

Executive Board
20 September 2022

Subject:	UK Shared Prosperity Fund
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Subject to call-in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Key Decision: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Criteria for Key Decision:	
(a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings of £750,000 or more taking account of the overall impact of the decision	
and/or	
(b) Significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Type of expenditure: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital If Capital, provide the date considered by Capital Board: not applicable (see Section 5)	
Total value of the decision: £10,454,325 UK Shared Prosperity Fund = £8,602,152 (£7,132,268 Revenue and £1,469,884 Capital) Multiply = £1,852,173 (Revenue)	
Wards affected: All	
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s): 1 September 2022	

Relevant Council Plan Key Outcome:

Clean and Connected Communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Keeping Nottingham Working	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carbon Neutral by 2028	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Safer Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Child-Friendly Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Healthy and Inclusive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Keeping Nottingham Moving	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve the City Centre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Better Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial Stability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Serving People Well	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):

Announced at the Spending Review, the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UK SPF) is the successor programme to the previous European Structural Investment Fund (ESIF), a programme that integrates five main funding streams, each supporting economic prosperity.

UK SPF will fund interventions that build pride in place, support high quality skills training, supporting pay, employment and productivity growth and increasing life chances. The UK SPF will support delivery of the Government's Levelling Up Missions and has three investment priorities: Communities and Place, Supporting Local Business, and People and Skills. The Fund's interventions will be planned and managed by local authorities across England, with each area given a local allocation.

As part of UK SPF, the Government have also launched Multiply, an adult (19+) numeracy programme funded through 'ring-fenced' allocations from within each area's UK SPF allocation. Multiply will offer adults who do not already have a GCSE grade C/4 or higher in Maths or equivalent, and need to improve their numeracy, free flexible courses that fit around their lives.

To access UK SPF and Multiply funding, the Council has developed and submitted two investment plans (one for UK SPF core programme and one for Multiply). Investment Plans were developed in partnership with local stakeholders. The Multiply Investment Plan was submitted on 30 June 2022 and the UK SPF Investment Plan was submitted on the 1 August 2022. The Government is expected to approve the Investment Plans in October 2022, however, it could request amendments before final approval. Once approved, funding for local areas will be released. Local authorities are required to submit refreshed Investment Plans annually to be approved by Government, at which point plans may also change.

Does this report contain any information that is exempt from publication?

No

Recommendation(s):

1. To note the submission of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UK SPF) Investment Plan and the Multiply Plan (as set out in Appendix A and B, respectively) to the Government, with respect to the UK SPF programme.
2. To accept the UK SPF allocation and enter into any associated funding agreement with Government for receipt of funding, pending confirmation from the Government approving the Council's UK SPF Investment Plan and Multiply Plan.
3. To delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Growth and City Development to use and allocate the funds for the delivery of the UK SPF and Multiply projects in accordance with compliant processes under the Contract Procedure Rules (through a combination of an open call grant competition to public or private organisations, the procurement of contracts, and in-house delivery provision, including the use of funding for the internal administration and management of the project).
4. To delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Growth and City Development to award and sign contracts and grant agreements associated with the project's delivery.
5. To approve the spend associated with the creation of new posts within the Nottingham City Council Economic Development Service to enable the successful management and delivery of the UK SPF and Multiply projects (the creation of the new posts will be subject to a separate, non-executive staffing decision).

1. Reasons for recommendations

- 1.1 Compared to national averages, Economy, Research and Development; Health and Wellbeing; and Devolution represent Nottingham's most significant Levelling Up gaps.
- 1.2 Nottingham continues to see high levels of inequality and deprivation across a number of indicators important for quality of life (such as Pay, Employment, Basic Skills Attainment, Healthy Life Expectancy and Anxiety), however, the City has achieved recent improvements in several areas (such as Level 3 and 4 skills attainment and digital connectivity).
 - In the 2019 Indices of Multiple Deprivation, Nottingham ranked as the 11th most deprived Local Authority out of 317 in England.
 - 56 of the 182 Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in the City fall amongst the 10% most deprived in the country. Regarding income deprivation, 30% of the LSOAs in the City are amongst the 10% most deprived nationally.
 - Gross Value Added in Nottingham is 13.7% lower than the England average. As productivity directly impacts on pay, local earnings are also significantly below the national average.
 - The local employment rate has historically lagged behind the national rate and continues to do so with employment rates in Nottingham standing at 71.7%, which is 3.4% below the national average of 75.1%.

- The employment rate gap widens further for some of the City's priority groups. In March 2022, the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) employment rate in Nottingham was 7.42% lower than the national average, the disabled employment rate was 22.21% lower than the national average, and the employment rate for older workers was 3.18% lower than the national average.
- The employment rate gap between men and women in Nottingham stands at 2.6%.
- 1 in 20 people in Nottingham made use of the services of a debt advice agency in 2017-18.
- Basic and entry level skills attainment in the City also track below national average. For example, Nottingham ranks in the 96th percentile in terms of numeracy skills need. Ranking in the 96th percentile means only 4% of Local Authorities rank higher for need (and therefore lower for skills).

1.3 At a local level, the Nottingham Economic Recovery Plan, led by the Nottingham Growth Board, sets out a bold vision for Nottingham's post-Covid economic recovery and renewal, reimagining Nottingham as an inclusive, green, creative, and digitally enabled city.

1.4 The Plan positions the City well for investment opportunities emerging from the Levelling Up White Paper, including the UK SPF, a central pillar of the Government's Levelling Up agenda. Delivering the UK SPF will help operationalise the recovery plan, translating ambitions set out in the plan into local delivery, increasing pride in place, support high quality skills training, supporting pay, employment and productivity growth and increasing life chances, particularly for those with protected characteristics (e.g. BAME people and those with disabilities).

1.5 Based on the City's Levelling Up evidence base, local data on the wider determinants of inequality and local strategic priorities, Nottingham's UK SPF Investment Plan will focus on narrowing the City's Levelling Gap across two key priority areas:

- **Economy** – Improving the economic prosperity of people and places. Addressing regional inequalities in employment, pay, skills, productivity and investment in research and development, and creating a more sustainable inclusive economy, adapted for a post-Covid and digitally enabled world.
- **Health & Wellbeing** – Maximising opportunities to improve health outcomes (e.g. healthy life expectancy, anxiety, wellness) through the development of programmes that drive economic growth and prosperity, contributing towards increased life chances and improvements in healthy living outcomes.

1.6 The themes of Inclusion, Productivity and Carbon Neutrality run through the heart of Nottingham's UK SPF Investment Plan. Accepting UK SPF funding will also help mitigate the loss of European Funding at the end of 2023 and will support the continuation of organisations and projects that have played an integral role in the City's economic development.

2. Background

2.1 To define UK SPF and Multiply funding priorities, the Council established the Nottingham UK SPF Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG). The SAG is a subgroup of

the Nottingham Growth Board and includes representation from MPs, community and faith organisations, education and skills providers, civil society organisations, employer bodies, and Local Enterprise Partnerships. The role of the SAG has been to support development of the evidence base, identify gaps in provision, and develop UK SPF funding priorities. In addition to the SAG, the Council has undertaken a series of webinars with wider community partners and stakeholders.

2.2 For UK SPF and Multiply, Nottingham has been allocated £10,454,325 for the financial years of 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, as set out in the table below.

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	Total
UK SPF	£1,043,950	£2,087,901	£5,470,301	£8,602,152
Multiply	£559,959	£646,107	£646,107	£1,852,173
UK SPF (Inc Multiply)	£1,603,909	£2,734,008	£6,116,408	£10,454,325

2.3 Nottingham's UK SPF and Multiply allocation is around £6 million less per year compared to annual ESIF funding received in Nottingham. Both the UK SPF main programme and Multiply have specific annual allocations as stipulated by Government. Within this allocation, Local Authorities are allocated a 4% management fee (UK SPF Core Programme) and 10% management fee (Multiply) to administer the funds locally.

2.4 Multiply is evenly split across years, however, UK SPF increases incrementally. For Nottingham, core UK SPF funding will ramp up in line with the national allocations, with 12% in 2022/23, 24% in 2023/24 and 64% in 2024/25. This is reflective of ESIF phasing out over the next two financial years. UK SPF can be used for both revenue and capital (Multiply only revenue). The minimum capital spend per year is: 10% 2022/23, 13% in 2023/24 and 20% in 2024/25.

Interventions

2.5 UK SPF and Multiply Interventions were selected based on the Levelling Up evidence base, consultation feedback, Economic Recovery and Renewal Plan priorities and a wider needs assessment of the local provision landscape. Interventions funded and delivered through Nottingham's core UK SPF programme will include:

- improving infrastructure and engagement within communities and supporting unemployed/inactive individuals, particularly priority groups (BAME, over 50s, women, those with disabilities, and young people) to access jobs and training (including basic life skills and employability courses);
- delivery of a local Employment and Skills offer, including job creation, recruitment support, sector specific skills support (e.g., green skills growth, in work skills support);
- working with local businesses to provide IT equipment and data to unemployed and inactive residents to support with job search, skills development, access to training;

- a range of interventions to support high streets in neighbourhoods and the city centre (e.g., Public Realm, events, pedestrianisation, support for vacant premises, shop front grants, greening);
- providing a wrap-around support for businesses, including in-house Council delivery and commissioned services via open call, in collaboration with D2N2 regional partners. Activity to include jobs growth, business start-up, access to finance and grants for local businesses to support productivity growth and employment growth;
- support for Nottingham's growth sectors (e.g., life science, digital, creative, clean tech);
- support to grow innovation in high growth sectors;
- capital funding to support creation of spaces for entrepreneurs to help new business start-ups;
- support for the Visitor Economy and Tourism in Nottingham (e.g., marketing, events, conferences, etc.);
- support continued delivery of inward investment into Nottingham, with regional partners in N2;
- support upskilling of city residents, leading to improved education pathways, employment opportunities, higher incomes and wellbeing;
- supports marginalised communities who are long term unemployed or otherwise disadvantaged, particularly those hit hardest by the Coronavirus pandemic and individuals with protected characteristics (e.g., BAME, over 50s, women, those with disabilities, and young people aged 19 to 24);
- supports city residents to become more financially resilient during a period of high inflation, increased energy costs and rising interest rates; and
- supports City parents to help their children improve numeracy skills and attainment.

2.6 Interventions funded and delivered through Nottingham's Multiply programme will include:

- supporting individuals with no formal numeracy qualifications that are furthest away from gaining numeracy skills to engage in numeracy support;
- deliver non-accredited numeracy courses helping individuals with no formal numeracy qualifications prepare for and move closer towards being ready to start an accredited numeracy qualification;
- deliver accredited numeracy provision helping individuals gain entry level one, entry level two, entry level three numeracy qualifications as well as and functional skills numeracy level one; and
- support individuals progress on to accredited level two numeracy (e.g., functional skills, GCSE).

2.7 Multiply will deploy a range of innovative engagement techniques and new curriculum, contextualising Numeracy in a way that is relevant and engaging for participants (e.g., Bake Off, Fantasy Football, Escape Rooms, etc.).

Implementation

2.8 For the UK SPF core programme and Multiply, lead local authorities for each area have flexibility over how they deliver the Fund and can use a mix of the following 'support interventions':

- **Grant to public or private organisations** (“Lead local authorities should note that competitions for projects is the default approach for selecting recipients of public grants.”)
- **Commissioning third party organisations** (refers to commissioning a delivery organisation without competition. Normally the only suitable body.)
- **Procurement of service provision** (following national procurement regulations.)
- **In-house provision** (Some community level interventions may require a commissioning or in-house approach, recognising that competitions for grant may create barriers to participation in left behind communities.)

2.9 Allocations and support interventions for UK SPF and Multiply were selected based on the Levelling Up evidence base, consultation feedback, Economic Recovery and Renewal Plan priorities and a wider needs assessment of the local provision landscape. Allocations and support interventions are subject to approval by Government and as such could change. Local authorities are required to submit refreshed Investment Plans annually to be approved by Government, at which point plans may also change.

2.10 The table below illustrates indicative use of funds (minus 4% management fee) by UK SPF investment priority and support intervention, setting out how the City will leverage UK SPF funding to deliver on our core strategic objectives.

Investment Priority	Grant via Open Call	Direct Commissioning	Procurement of Service Provision	In-house Delivery	Total
Communities & Place	£1,220,753	£0	£718,188	£376,958	£2,315,899
	53%	0%	31%	16%	100%
Supporting Local Business	£1,938,848	£0	£229,607	£672,760	£2,841,215
	68%	0%	8%	24%	100%
People & Skills	£2,542,713	£0	£120,000	£438,239	£3,100,952
	82%	0%	4%	14%	100%
Total	£5,702,314	£0	£1,067,795	£1,487,957	£8,258,066
	69%	0%	13%	18%	100%

2.11 For Multiply, the total allocation (minus the 10% management fee) will be made available to delivery partners via an open call competition. To meet year one delivery outputs and grant expenditure commitments for UK SPF and Multiply, the Council will need to commence delivery at the earliest opportunity, therefore, the Council is now developing internal commissioning functions to ensure open call competitions can commence in September 2022 (for Multiply) and October 2022 (for UK SPF). Any procurement activity will only take place once investment plans are approved by Government.

2.12 Investment Plans are due to be approved by government in October 2022, therefore, the Council will make it clear to applicants that:

- the outcome of any open call competition is subject to Government approving investment plans;
- Investment Plans may change prior to approval by Government and may change throughout the lifetime of the projects; and
- funding agreements will not be signed with successful applicants until investment plans are approved by Government.

2.13 Launching open call competitions represents a small risk to the Council as plans are not approved and could change, however, based on early feedback from Government, Government is not anticipating making wholesale changes to local investment plans.

UK SPF and Multiply Internal Resourcing

2.14 To manage the fund, the Council will employ a project management team fully funded through the maximum 4% management fee (UK SPF Core Programme) and the maximum 10% Management Fee (Multiply, which Government have allocated to all authorities with a UK SPF allocation). This team will be responsible for managing the fund, project compliance, submitting claims, administration, and monitoring and evaluation.

2.15 Officers are already liaising with Procurement, Legal and Commissioning colleagues to ensure appropriate capacity is in place to commission out UK SPF and Multiply. A small proportion of UK SPF is allocated to fund internal advice services (e.g., Legal and Procurement).

2.16 Government is yet to confirm what local governance structures are required (e.g., an ESIF Sub-Committee). Once known, the Council will establish a relevant governance group. Government strongly encourage lead local authorities to work with other upper and lower tier authorities to agree and commission UK SPF and Multiply. Officers are working with colleagues in neighbouring localities to explore opportunities for collaboration.

2.17 The next steps include:

- Develop internal commissioning functions and launch open call competitions – August 2022.
- Deliver a series of engagement and technical assistance workshops with stakeholders to support the development of UK SPF and Multiply project pipelines – September 2022.
- Government approve investment plans – October 2022.
- Reconvene the UK SPF Stakeholder Advisory Group to update partners and agree local governance structures (subject to guidance from government) – October 2022.
- Recruit internal project management team – October 2022.
- Work with Local Authorities in N2 to identify and agree joint working on UK SPF and Multiply – October 2022.

Grant Conditions

2.18 As accountable body for the fund, the Council will be required to meet the following indicative grant conditions. Final grant conditions will be confirmed upon receiving grant agreement from government once Investment Plans are approved and grant agreement.

Financial

2.19 Lead Authorities will receive upfront payments early in the financial year (with the exception of 2022-23 when the allocation will be paid on approval of the area's investment plan). Government will require authorities to report how the money was spent as part of 6-monthly returns demonstrating evidence of defrayal and successful delivery of performance outputs. Lead local authorities will be asked to return any underspends at the end of each financial year.

Publicity

2.20 Lead local authorities and project deliverers must ensure that the appropriate UK Government logos are used prominently in all communications materials and public facing documents relating to funded activity – including print and publications, through to digital and electronic materials. Failure to adhere to publicity guidelines could lead to financial penalties.

Subsidy

2.21 Lead Authorities will be asked to detail how their proposed interventions will be delivered within the subsidy control regime and their capacity and capability to manage subsidy. Failure to adhere to subsidy control regulations could lead to financial penalties.

Procurement

2.22 All spend associated with the Fund must be assessed by the lead local authority in advance to ensure that proposed investment is compliant with Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 where relevant and follows local constitution and grant rules, processes and procedures as and where relevant

Performance

2.23 Lead Authorities will be asked to report data to us to ensure that allocations are being spent to agreed timescales and milestones, including achievement of outputs and outcomes at the project level. We will also ask local authorities to report individual project outputs and outcomes at UK Parliamentary constituency level. The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities will ask the lead local authority to notify of any current or emerging operational or financial risks, or issues, and any contingency measures put in place. This will help us determine the level of support we may provide, and/or enhanced monitoring that we may require. This may

also result in reduced delegation, reduced payment periods or withholding of funds in the affected area.

Meeting Grant Requirements

- 2.24 UK SPF and Multiply will be managed by experienced officers within Growth and City Development, a department with a successful track record of managing and delivering projects on behalf of Government under the 2014 to 2020 European Structural Investment Fund Programme.
- 2.25 Economic Development has successfully delivered £54 million of provision without incurring any financial claw-back from Government and has the capacity and expertise to manage the UK SPF in accordance with all grant conditions, avoiding any financial claw-back.
- 2.26 To manage the potential risk of financial claw-back due to under performance by external delivery partners, the Council will have the right to withhold funding or request the return of any overpaid funding under individual grant agreements or service contracts as applicable.
- 2.27 The UK SPF and Multiply Investment Plan has been developed in partnership with Legal, Procurement, Finance, and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion colleagues to ensure appropriate systems and process are in place to manage the fund in accordance with fund criteria whilst delivering maximum benefit to communities locally.
- 2.28 Officers will continue to work with partners to monitor outputs and deliverables throughout the lifetime of the project, reviewing processes and performance monthly.

3. Other options considered in making recommendations

- 3.1 To not accept the UK SPF and Multiply allocations: this option is rejected as the loss of these funds would have a detrimental effect on the residents and businesses of the City.

4. Consideration of Risk

- 4.1 The project will be managed by experienced officers within Growth and City Development, a department with a successful track record of managing and delivering projects on behalf of Government. Under the 2014 to 2020 European Structural Investment Fund Programme, Economic Development has successfully delivered £54 million of employment and skills provision without incurring any financial claw-back from Government.
- 4.2 Full risk management plans will be developed. Early risks have been identified:

Risk	Mitigation
1. Underperformance leading to financial clawback	Clawback remains the responsibility of the Council as the recipient of the funds. The grant allows a 4% management fee which

	allows resources to work with partners and monitor outputs and deliverables. This will ensure any underperformance is also monitored and recorded. NCC will have the right to withhold funding or request the return of any overpaid funding under individual grant agreements or service contracts as applicable.
2. Given limited funding available, inclusive Stakeholder Management will be critical to managing expectations and addressing tensions	82% of available funds will be utilised by going out to the market either through open call grant competition or procurement.
3. Whilst investment is set aside to fund internal advice (e.g. Legal and procurement), funding is only available for this activity in year one	A small proportion of UK SPF is allocated to fund internal advice services. The Council plans to undertake one commissioning round reducing the need for on-gong advice and support, however periodic support may still be required.
4. Commencing Open Call Competitions prior to Investment Plans being approved by Government	Funding agreements will not be signed with successful applicants until investment plans approved by Government.
5. Inflation	In light of the current economic situation and inflationary pressures, if there are dramatic price rises through inflation, the amount of capital works carried out can be scaled back to fit the budget.

5. Finance colleague comments

- 5.1 The UK SPF and Multiply programmes will bring £10,454,325 over 3 years to Nottingham. This will be split over the two projects and also by capital and revenue allocations as outlined in the body of the report. The annual amounts are shown below and in the report:

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- 5.2 The Council will fulfil the role of Accountable Body. As such, the Council will be responsible for compliance to all grant conditions and in undertaking this role will apply the Council's Financial Regulations and Contract Procedure Rules to all expenditure.
- 5.3 There will be a Project Management Team set up to ensure delivery of the project within these parameters and this will be fully funded from within the allocations for management fee that are permitted within the overall funding. This is 4% for the SPF and 10% for Multiply funding. There will be no pressure on the Economic Development Service budget and no call on it. All Multiply funding is revenue. SPF funding is both revenue and capital and there is a minimum capital allocation that must be adhered to. This will all be monitored to ensure adherence to conditions by the Project Management Team.
- 5.4 The year's funding is sent at the beginning of the financial year and the reporting and performance framework required in relation to this funding is set out in detail on the Government website and the Project Management Team will ensure full compliance. At financial year end, the Project Management Team will need to work with Finance to ensure the accounts show the accounts accurately reflect the spend in the programme per year and any residual grant ringfenced for this programme.

Comments provided by Susan Tytherleigh, Finance Business Partner, on 17 August 2022.

6. Legal colleague comments

- 6.1 This report seeks to accept and spend UK SPF (split between UK SPF and Multiply projects). The receipt and use of the funding will be subject to grant funding conditions with the Government that must be complied with, failing which the grant funding could be subject to clawback.
- 6.2 Any procurement of service contracts proposed to be entered into using the grant funding must be awarded in accordance with the Council Contract Procedure Rules and should flow down any relevant provisions from the Government's funding conditions, such as monitoring and reporting outputs.
- 6.3 Grants, if awarded, are not governed by the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and so whilst a tender process will not be required, a fair open competition process must have been followed to identify who is permitted to receive the funding. Appropriate grant agreement terms should be put in place between the parties in order to reflect this. In addition, appropriate consideration of the Subsidy Control Rules should also be made prior to any awards to ensure compliance.
- 6.4 The approval to create new internal posts as per Recommendation 5 of this report is a non-executive decision to be taken in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation (Delegation 16), the budget for such posts will also need to be approved separately and must therefore be in accordance with the Council's Constitutional requirements and associated Human Resources policies and procedures.
- 6.5 Legal Services will support as required.

Comments provided by Dionne Screatton, Senior Solicitor – Contracts and Commercial, on 18 August 2022.

7. Procurement colleague comments

- 7.1 This report relates to the receipt and use of UK SPF as allocated to the Council, including the allocation of funds for the delivery of the project through a combination of procurement of contracts, open call grant competition and in-house delivery. All funding must be used in accordance with the Government's grant conditions and must be compliant with the UK Procurement Regulations and the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (Article 18 of the Constitution). In relation to funding awarded to external agencies as grants, there are no procurement implications. In relation to the award contracts for the provision of goods, works and services, the Procurement team will support with a compliant procurement process or compliant use of frameworks as required.

Comments provided by Jo Pettifor, Category Manager – Strategy and People, on 15 August 2022.

8. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1 An EIA is attached to this report as Appendix C and due regard will be given to any implications identified in it.

9. Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)

- 9.1 A DPIA is not required because the Council will not hold any personal data on individuals or businesses as part of this decision.

10. Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA)

- 10.1 A CIA is not required because, within all Government-funded projects used to support people, place and businesses, robust sustainability plans are in place ensuring that the Council and partners reduce carbon emissions (e.g., zero-carbon working – no travel, no paper, no waste, and no consumption).

11. List of background papers relied upon in writing this report

- 11.1 None.

12. Published documents referred to in this report

- 12.1 SDF UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Prospectus
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>