

Annex A: Inclusive Growth Initiatives Fund – Potential Projects List

Theme	Project Title	Description	Budget
Strengthening our approach to child poverty	Poverty truth commission	Learning from work in Scotland and Leeds, we are proposing to work with others to establish a York Poverty Commission, bringing together individuals who have direct experience of living in poverty with key decision makers, in order to build a shared understanding of how we might take practical steps in York on this key theme. The Council will contribute towards a budget of £60k, subject to other funders being prepared to support.	£20,000
Strengthening our approach to child poverty	Community hubs as drivers of growth	Building on the community hubs model to give a sharper focus on local economic development and financial inclusion. This could include support for coordination of existing and emerging hubs, together with targeted work around the challenges of low-income families around living costs. For example looking at childcare, transport, housing, food and energy costs and working with families in poverty to find ways to maximise earning	£40,000

		potential and minimise living costs. The Council's contribution will be used to employ a local economic development co-ordinator for the hubs	
Greening the high street	Greening our retail estate	A survey of the Council's commercial tenants & the buildings they occupy to establish some workable options which would reduce both energy costs and occupancy costs. This would support our climate change agenda, while helping independent retailers to be commercially sustainable. £20k of funding will be used to conduct a survey, with the remaining budget spent on installing energy efficiency measures	£80,000
Promoting lifelong learning	Community jobs fairs	Currently delivered through the community hubs initiative, community-based jobs fairs have been delivered in Chapelfields and Burnholme, alongside the central jobs fair at the Railway Institute. We are proposing that funding is secured for three years to support forward planning and promotion	£30,000
Promoting lifelong learning	14+ vocational training and work experience at York High School	Supporting non-academic routes to work for young people at risk of becoming NEET is a priority of the Administration. The Head of Education and Skills is	£50,000

		currently working up a proposal with York College that seeks to address this priority.	
Working with small businesses to build community links	Independent Retail Growth Fund	Establishing a fund for trader-led projects through local traders associations (as set out in Cllr Keith Aspden's decision session in February 2019).	£50,000
Working with small businesses to build community links	Mental health, wellbeing and employment	Providing additional support for the Good Help programme, with the Commissioning team. This will provide a focus on mental health & wellbeing and community engagement – match to NESTA project.	£27,500
Driving inclusive growth	York Economic Partnership	Develop strategic economic partnership and work with that partnership to draft a new economic strategy for York. Three sub-groups proposed on skills, business support and community voice. Budget will cover meeting costs, publicity and print costs.	£2,500
		<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>£300,000</b>