Authority (NYCC and then NYC).
- 6.2 The SPF prospectus allows for Lead Authorities to utilise up to 4% of the total fund for administration and management, which for the NYCC fund is a total of £675,718.
- 6.3 In respect of year 1 funding the risk of moving ahead with delivery before approval for the Investment Plan is given, is assessed as low. This is because the Government guidance states that support will be provided to ensure that Investment Plans are fit for purpose and there is no indication of allocations being reduced or withdrawn on

this basis. In addition there is little likelihood of any defrayals or contracts being entered into prior to formal approval being achieved, however initial preparatory work is required to meet the year 1 funding deadline of April 2023.

- 6.4 Further risk associated with the delivery of the programme would be a consequence of not delivering elements of the approved Investment Plan or failing to achieve agreed outcomes and outputs. A proportion of the funding is paid to the lead authority in advance and any underspends are reflected in subsequent payment of the balance of eligible expenditure. Expenditure cannot be transferred to future financial years and therefore any funds unused in a financial year will be lost to the programme.
- 7.0 Legal** – The Council will be the as lead authority and accountable body for the Shared Prosperity Fund the Council and will be required to enter into a formal funding agreement with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities once the investment plan has been approved. Once received the funding agreement will be reviewed to ensure terms are acceptable for the Council.
- 7.1 Contractual funding agreements will be put in place between the Council as lead authority and the recipients of funding through the Shared Prosperity Fund. Funding agreements will mirror the conditions of any agreement between the Council and DLUCH.
- 8.0 Climate Change** - the draft investment plan includes references to climate change and decarbonisation through the entirety of the programme. All projects funded through the programme will need to assess and identify their environmental impact. An environmental impact assessment was completed as part of the Executive report of 19 July 2022 and this remains unchanged and is attached to this report at Appendix B.

9.0 Recommendations

- 9.1 To approve the attached UK Shared Prosperity Fund Delivery Framework including the proposals to deliver the UK SPF in North Yorkshire through Council and LEP services.
- 9.2 To approve ongoing work to delivery year 1 of the Shared Prosperity Fund as outlined in this report and the attached Delivery Framework.
- 9.3 To agree acceptance of the UK Shared Prosperity Funding of £16.9m from the UK Government, covering the period up to March 2025 subject to the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic approving the terms of the finalised funding agreement.
- 9.4 To delegate the preparation and approval of funding agreements with recipients to the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic in consultation with the Corporate Director Business and Environment

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Background Documents: None

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

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Delivery Framework

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UKSPF delivery framework, funding summary – 2022 - 2025

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UKPSF Priority	North Yorkshire Priority	Programme	£ Yr 1 22/23	£ Yr 2 23/24	£ Yr3 24/25	Total £
Communities and Place	Addressing rurality and tackling inequality. Lead: NYCC Stronger Communities	1. 1 Building Capacity within our places	500,000	360,000	484,000	1,344,000
		1.2 Generating new ideas for community regeneration	150,000	206,000	220,000	576,000
		1.3 Promoting healthy and active communities		192,000	624,000	816,000
		1.4 Increasing levels of digitisation			816,000	816,000
	Pride in our places Lead: NYCC Growth and Heritage	2.1 Celebrating our distinctive and vibrant places	530,000	1,034,000	1,748,000	3,312,000
Supporting Local Business	Boosting Productivity. Lead: YNY Growth Hub	3.1 Growing our businesses	300,000	664,000	1,052,000	2,016,000
		3.2 Promoting innovation	96,000	144,000	720,000	960,000
		3.3 Attracting new investment through sector growth total		192,000	480,000	672,000
	Decarbonising communities and businesses Lead – YNY LEP Zero Carbon	4.1 Promoting climate resilience and decarbonisation	344,111	280,222	1,008,000	1,632,333
People and Skills	Enabling an active labour market. Lead: YNY LEP Skills	5.1 Engaging and inspiring people	48,000	864,000	2,296,901	3,208,901
		5.2 Developing progression pathways within our workforce			528,000	528,000
		5.3 Supporting our young and old people			336,000	336,000
		Administration costs @ 4%	82,005	164,009	429,704	675,718
		Total	2,050,116	4,100,231	10,742,605	16,892,952

UK SPF North Yorkshire – Delivery Framework Summary – Year 1 (2022/23) expenditure*

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* does not include 4% administration costs

UK SPF Priority	North Yorkshire SPF Priority	Programme Lead	Year 1 activity	Delivery model	£ year 1 spend
Communities and Place	Addressing Rurality and Tackling Inequality	Building Capacity within our places	E11 Community Capacity Building E14 Feasibility Studies	Open invitation to place based VCSE organisations to deliver initial capacity building activity and feasibility.	500,000
		NYCC Stronger Communities			150,000
	Pride in our places	Celebrating our distinctive and vibrant places	E1 Town Centres E16 Markets and Retail	Town centres and markets and retail winter resilience grant fund	400,000
		NYCC Growth and Heritage	E17 Visitor economy, marketing and promotion E31 Feasibility Studies	Visitor economy grant scheme for marketing and promotions 22/23 in partnership with local destination management organisations. Open procurement of visitor economy feasibility to look at DMO provision and markets	100,000 30,000
Supporting local business	Boosting Productivity	Growing our businesses YNY Growth Hub	E21 Business Support E19 Local R&D	Package of varied business support measures to meet identified needs including feasibility	300,000 96,000
	Decarbonising our communities	Promoting climate resilience and decarbonisation. YNY / NYCC Low carbon	E29 Decarbonising businesses and communities E13 Cost of living support	Open invitation for activity to bring efficiency and carbon reductions to homes, businesses and public buildings. Grant funding for novel approaches to carbon reduction Winter cost of living community grant fund	200,000 144,111
People and Skills	Enabling an active labour market	YNY LEP - Skills	E33 Employment Support	Year 1 Skills programme to support voluntary community sector programmes at risk (ATI, CLLD)	48,000
				total	1,968,100

UK SPF North Yorkshire – Delivery Framework Summary – Year 1 (2022/23) milestones and activity plan

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UK SPF Priority	North Yorkshire SPF Priority	Delivery Programme / Lead	Key dates and milestones				
Communities and Place	Addressing Rurality and Tackling Inequality	Building Capacity within our places	NYCC Executive Meeting 25 October 2022	Nov 22	Commisioning of VCSE organisations to develop anchor institutions and community networks		
		NYCC Stronger Communities		Jan 23	Contracting and initiating Community Capacity Building activity		
	Pride in our places	Celebrating our distinctive and vibrant places		Jan 23	Development of Community Network model		
		NYCC Growth and Heritage		Dec 22	Contracting delivery of volunteer training and social action projects		
Supporting local business	Boosting Productivity	Growing our businesses		Dec 22	Commissioning and contracting of feasibility studies		
		YNY Growth Hub		Feb 23	Procurement and contracting of visitor economy marketing and promotion initiatives		
	Decarbonising our communities	Promoting climate resilience and decarbonisation.		Feb 23	Delivery of VE promotional activity		
		YNY / NYCC Low carbon		Dec 22	Launch Town Centre resilience grant fund		
People and Skills	Enabling an active labour market	YNY LEP - Skills	Jan 23	Business support functions established			
			Jan 23	Develop and launch small business resilience fund			
			Dec 22	Develop and launch Cost of living and decarbonisation grant funds			
			Jan 23	Procurement of Decarbonising Community Buildings and Housing Stock studies			
			Dec 23	Identification and commissioning of VCSE voluntary sector delivery at risk			

UK SPF North Yorkshire – Delivery Framework Summary - Years 2 and 3

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UKSPF Priority	North Yorkshire SPF Priority	Programme	UKSPF Interventions	Delivery activity	£ year 2 2023/24	£ year 3 2024/25
Communities and Place	1. Addressing Rurality and Tackling inequality Lead : NYCC Stronger Communities	1.1 Building capacity within our places	E9 Impactful volunteering E11 Community capacity building	Open commission of one or more place based proposals from VCSE organisations to deliver investment in community anchors, support the development of community networks and deliver engagement activities to develop community plans. Includes delivery of volunteer training and involvement in social action projects in priority areas.	360,000	484,000
		1.2 Generating new ideas for community regeneration	E14 Feasibility / pilot studies	Open invitation to bring forward feasibility studies and grant support for pilot projects as appropriate	206,000	220,000
		1.3 Promoting healthy and active communities	E7 Active Travel E10 Sports	Grant funding for healthy and active communities; Provision of grants for community actions and addressing the cost of living crisis.	192,000	624,000
		1.4 Increasing levels of digitisation	E15 Digital Inclusion E36 Digital Infrastructure	Open invitation for one or more organisations to deliver a digital inclusion model and provision of grant funding for community digital infrastructure.		816,000

UK SPF North Yorkshire – Delivery Framework summary - years 2 and 3

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UKSPF Priority	North Yorkshire SPF Priority	Delivery areas	UK SPF Interventions	Delivery activity	£ year 2 2023/24	£ year 3 2024/25
Communities and Place	2. Pride in our places Lead: NYCC Growth and Heritage	2.1 Celebrating our distinctive and vibrant places	E1. Town Centres	Open tender to commission one or more organisations to develop and deliver a community led town centre regeneration and delivery of grants for town centres and villages to improve high streets, address access issues.	376,000	864,000
			E6. Culture	Grant Funding for community cultural activities and cultural organisations delivered through NYCC. Potential for co-design with ACE and NLHF	240,000	624,000
			E16. Markets and retail	Commissioning of feasibility work to support for key economic sectors and growth initiatives. To be managed jointly with YNY LEP and deliver investment in markets and town centre retail and infrastructure with business support provided through the Growth Hub.	40,000	
			E17. Visitor Economy Marketing and promotion	Grant funding for visitor economy management organisations to deliver enhanced marketing and sector support initiatives.	120,000	260,000
			E31. Feasibility Studies	Open grant programme for organisations seeking to undertake feasibility studies, links into business support activity and prosperity.	258,000	

UK SPF North Yorkshire – Delivery Framework summary year 2 and 3

UKSPF Priority	North Yorkshire SPF Priority	Delivery areas	UK SPF interventions	Delivery activity	£ year 2 2023/24	£ year 3 2024/25
Supporting Local Business	3. Boosting Productivity Lead: YNY Growth Hub	3.1 Growing our businesses	E23 Business Support E26. Social Economy	Co-ordinated by York and North Yorkshire Growth Hub. This programme will provide support for businesses and social economy organisations alongside grant giving for innovation and investment.	664,000	1,200,000
		3.2 Promoting innovation	E19 Local research and development	Open invitation for activity to deliver local research and development initiatives for businesses.	144,000	720,000
	YNY LEP – Trade and Investment	3.3 Attracting new investment through sector growth total	E22 Enterprise infrastructure	Co-ordination of growth in sector specialisms by York and North Yorkshire LEP to support inward investment and targeted sector development.	192,000	480,000
	4. Decarbonising our communities: Lead: YNY LEP – Zero Carbon	4.1 Promoting climate resilience and decarbonisation	E29 Decarbonising businesses and communities E13 Cost of living	Co-ordination of commissioned services and grant schemes for the delivery of community and business led local carbon reduction programmes. To include feasibility work, investment in infrastructure and provision of capital and revenue grants for small scale carbon reduction initiatives and projects which address the cost of living crisis in communities.	280,222	1,008,000

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UKSPF Priority	North Yorkshire SPF Priority	Delivery areas	UK SPF Interventions	activity	£ year 2 2023/24	£ year 3 2024/25
People and Skills	5. Enabling an active labour market Lead Service: YNY LEP – Skills	5.1 Engaging and inspiring people	E38 Technical and vocational skills E39 Green Skills	Open procurement of one or more organisations to deliver discreet elements of the people and skills programme. Support for voluntary sector organisation at risk or closure in years 1 and 2.	864,000	2,296,901
		5.2 Developing progression pathways within our workforce	E33 Employment Support E37 Tailored Support.	Year 3 – commissioning employment support programme through one or more external organisations		528,000
		5.3 Supporting our young and old people	NEW: Younger and Older people.	Year 3 - commissioning support for younger and older people to engage in employment and community development.		336,000



Climate change impact assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to help us understand the likely impacts of our decisions on the environment of North Yorkshire and on our aspiration to achieve net carbon neutrality by 2030, or as close to that date as possible. The intention is to mitigate negative effects and identify projects which will have positive effects.

This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. The final document will be published as part of the decision making process and should be written in Plain English.

If you have any additional queries which are not covered by the guidance please email climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk

Please note: You may not need to undertake this assessment if your proposal will be subject to any of the following:

Planning Permission
Environmental Impact Assessment
Strategic Environmental Assessment

However, you will still need to summarise your findings in in the summary section of the form below.

Please contact climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk for advice.

Title of proposal	Shared Prosperity Fund – Delivery Framework
Brief description of proposal	A delivery plan for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in North Yorkshire The total value of the investment plan is £16.9m which is provided by Government as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
Directorate	Cross Directorate. The Lead Officer is based in BES.
Service area	Growth Planning and Trading Standards
Lead officer	David Caulfield, Assistant Director, Growth Planning and Trading Standards
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Andrew Leeming, Head of Strategy, YNY LEP Liz Small, Growth and Heritage Manager Mark Kibblewhite, Senior Policy Officer (Growth)
Date impact assessment started	01/07/2022

Options appraisal

Were any other options considered in trying to achieve the aim of this project? If so, please give brief details and explain why alternative options were not progressed.

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a Government fund which is allocated to all local authorities and devolved administrations across the UK. North Yorkshire has been allocated £16.9m towards supporting key levelling up objectives. In order to utilise this funding the Council must submit an Investment Plan to DLUHC. There is no requirement for match funding. The only alternative option would be to refuse the funding and this has not been considered.

North Yorkshire County Council has been identified by Government, as a Lead Authority for the fund. The County Council would have the option to not undertake this role or not to submit a bid for funding however these options were not considered in depth in light of the opportunity to bring additional Government Funding to the County.

What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?

Please explain briefly why this will be the result, detailing estimated savings or costs where this is possible.

The Shared Prosperity Fund is fully funded by the Government and does not require match funding. It is therefore cost neutral to the local authority.

To minimise risks to the Council those projects which receive funding through the shared prosperity fund will be subject to back to back contracts which mirror the Government's funding agreement with the Council.

How will this proposal impact on the environment?					Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?	Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.	Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.
N.B. There may be short term negative impact and longer term positive impact. Please include all potential impacts over the lifetime of a project and provide an explanation.		Positive impact (Place a X in the box below where	No impact (Place a X in the box below where	Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where	Where possible/relevant please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes over and above business as usual • Evidence or measurement of effect • Figures for CO₂e • Links to relevant documents 		
Minimise greenhouse gas emissions e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.	Emissions from travel	X			<p>The Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus includes the following guidance:</p> <p>Investment made under this Fund should demonstrate the extent of contribution to net zero and nature recovery objectives, including the UK's legal commitment to cut greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050, wider environmental considerations, such as resilience to natural hazards and the 25 Year Environment Plan.</p> <p>To support green growth, places should also consider how projects can work with the natural environment to achieve project objectives, and – at a minimum – consider the project's impact on our natural assets and nature</p>		Each project that is successful in being awarded funding by MHCLG is required to undertake a detailed evaluation of outcomes and findings. Following completion of the programme overall NYCC will undertake a programme wide appraisal including an assessment of the positive environmental impacts delivered by the projects.
	Emissions from construction	X					
	Emissions from running of buildings	X					
	Other	X					
Minimise waste : Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic		X					
Reduce water consumption		X					
Minimise pollution (including air, land, water, light and noise)		X					

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				Projects which come forward under the SPF programme will be required to undertake a separate EIA.		
Ensure resilience to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers	X					
Enhance conservation and wildlife	X					
Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of North Yorkshire's landscape	X				Projects which come forward under the SPF will be required to demonstrate their environmental impacts and measures taken to	

<p>How will this proposal impact on the environment?</p> <p>N.B. There may be short term negative impact and longer term positive impact. Please include all potential impacts over the lifetime of a project and provide an explanation.</p>	<p>Positive impact (Place a X in the box below where</p>	<p>No impact (Place a X in the box below where</p>	<p>Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where</p>	<p>Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?</p> <p>Where possible/relevant please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes over and above business as usual • Evidence or measurement of effect • Figures for CO₂e • Links to relevant documents 	<p>Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.</p>	<p>Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.</p>
					<p>mitigate that. Colleagues with specialist knowledge of climate impact will be asked to assess applications on this basis.</p>	
<p>Other (please state below)</p>	<p>X</p>					

Are there any recognised good practice environmental standards in relation to this proposal? If so, please detail how this proposal meets those standards.

Projects submitted as part of the Shared Prosperity Fund will be required to meet the clean growth principle and must not conflict with the UK's legal commitment to cut greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050. The North Yorkshire SPF Investment Plan will include programmes aimed at decarbonising communities and business, protecting the environment and supporting bio-diversity.

Summary Summarise the findings of your impact assessment, including impacts, the recommendation in relation to addressing impacts, including any legal advice, and next steps. This summary should be used as part of the report to the decision maker.

The assessment reflects the fact that the Government requires that investment plans submitted as part of the Shared Prosperity Fund to reflect and recognise policies relating to net zero objectives or wider environmental considerations.

Priorities and programmes identified in the investment plan include the decarbonisation of communities and businesses and the increased sustainability of communities.

Sign off section

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Date: 13/10/22