

Appendix 1: Overview of Huntingdonshire District Council UKSPF Project Activity

Project Title	Funding	Lead Officer	Brief Description	Outcomes to be delivered	Delivery Method	Progress Update Q4 23/24
Green Business Impact Programme UKSPF Priority: Supporting Local Business	£320,000	Nykki Rogers	To help SMEs reduce carbon emissions and energy costs.	100 businesses receiving non-financial support Min. 34 businesses receiving grant funding	Commissioned (led by Cambridge City)	<p>This project has increased in activity since Jan 24.</p> <p>A total of 16 new businesses were accepted to the programme.</p> <p>10 more organisations registered interest in joining the programme and 5 others were declined for not being eligible.</p> <p>Several promotional activities and outreach drives were conducted in February following engagement with LA.</p> <p>Participants have shown considerable progress, with 11 out of the total 32 participants completing the diagnostic stage (the most time-consuming stage).</p> <p>The first two Net Zero plans are under development.</p>
Huntingdonshire Business Accelerator	£100,000	Nykki Rogers	12 month dedicated programme of support for pre-start and early-stage ventures to help	Jobs created (numerical value) (20)	Commissioned (HDC)	Launched 29 th February 2024

UKSPF Priority: Supporting Local Business			entrepreneurs gain the skills and knowledge they need to apply for funding and launch their new business idea.	Number of new businesses created (numerical value) (10) Increased number of businesses supported (% increase) (25%)		
Business & Intellectual Property Centre UKSPF Priority: Supporting Local Business	£75,000	Nykki Rogers	Jumpstart competition and free access to resources, intelligence, databases at BIPC Huntingdon with support services to early-stage start-ups, new start-ups and SMEs.	10 jobs created 10 new businesses created	Direct Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 businesses have received 1:1 business support to date • 32 entrepreneurs have been assisted to date • £25,000 Jumpstart competition has concluded • 8 new business funded and created with 12 jobs
Huntingdonshire Digital Manufacturing Growth Programme UKSPF Priority: Supporting Local Business	£280,000	Nykki Rogers	Continuing a dedicated support programme for our heritage and foundation sector of manufacturing by supporting local SMEs in the sector to improve productivity and efficiencies. Programme launched September 2023	10 jobs created 20 jobs safeguarded 40 businesses adopting new to the firm technologies or processes	Commissioned (HDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 businesses have received non-financial support to date. • 8 people to date attended training sessions. • 5 jobs created to date and 6 safeguarded • 14 businesses adopted new technologies to date

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 capital grant awards to deploy digital technology
<p>Active Travel Feasibility Studies</p> <p>UKSPF Priority: Place & Communities</p>	£150,000	Neil Sloper	To produce up to five route feasibility studies to support future external funding bids for new active and sustainable travel routes in Huntingdonshire.	<p>Greenhouse gas reductions</p> <p>Improved perceived/ experienced accessibility</p> <p>Improved perception of facility or infrastructure project</p> <p>Increased use of cycleways or paths</p>	Commissioned (HDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline plan to deliver project has now been scoped Member workshop took place in Jan 24 with CPCA Sustrains to manage project in 24/25 Active Travel Strategy will identify and agree prioritised feasibility studies. Meeting planned with CCC Active Travel team Q4, contacts obtained from the CPCA.
<p>Ramsey Great Whyte Improvements</p> <p>UKSPF Priority: Place & Communities</p>	£220,835	Sam Caldbeck	To provide funding to promote the proposed new Market/ Agriculture Hub and surrounding public realm improvement, to support community development and events and activities.	<p>8 jobs created</p> <p>5 jobs safeguarded</p> <p>Increased visitor numbers</p> <p>Improved perceived experienced / accessibility</p> <p>Improved perception of facilities/ amenities</p>	To be agreed	<p>Project work is progressing and a final feasibility report is due in March 2024.</p> <p>This is expected to confirm the design approach. It was necessary to adjust the approach as the original concept scheme of one large Produce Hall has been found to be undeliverable due to engineering concerns.</p>

				<p>New Market Produce Hub and enhanced 600m² of Public Realm</p> <p>Improved perception of facility and infrastructure project</p> <p>Increased affordability of events/entry</p> <p>Number of community-led arts, cultural, heritage and creative programmes as a result of support</p>		
<p>Vibrant Communities</p> <p>UKSPF Priority: Place & Communities</p>	£155,000	Jasellia Williams	To support events (arts, culture, skills, seasonal & environmental events) in town centres and large villages as part of a wider package of activity to increase footfall and build on the success from the Welcome Back Fund	<p>0.5 Jobs created</p> <p>2 Jobs safeguarded</p> <p>Increased footfall</p> <p>Increased visitor numbers</p> <p>Improved perceived or experienced accessibility</p>	<p>Allocations to towns & villages (see MTP paper, item 5 at Cabinet 12 Dec 2022)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 Local Events have been supported with funding • 1 Volunteering opportunity has been supported

				<p>Improved perception of facilities/ amenities</p> <p>Increased affordability of events/entry</p> <p>Improved engagement numbers Improved perception of events</p> <p>Number of community-led arts, cultural, heritage and creative programmes as a result of support</p>		
<p>Community Based Employment & Skills</p> <p>UKSPF Priority: Place & Communities</p>	£273,061	Paul Fox	<p>There is a wide range of skills, training and support available to those who may benefit from it, yet for many it can prove difficult to identify or access.</p> <p>Furthermore those seeking employment experience practical barriers such as the costs or transport, childcare,</p>	<p>Organisations receiving financial and non-financial support</p> <p>Individuals supported into volunteering, skills training, employability training and volunteering (where volunteering is</p>	<p>Skills and employment advisors to link demand and need to existing capacity</p> <p>Issue-specific financial or non-financial support to organisations or individuals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 organisations have received financial support • 5 organisations have received non-financial support • 1 facility supported /created • 44 people attending training sessions • Creation of of 2 whole time equivalent skills and employment worker

			This portfolio of projects seeks to match skills training and support with the capacity available and also remove the practical barriers set out above.	undertaken as a pathway to employment)	to remove barriers to skills, employment or volunteering (as an employment pathway)	posts (in partnership with Cambridgeshire Skills)
	£1,573,895.54					

Overview of Huntingdonshire District Council REPF Project Activity

Project Title	Funding	Lead Officer	Brief Description	Outcomes to be delivered	Delivery Method	Progress Update Q4 23/24
Capacity building & infrastructure (HDC) REPF Priority: Rural Communities	£350,000	Neil Sloper	To deliver up to 3 schemes which will deliver 6 new EV charging points to support sustainable travel options and carbon reduction in rural communities. To work to support up to three energy efficiency projects in terms of feasibility and further development towards delivery.	6 EV Charging Points 3 energy efficiency projects	HDC will work with local organisations and partners	An EV Charging Policy has been developed by the Council and will be taken to Cabinet in March 24. This will enable the Council to have a strategy on EV charging and inform delivery.
REPF Priority: Rural Communities			This programme will deliver initiatives designed to enhance and support digital connectivity in rural areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4G/5G enhanced connectivity – targeted at residents/businesses in 			This project will commence in 24/25. Early discussion has taken place with Connecting Cambridgeshire to see if this projects aligns with other activity being

			<p>rural areas without any current or potential for fibre connectivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart poles – infrastructure which will provide host sensors / small cells to support wider connectivity. • Digital community spaces: Local facilities in rural locations enhanced for digital connectivity, ultra fast broadband and providing resources such as devices for residents via a grant scheme. • Expansion of the Cambridgeshire public wifi access scheme into rural areas. Potential for partnership and added value by combining with other Cambridgeshire districts such as east and south Cambridgeshire, 			<p>undertaken in the Cambridgeshire Region and could be delivered by them.</p> <p>Initial meeting to be set up at the beginning of April 24.</p>
REPF Priority: Rural Businesses	£350,000	Nykki Rogers	<p>This is a capital grant award programme with 50% match-funding for projects values up to £150,000.</p> <p>It will support priority areas of funding for small scale investment in micro and small enterprises in rural areas; farm diversification enterprises and utilisation of</p>	10 new jobs 2 farm diversification projects	Delivered in-house with resource in Economic Development and with supporting services in the Council	Appointment of additional resource secured on 29 th February 2024 to deliver the Business Grants Programme to be delivered in 24/25

			redundant buildings; diversification of farm businesses outside of agriculture to encourage start up, expansion or scale up of these businesses; to develop and expand sustainable rural tourism and visitor economy through experiences.			
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