

OFFICER DECISION

Decision: To allocate UKSPF funding to York College and University Centre and the YNYMCA to run the retrofit skills project through intervention E39			
Decision Date: 19 th November 2024			
Type of Decision: Director	Key		Non-Key X
Portfolio Area that decision relates to:			
Leader (inc Corporate Services, Policy, Strategy & Partnerships)		Environment and Climate Emergency	
Economy & Culture	X	Finance, Performance, Major Projects & Equalities	
Children, Young People and Education		Transport	
Health, Wellbeing and Adults Social Care		Housing, Planning & Safer Communities	
Background/ Decision Summary			
<p>York has been allocated £5.1m from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to implement the investment plan that was agreed by DLUHC in January 2023. In October 2022, CYC Executive gave delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Place to implement this Investment Plan, in consultation with the relevant Executive Members and the York UKSPF Partnership Board. This delegation was reconfirmed in October 2023 when Executive considered the results of a light touch review of the programme, which included allocating skills funding to the retrofit skills project. Due to the senior management restructure, the decision has been made by the Interim Director of City Development who now has responsibility for UKSPF.</p> <p>Executive considered detailed plans for a retrofit skills project at its February 2024 meeting, noting progress and reiterating their support for the project. North Yorkshire Council have also initiated a retrofit skills project, working with York College and a consortium of training providers to deliver retrofit skills to public and private sector construction teams. In order to implement the York project, which was due to commence in April 2024, two pieces of work are required. The York College consortium will market and deliver retrofit skills training, ensuring a regional approach to workforce development. York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (YNY MCA) are undertaking research to establish the current and future workforce needs of the retrofit sector.</p> <p>This project's focus on developing retrofit skills in suppliers complements the work of the InnovateUK funded ROSSY/YorEnergy project which is building householder demand for retrofit work to properties. As discussed in the paper considered by</p>			

Executive in January 2024, both supply and demand must be stimulated to overcome the current market failure.

York College will coordinate training through the consortium, and act as the central point for enquiries and bookings, at a cost of £8,000. They will have a £100k fund to support the costs of training.

YNYMCA are already undertaking a study across North Yorkshire and require additional funding of £10,000 to extend this study to cover York.

UKSPF funding must all be spent by the end of the current financial year, when the current programme finishes and any unspent funds must be returned to Government

Options Considered:

Option 1: Award funding to York College and YNYMCA

Option 2: Do not award funds

Options Rejected:

Option 2: Not awarding funds would prevent the implementation of decisions taken by Executive in October 2023 and January 2024 to support the Retrofit skills initiative.

Consultation Process:

Consultation took place with the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Partnership Board, chaired by Cllr Pete Kilbane, April 2024, and the establishment of the project was approved by them and the Executive Member.

Implications

Crime & Disorder		Equalities		Highways	
Human Resources		Legal		ICT	
Financial		Affordability		Property	
Climate Change		Health		Other	
Environment		Human Rights			

Implications Contact:

Level of Risk: Acceptable

Wards Affected:

All Wards	X	Fishergate		Holgate		Rural West York	
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Acomb		Fulford & Heslington		Hull Road		Strensall	
Bishopthorpe		Guildhall		Huntington & New Earswick		Westfield	
Clifton		Haxby & Wigginton		Micklegate		Wheldrake	
Copmanthorpe		Heworth		Osballdwick & Derwent			
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe		Heworth Without		Rawcliffe & Clifton			

Comments/Observations:

UKSPF funding is available through the E39 intervention, with decisions on implementation delegated to the Corporate Director in consultation with the Executive Member. Due to the senior management restructure, the decision has been made by the Interim Director of City Development to whom delegated authority has passed. The projects clearly align with the Investment Plan and the underpinning strategic framework.

Decision:

Award £108,000 to York College and University Centre to run Retrofit Skills training and £10,000 to YNYMCA to undertake analysis of future workforce needs for retrofit.

Decision Made by: Claire Foale, Interim Director of City Development

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On behalf of: Chief Operating Officer

To be implemented by: Simon Brereton Head of Economy

On Completion – Signed off by: **Date: 22.11.24**



Interim Director of City Development

