

Report To:	CABINET
Date:	8TH APRIL 2024
Heading:	MAJOR PROJECTS AND FUNDING UPDATE
Executive Lead Member:	CLLR MATTHEW RELF, EXECUTIVE LEAD MEMBER FOR GROWTH, REGENERATION AND LOCAL PLANNING CLLR JOHN WILMOTT, EXECUTIVE LEAD MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME REDUCTION
Ward/s:	ALL WARDS
Key Decision:	YES
Subject to Call-In:	YES

Purpose of Report

To ensure that Cabinet is kept updated on funding allocations and progress of funded programmes.

To agree the addition of Public Open Space Section 106 contributions to the Capital Programme.

To agree to accept funding from the Levelling Up Fund for Hucknall Town Centre.

Recommendation(s)

1. To note the progress for the Regeneration programmes.
2. To recommend to Council, following receipt of funds, that Section 106 monies be included on the Capital Programme as outlined in the report.
3. To agree to accept funding from the Levelling Up Fund for Hucknall Town Centre of up to £9,281,283 and to enter into agreements with DLUHC (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) as required and to add the funds to the Capital Programme.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

1. To ensure that Cabinet is kept updated on progress with the funding programmes.
2. To ensure that projects and spend within the funding programmes are delivered within the set timeframes and programme budgets.
3. To ensure delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan and improvements to parks and green spaces with a rolling programme of investment.
4. To ensure funding streams are utilised collaboratively and effectively.

Alternative Options Considered

1. Not to approve the allocation of Section 106 funding to the Capital Programme. **Rejected** - Not allocating the funds will mean that public open space improvement projects cannot be delivered.
2. Not to accept the Levelling Up Funding for Hucknall. **Rejected** – Not accepting the funds would mean that potential investment in the town would not be realised.

Detailed Information

The report provides an overview of programme performance for regeneration funding.



1. Future High Streets Fund



1.1 Finance:

The programme budgets are shown in annex 1.

1.2 Progress

A progress and risk-based summary for each project is provided below.

Project	Achievements/ progress/next steps	Start / Completion Dates	Next key Milestone	Risk Level / programme and cost
Theatre Project	<p>The planning application will be presented at the March planning committee meeting for approval.</p> <p>A project extension request has been approved in principle by DLUHC. Following the approval the project is now being managed within the agreed timeframe. The costs remain manageable.</p>	<p>S: May 2024 C: Dec 2024</p>	<p>Planning Approval March 2024</p>	
Low Street	<p>14 Low Street - Complete.</p>	<p>S: Dec 2023 C: April 2024</p>	<p>Securing a tenancy /</p>	

	9-11 Low Street – The contract commenced at the beginning of December; minor delays have occurred due to site access issues, but these have now been overcome. The project cost remains controlled.		Social value delivery	
High Pavement	The Maker Space CIS has been approved. The committee has started the fit out of facilities with the new equipment orders being received. Recruitment to the MakerSpace coordinator role has been published and closed in early March.	C: Nov 2024	Inspire's new tenancy within the building March/ April 2024	
Fox Street	The framework contract agreement is progressing and the mobilisation period has commenced. The project is being progressed alongside the Towns Fund Portland Square scheme. Progress is being made in completing the S278 agreement with NCC. An extension of time request has been approved by DLUHC. The risk remains elevated due to the delay in starting the contract.	S: Feb 2024 C: May / June 2024	Official appointment of the contractor and works start. Project display boards to be erected in the town centre.	


2. Towns Fund

2.1 Finance

The programme budgets are shown in annex 1.






2.2 Project highlights report

A progress and risk-based summary for each project is provided below.

Project	Achievements/ progress/next steps	Start / Completion Dates	Next key Milestone	Risk Level / programme and cost
Be Healthy Be Happy				
North Kirkby Gateway	Options have been drafted for the Pond Hole/factory shop sites. A stage 1 cost appraisal has been completed and a commercial option is being explored with one of the landowners to complete the land assembly.	S: Jan 2025 (Est) C: March 2026	Agree final development option, complete stage 2 designs for	

	Risk is elevated, due to delays in securing all the land required for the project although progress is being made.		public display March 2024	
Kirkby Sports Hub	<p>The project is now progressing through RIBA stage 3.</p> <p>The design team are progressing the project in two parts ready for the planning application and procurement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowls pavilion, car park and floodlight work Q4 2024 • Main changing pavilion/pitch works Q1 2025 	<p>Part 1: S:Nov 2024 C: March 2025</p> <p>Part 2: S: April / May 2025 C: Feb 2026</p>	Publish new Bowls pavilion plans: March 2024.	↔
Sutton Lawn Sports Hub	<p>The project is now progressing through RIBA stage 3.</p> <p>The design team are progressing the project in two parts ready for the planning application and procurement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car park/Pavilion/shale pitch: Q1 2025 • 3G pitches: Q3 2025 <p>The tennis courts improvements were completed in March.</p> <p>An operator contract for the tennis courts has been awarded and the contract is being drawn up to commence delivery.</p>	<p>Part 1: S: March 2025 C: August 2026</p> <p>Part 2: Sept 2025 S: March 2026</p>	Completion and opening of the new tennis courts and appointment of the operator: March 2024	↔
More to Discover				
Sutton Town Centre				
Portland Square	<p>The framework contract agreement between Lindum and the Council is progressing via legal services.</p> <p>The project is being progressed alongside the Towns Fund Portland Square scheme. Delays in completing the S278 agreement with NCC have pushed the start date back.</p>	<p>S: June/ July 2024 C: Dec 2024</p>	Official appointment of the contractor and works start.	↔
Visitor Economy				
Cycling and walking routes	Procurement of the design team has been completed and contracts are being finalised.	<p>S: April / May 2024 C: April 2025</p>	Release plans around route upgrades and improvements	↔

Visitor digital offer	The new website is now live. Additional content is being developed / added and adjustments are being made to the Discover Ashfield App. The app will go live once the web infrastructure testing is complete.	C: Feb 2024	Marketing / and press release	↔
Science Discovery Centre and Planetarium	Works on site are progressing well with the foundations and sub structure works nearing completion. The project has been able to enhance its Social Value contributions by donating hundreds of tons of sand excavated from the site to local golf clubs.	C: Nov 2024		↔
Kings Mill Reservoir leisure development	The construction phase remains on programme and within budget.	C: July 2024	Operator procurement March 2024	↔
Succeed in Ashfield				
ADMC (Kirkby/Sutton)	The project team are progressing RIBA stage 3. The planning application was submitted in early March. Development work for the operating model and governance is ongoing.	S: July /August 2024 C: Sept 2025	Website launch and promotion: Feb 2024. Design vision release: March 2024	↔
Ashfield Construction Centre and Satellite	Portland College: Construction works have commenced at Portland College and are scheduled to be completed in April with training courses due to commence as soon as is practicable after completion. Vison West Notts College: The draft grant agreement for the construction centre at West Notts College (VWNC) has been prepared for the college to sign. The revised project plan indicates completion of the construction works in September. Development work is ongoing to explore increasing parking provision.	Part 1 Portland College: S: Nov 2023 C: April 2024 Part 2 VWNC: S: July / August 2024 C: Dec 2024	Launch of new facilities	↔

Ashfield Civil Engineering Centre	The project has been delayed as the site development will need to align to any changes to the Council's wider depot development work. The key factor is sufficient safe working space to develop the area. The project opening will now be delayed until September 2025.	C: Dec 2025	Depot plan to be agreed.																													
Enterprising Ashfield	<p>Risks remain elevated because the target outputs are behind plan at this point in the programme. A proposal to adapt the project to improve the target outputs has been drafted and will be reviewed before recommendations are made.</p> <p>An overview of outputs against the project target is provided below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="339 703 898 1205"> <thead> <tr> <th>Project Output</th> <th>Total</th> <th>Total planned to date</th> <th>Total delivered to date – February 2024</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Headstart- Entrepreneur Enterprise ready</td> <td>225</td> <td>60</td> <td>78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Growth -Businesses/ Enterprises receiving non-financial support</td> <td>121</td> <td>26</td> <td>36*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Growth – Businesses/Enterprise receiving financial support</td> <td>172</td> <td>33</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Learners- Skills</td> <td>900</td> <td>290</td> <td>228**</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Internships- Graduate placements</td> <td>150</td> <td>41</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closer Collaborations- R&D</td> <td>50</td> <td>12</td> <td>1***</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Project Output	Total	Total planned to date	Total delivered to date – February 2024	Headstart- Entrepreneur Enterprise ready	225	60	78	Growth -Businesses/ Enterprises receiving non-financial support	121	26	36*	Growth – Businesses/Enterprise receiving financial support	172	33	1	New Learners- Skills	900	290	228**	Internships- Graduate placements	150	41	18	Closer Collaborations- R&D	50	12	1***	C: March 2026	24th January Free Enterprising Ashfield Business Support Event.	
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Library Innovation Centres - Kirkby & Sutton	Project planning is progressing for the Sutton project in collaboration with Nottinghamshire County Council and Inspire.	Anticipated S: Q3 2024	TBC																													
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West Kirkby Gateway & public transport hub	<p>The design team are progressing RIBA Stage 3 plans. The planning application was submitted in March.</p> <p>The tenancy of the Wyvern Club has now ended, and the Council has secured the site.</p> <p>Opportunities for the land on Lane End are still being monitored.</p>	S: July 2024 C: July 2025	Public display of Wyvern Club and Station plans: 9 th February																													
Green Ashfield	A review of project progress is underway. Workshops have been completed and the project delivery plan is being finalised.	C: Dec 2025	Retrofit PR - Carbon saving on																													

	The risk remains elevated slightly because the project programme has slipped due to delays in agreeing the project plan and performance of the lead consultant.		High Pavement House: March 2024	
High Street Property Fund	A review of the space above Moor Market is to be undertaken by Vision West Notts college.	S: April 2024	Project development and collaboration with VWNC.	↔

2.3 Funding Investment Risk Management

A risk register is maintained against each project and at a programme level. The programme level risk register is reported to the Discover Ashfield Board every six weeks detailing the risk status and associated mitigation action.

Where a project is identified as being undeliverable through the development phase following all avenues being explored, the outcome and options for closing the project and reallocating funds will be reported through the programme governance process stages as outlined below.

1. Executive Lead Member for Growth, Regeneration and Local Planning
2. Senior Leadership Teams
3. Discover Ashfield Board: (delegated powers for approval within the agreed threshold by DLUHC)
4. DLUHC: Notify or full approval through a project adjustment request depending on scale of change.











Where projects are closed, the investment in the development phase cannot be capitalised unless it relates to the ongoing delivery of associated projects therefore the investment in the aborted project would be treated as revenue. Any revenue costs that cannot be absorbed within the overall programme revenue budget would be a direct cost to the Council. Given the developed status of the projects within the programmes currently in delivery (Towns Fund, Future High Streets Fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund) it is not anticipated that any projects would be identified as not deliverable.


3. UK Shared Prosperity Fund

3.1 Project highlights report

A progress and risk based summary are provided below for Community and Place projects and the Supporting Local Business and People and Skills programmes within the UKSPF programme.

Programme	Achievements/ progress/next steps	Risk Level / programme and cost
Communities and Place Projects		
Hucknall Town Centre- High Street Property Improvement Fund	Please refer to section 3.3 below.	↔
Selston Country Park Phase 2 improvements	Completed, opening event held in early March.	↔

Coxmoor Estate, Kirkby – environmental improvements	The contractor is engaged, and the programme is being developed. However, the projected spend for this financial year has been reduced and carried forward to next financial year.	
Sutton – environmental improvements	Completed. Outputs and outcomes are being reported.	N/A
Hucknall Safer Streets	Completed. Outputs and outcomes are being reported.	N/A
Events and Activities	Completed for 2023/24.	
Visitor economy	Spending has been agreed for development of a Destination Management Plan and gateway signage around the District.	
Arts Council Bid	The Expression of Interest was accepted and a full bid was submitted in mid-March. The outcome of the bid is due in June.	
Ranger / activities	An order has been raised with the delivery partner.	
Green social prescribing	The programme has been accelerated to meet local demand. Some of the planned interventions are being offered by others and we are looking at other processes to maximise value and spend. We are achieving the desired outputs though spend is less than initially anticipated.	
Cycling and Walking	The programme has been accelerated to meet local demand. Outputs are greater than planned but the current spend is less than initially forecasted.	
Community Vertical Farming	Planning for delivery is underway with NTU. Funding from MDC is agreed. We are currently seeking an alternative location for the project.	
Digital support for local communities	Kirkby Job Centre continues to be a good point of engagement in the ADC Digital Zone, engaging with 1 to 2 people at each of the weekly sessions that are running on Mondays. This will be replicated at Sutton Job Centre. ATTFE is looking at further roll out in Skegby and where there is need. The programme has the flexibility to meet this demand. 13 learners have been engaged and ATTFE is confident on meeting the required targets. There are 7 potential learners that may be moved on to courses. The programme is meeting its reporting requirements.	
Supporting Local Business	<p>The East Midlands Chamber of Commerce is delivering the Ashfield Accelerator programme providing business support for digital, innovation, workforce skills, overseas trade and decarbonisation plans and grants. Take up for the Enterprise Grant has significantly improved with 4 grants totalling £20,250 approved with three more in the pipeline.</p> <p>West Notts College are delivering a pilot project for online trading at Idlewells Indoor Market and are</p>	

	<p>considering how best to undertake the 2024-25 student programme for the High Street. The Pre-opening ADMC programme is in delivery with the next event being planned. The spring special business event is scheduled for 23rd April at the Mour Hotel, near Annesley, focussing on Global trading. This coincides with a visit from a delegation from Mentor City, Ohio. The High Pavement House marketing has commenced, one rent relief application has been approved.</p>	
<p>People and Skills</p>	<p>The joint procurement for supporting economically inactive people has been awarded to Futures and the project is due to start. Support is available to all residents with delivery sites in the following priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sutton Central & Leamington • Kirkby Central • Selston • Jacksdale & Underwood • The Dales & South Skegby. • Hucknall Town <p>Futures are also delivering Ashfield’s Basic and Lifestyle skills programme - the project is available to all residents, with delivery sites in the following priority areas: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sutton Central and Leamington • Stanton Hill & Skegby • Kirkby Central • East Kirkby (covering Sutton Junction/ Harlow Wood, Kingsway, and Abbey Hill) • Selston • Hucknall Westville <p>For the programmes being delivered in 2024-25, specifications are being prepared. The Education and Business Collaboration programme is currently out to tender.</p>	

A review of the programme has been undertaken with some minor revisions due to be agreed. The three-year programme will finish at the end of March 2025.

The Council was required to have committed 80% of year 1 and year 2 funds by the end of March 2024 and this commitment has been achieved.

4. Kirkby Long-term Plan for Towns

A £20m allocation of government funding was announced for Kirkby in October as part of a national ‘Plan for Towns’ programme, with guidance from Government issued in December. £19.51m is allocated to each town with the remaining amount from the £20m funding a new national High Streets and Towns Taskforce which will provide advice and support.

The allocation will be paid over a period of 10 years, to invest in local people's priorities. The endowment-style fund will be split 25% Revenue, 75% Capital. Ashfield District Council will act as the accountable body.

The funding is aligned to the themes of:

- **Safety and security:** e.g. new and improved security infrastructure, such as CCTV and streetlights, additional hotspot policing, local authority wardens
- **High streets, heritage, and regeneration:** e.g. preserving and improving heritage sites in the town, creating, and maintaining parks and green spaces, establishing Business Improvement Districts, running high street rental auctions.
- **Transport and connectivity:** e.g. road improvements, such as fixing potholes or improving congested junctions, new programmes to encourage cycling, making the town centre more walkable and accessible.

Interventions

Within each theme a list of potential interventions is provided which have been assessed by Government as having a strong case for investment, value for money and benefit-to-cost ratio. To simplify the process a business case is not required for these. There are 24 listed interventions with 65 examples, covering a wide range of activities. An outline business case is required for other interventions.

Long-term plan

The LTP is a 10-year vision which needs to include a 3-year investment plan.

Towns will be required to demonstrate how they have developed plans in consultation with local people and will be expected to provide a contribution, for example time and resource, local match-funding, or properties to include in regeneration projects.

MPs should be closely engaged in the design and delivery of the Long-Term Plan and should be involved in reviewing the plan prior to submission.

Town Board

A Kirkby Town Board (KTB) is being set up which is a requirement of the funding. The KTB will oversee the fund and plan, and will be chaired by a local business or community leader and include:

- Community partners - groups, faith groups, local charities, infrastructure organisations.
- Local businesses and social enterprises, key local employers, or investors.
- Key cultural, arts, heritage, and sporting organisations.
- Public sector agencies e.g. schools, police etc.
- MP.
- A limited number of councillors including one from each tier of local government.
- Senior representative from the police - expected to be the Police and Crime Commissioner. Subject to the agreement of the chair, a local senior representative from the police can act as an alternative, with further contribution by an operational representative if required.

Smaller working groups can be convened to facilitate wider engagement in the specific themes.

The Town Board's main responsibilities are:

- Identifying the issues, priorities, and a shared vision for the Long-Term Plan, including supporting a process of ongoing community engagement.
- Working with the local authority to develop the Long-Term Plan.
- Overseeing the delivery of projects.

An initial meeting was held on 22nd March to which a number of local businesses and voluntary and community sector organisations were invited as well as partners from the Discover Ashfield Board and other required representatives. The meeting provided an opportunity for partners to learn about the funding and how the programme will be delivered and to discuss the formation of an interim Board. There was a good turn-out for the meeting with the following organisations and local businesses attending: Showstoppers Ltd, Heroux Devtek, Ashwood Church, Portland College, Greenwood Primary school, Kirkby Rotary, Boyes, Ashfield Voluntary Action, Our Centre, Spartans Boxing and the Feather Partnership, as well as strategic partners including Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham Trent University, Inspire, Everyone Active, ATTFE and East Midlands Railway, as well as the MP's representative.

Funding

The Council received £50k capacity funding in December and will receive a further £200k in April. This is part of the overall allocation and will be used to fund consultation and engagement activities and support to develop the plan. Funding will be released over a 7-year period with flexibility to spend over 10 years - the full funding profile is expected from DLUHC in the near future.

Timeline

ADC to bring local partners together to form Town Board and appoint a chair	By 1st April 2024
Begin to set out a vision, formulate investment priorities and engage with local communities	By 1st April 2024
Submission of Long-Term Plan	From 1 st April to 1 st August
DLUHC assess the plan and release 2024 to 2025 capital and revenue funding following approval of the plan	

The full guidance can be accessed via these links:

[LPT Guidance Oct](#)

[Guidance Dec 2023](#)

5. Hucknall Levelling Up Fund

The Council's ambitious plan to drive economic regeneration in Hucknall has been awarded funding of up to £9,281,283 as part of the Government's Levelling Up Fund programme.

The plan is centred around three main themes – Skills and Economic Regeneration, Cultural and Heritage Gateway, and Access to Hucknall Town Centre.

As part of the project, we will improve access into the town to attract more visitors, and businesses to reinvigorate the town centre. The cultural and heritage enhancements will celebrate Hucknall's rich heritage and provide new opportunities for people to learn about this history. The project will be one of the biggest investments in Hucknall for decades.

The project was developed in the summer of 2022 and it will now be reviewed over the next few weeks and a revised proposal developed which can be delivered within the shortened timeframe of 24 months.

6. Place Partnership bid

An expression of interest (EOI) was submitted to Arts Council England for Place Partnership funding last year and it was recently confirmed that the EOI had been successful and the Council was invited to submit a full application. The deadline for submission was 13th March.

Ashfield is one of 54 priority places being supported by the Arts Council to develop the arts and cultural offer. Priority places are where fewer people are involved in creativity and culture, have received less Arts Council Funding, and have few places where people can get involved in creativity and culture.

Ashfield Arts Partnership (a subgroup of the Discover Ashfield Board) was set up last April with 15 partners supporting the development of the bid.

The funding would support enhanced arts provision and participation in the District, supporting the asset-based projects being delivered through the regeneration programme such as the Science Discovery Centre and Planetarium and the Cornerstone Theatre.

The community-led bid will support increased creative engagement and activity and build skills and capacity in the cultural sector and will be focused on four hubs located in Hucknall, Kirkby, Rurals and Sutton. The funding will create a sustainable growth in arts provision which will be driven by a cultural strategy which will be produced during the first 12-18 months of the programme.

The bid includes in-kind partnership contributions and projected revenue of c.£300k and together with UKSPF funding will allow us to bid for the maximum grant of up to £1million.

If the bid is successful delivery of the three-year programme would commence later in 2024.

The Council would act as the Accountable Body for the bid which would support arts and educational partners to deliver activity across the District.

7. Green space programme: Section 106 Allocation

3.1 Project Allocation

The S106 funds detailed below has been secured through developer contribution in relation to the sites identified in the planning agreements. The report seeks approval to include the amounts detailed below on the Capital Programme to support the green space investment plan subject to receipt of the funds.

Scheme	Area	Planning Approval	(£) Amount
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Nabbs Lane Park	Hucknall West	V/2018/0285	16,071.00
Sutton Lawn	Sutton Central	V/2012/0556	35,920.93
Healdswood Recreation Ground	Skegby	V/2018/0783	108,500.00
Sutton Town Centre Public Realm	Sutton Central	V/2020/0184	65,000.00
Biodiversity Net Gain Projects	Sutton Wide	V/2020/0184	69,300.00

Projects already being funded through Section 106 contributions include improvements to the play area at Washdyke Recreation Ground in Hucknall and the upgrading of the BMX track at Nuncargate Recreation Ground.

8. Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS)

The Council's ambitious plans to reduce carbon emissions within the District continue to develop with designs well underway for the new heating systems at the Council's Urban Road Offices in Kirkby and Hucknall Leisure Centre (HLC) taking shape with air source heat pumps at both sites as well as solar panels at the Council Offices.

Leisure Energy (LE) were appointed under the Everything FM framework to deliver the projects with the full cost of the projects to be established once the designs are completed and prices have been sought and approved. An initial contract was entered into with LE relating to the ordering of key materials for both projects. These contracts will be varied to increase the contract value to cover the cost of ordering the remaining materials to maximise the external funding available. The Council will enter into further contracts with LE regarding the remaining works once designs are complete and prices are known. Planned completion of the projects is June/July 2024.

Since the Cabinet Report dated 25th September 2023, it is anticipated that further funding will be required. For further details, see Cabinet Report (submitted at this meeting), titled 2023/24 FORECAST OUTTURN FOR GENERAL FUND, HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME AS AT DECEMBER 2023.

There remain significant risks which the Council has little control over, namely:

- 1) Third party approvals/interventions (Planning approval/ District Network Operator responses and installation within required timelines (once designs are completed to RIBA Stage 4))
- 2) Agreeing contract terms with Leisure Energy in relation to the final Contract inclusions and costs.
- 3) Remaining materials being available.
- 4) Funder (Salix) approach to project delivery (ultimate possible loss of funding) although it is considered that Salix will not look to recoup any funding as long as the funding total is committed by 31st March 2024 and delivery of the projects is ultimately achieved.

Members are asked to note that costs are still unknown and that a future request for Council funding may be requested if the cost pressures materialise as expected or funding is withdrawn if the project cannot be delivered as a consequence of the above risks.

9. Community Safety

The Community Safety Service and Partnership continue to secure external funding to support the Council's safer and stronger, and cleaner and greener priorities for the District. Ongoing funded projects are detailed below:

£20,000		PREVENT HOME OFFICE FUNDING		
TASK	Description	Works Complete	Completed	TOTAL
Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation	Round Midnight, a company from Birmingham, have been commissioned to deliver 10 workshops with young children (approx. groups of 10) to explore radicalisation/extremism with a view of formulating a film, local and relevant to Ashfield & Mansfield.	<p>During these workshops, awareness will be delivered to the young people to heighten their understanding around this subject.</p> <p>Currently, Round Midnight have demonstrated the Virtual Reality equipment to the professionals that have signed up to deliver these sessions in year 2. The feedback from all partners (Police, Youth Service, Community Safety Team) has been positive and 2 workshops have been delivered with a healthy response from the young people.</p>	ONGOING	£20,000
TOTAL				£20,000

£86,000 – HUCKNALL – UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUNDING

TASK	Description	Works Complete	Completed	TOTAL
Hate Crime Awareness	Hate crime awareness sessions to be delivered in partnership between Nottinghamshire Police and Ashfield District Council's Community Protection Officers into Hucknall primary schools to bring awareness to young people moving into secondary education.	3 primary schools have been visited and 150 children engaged. Positive feedback from the teachers and children alike with regards to any consequences and future behaviour.	Completed	N/A
Business Crime Forum 'Shop Watch' Scheme	A Shop Watch or Pub Watch scheme is a network of local businesses that come together to tackle the risks associated with business crime.	The funding was able to provide 20 radios for our retail partners that signed up to the scheme in the town centre which was delivered in partnership with Nottinghamshire Police	Completed	£14,000
5 new CCTV Camera's	These CCTV cameras have been positioned in the current ASB/Crime hotspots on the outskirts of Hucknall Town Centre. The locations have been data led in consultation with the Hucknall Police Beat team to ensure that they cause disruption as well as detecting offences.	Deployable CCTV cameras have been pivotal in supporting investigations and increasing feelings of safety and acting as a deterrent. This is supported by safety surveys and ASB Data. The devices will be filming 24 hours a day, 7 days per week	Completed	£38,000
Safe Point Camera	A Safe Point camera system combines CCTV & the ability for women, girls, and vulnerable individuals to communicate instantly with the CCTV control room in an emergency. This is an opportunity for the individual to receive rapid response from the CCTV control room and feed live footage into the Police.	The Safe point cameras have been installed in Hucknall town centre to enable direct reports for vulnerable groups. The device also act as a deterrent to deter opportunist.	Completed	£9,000

<p>QR Code Signs & Safer Space Signs</p>	<p>200 Quick Response codes to be designed and distributed around Hucknall that allows the individual to directly report environmental matters that require addressing to the Council.</p>	<p>These QR codes have been designed and disseminated across the Hucknall area allowing the general public to report lighting issues or overgrown foliage at the time that they see the problem.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>£10,000</p>
<p>Environmental Crime Initiatives</p>	<p>ADC Community Protection Officers have been conducting joint operations to tackle Rogue Traders-Waste Carriers across Hucknall.</p>	<p>Patrols are undertaken around Hucknall Town Centre, housing estates, industrial estates including rural areas and tracks known offenders locally for fly tipping etc. Action has been taken against offenders for environmental offences.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Youth Diversion</p>	<p>Switch Up have been commissioned to provide youth diversionary activities that offer fitness training, outreach work, boxing training, self-defence classes, mentoring, counselling, alternative education.</p> <p>This is to support young people in the area and help deter them and divert them from crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>The team connected with 275 young people, linking them up to local activities such as Hucknall Amateur Boxing Club, local leisure centre and Believe Academy. Talking with these young people has revealed further vulnerability and ASB whereby they are lacking a broader range of activities/centres to visit.</p> <p>Switch Up have developed referral partnerships with Hucknall ABC and Believe Academy. Feedback from Tesco's and McDonalds, is that they report a reduction in disruptive behaviour and has supported the overall reductions in ASB in the area.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>£15,000</p>

TOTAL			£86,000
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£165,355 - Home Office and PCC Safer Streets & Locality Funding

TASK	Description	Works completed	TOTAL
Safe Spaces Accreditation Scheme (Businesses)	The Safe Space Scheme has been adopted in other areas within the District and provides a place that any person can go to in the event that they are vulnerable or need help. The scheme recognises an identifiable location, usually a business or shop, where anyone can go to seek help.	In addition to the 30 shops funded previously, this £7,000 funded 3 more businesses to be Safe Space Accredited.	£7,000
Business Crime Forum (Shop watch Scheme)	A Shop Watch or Pub Watch scheme is a network of local businesses that come together to tackle the risks associated with business crime.	The funding was able to provide 20 radios for our retail partners that signed up to the scheme in Sutton town centre which means all our town centres in Ashfield are now covered by the scheme.	£11,000
VAWG Poster Campaign Locality Funding	A local campaign designed to highlight the issues of violence against women and girls (VAWG). The media coverage will be displayed digitally in bus shelters around the District of Ashfield comprising of 75,000 hits of 10 second bursts.	This campaign is due to go live for the month of April 2024.	£4,000
Safe Spaces Accreditation Scheme (Businesses) Safer Streets 5	The Safe Space Scheme has been adopted in other areas within the District and provides a place that any person can go to in the event that they are vulnerable or need help. The scheme recognises an identifiable location,	'One main Hub' has received the Installation which is the Carsic Community Church located in the middle of the estate. This took place 29/02/2024 – Completed.	£3,111

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Burglary Reduction Officer (BRO) Intervention Safer Streets 5	The scheme offers security measures for homes which are repeat victims of burglary.	Currently 63 properties have been assessed and booked in for the BRO interventions. This equates to over £51,000 spent thus far and we expect to finish the assessment in the next 2 weeks with the work being scheduled in over the next 2 months.	£60,000
CCTV (Capital) Safer Streets 5	3 cameras will be redeployed to the estate from other areas to provide reassurance and to deter and detect crime and ASB.	Installation to be completed by May 2024.	£41,890
Making Spaces Safe Environmental Improvements Safer Streets 5	Locations identified on EVA such as area relating to a derelict nursing home on 'The Oval,' Conifer type trees restricted natural surveillance restricting the CCTV, overhanging bushes and other environment concerns that require addressing.	Major Tree removal works have already taken place and overgrown shrub areas all that were either dangerous or obstructing view of CCTV. General tidying of the area and Graffiti removal is underway.	£38,354
TOTAL			£165,355

The Community Safety Partnership are also in the process of securing and bidding for additional funding for year 2024/2025 as follows

- Police Crime Commissioner Funding 2024/25 - Amount confirmed: **£66,666.**
- Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities – Domestic Abuse Funding 2024/2025 – Amount confirmed: **£34,397.**
- Police Crime Commissioner Funding for Home Office Immediate Justice Scheme - Amount confirmed: **£124,713.**
- Safer for All funding 2024/25 - **£25,000** - Amount not confirmed.
- Home Office Hotspot Response Fund 2024/25 - Amount not confirmed.
- Domestic Abuse Sanctuary Funding 2024/25 – Amount not confirmed.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

Economic Growth and Place priority, the regeneration programmes contribute to a number of the six key ambitions: • Skills and employment • Businesses and investment • Regeneration • Visitor economy, arts and culture • Infrastructure and connectivity • Towns centres and high streets.

Cleaner and Greener priority, the PSDS project will contribute to the key ambition: - Climate Change and Sustainability • Ensuring the green agenda is at the centre of our decision making, leading by example, and working together across the organisation to reduce carbon impacts from our own assets.

Green space projects - maximising available grants and successfully delivering externally funded projects, Parks and Green Spaces • Ensuring our parks and green spaces are well maintained • Delivering our five-year green space improvement programme • Developing and delivering our transformation programme for outdoor sports facilities and visitor centres/ cafés.

Legal:

The Legal Team and the Executive Director of Governance are actively supporting and advising in relation to all Towns Fund projects. Where required specialist external legal advice is being obtained to advise on the funding programmes to ensure all risks to the Council are fully considered. [RLD 11/03/2024]

Finance: As set out in the body of the report. [PH 11/03/2024].

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	As set out in the report.
General Fund – Capital Programme	As set out above – section 3
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	No implications
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	No implications

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Grant agreements and partner delivery arrangements	Risk is mitigated by the due diligence work undertaken as part of the sign off process, internal and external legal advice.
Resourcing and delivery risks associated with multiple project/programme delivery.	Corporate Risk identified. Appointment and engagement of staff and consultants to support the programmes where necessary. Project Management for each programme.

Human Resources:

There are no direct HR implications contained in the report in relation to the funding. However, the projects relating to the funding may have a HR implication which would be identified in subsequent reports.

Environmental/Sustainability:

Not applicable for this report. Sustainability is a priority of the Towns Fund programme.

Equalities:

No issues identified for this report. Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken to support delivery of the Towns Fund and FHSF programmes and Public Open Space projects.

Other Implications:

Not applicable

Reason(s) for Urgency

Not applicable

Reason(s) for Exemption

Not applicable

Background Papers

Not applicable

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