



EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Title of Report:	Submission of Levelling Up Fund Round 2 Bid and UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan Urgent Executive Decisions	To be marked with an 'X' by Democratic Services after report has been presented
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Is this an Executive Decision:	YES	Is this a Key Decision:	YES
Is this in the Forward Plan:	NO	Is the Report Confidential: If so, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972:	NO []

Essential Signatories:

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Monitoring Officer: **John Teasdale**

Date Signature

Chief Finance Officer: **Sal Khan**

Date Signature

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Report to Council

Date: 26th September 2022

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PORTFOLIO: Leader of the Council and Economic Growth

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WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. This report provides an overview of the executive decisions taken in regards to the:

1.1.1. Levelling Up Fund Round 2 Submission

1.1.2. UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment

1.2. Although the decisions are not outside of the policy framework, this report also provides an explanation as to why the decisions were urgent.

2. Background

2.1. On 23rd March 2022, the prospectus for the second round of the Levelling Up Fund was launched, inviting bids from Councils with a deadline of 6th July 2022, later extended to 2nd August 2022 following a delay to the launch of the application portal.

2.2. On 13th April 2022, the Government launched the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, with a deadline for investment plan submissions of 1st August 2022, with technical guidance being issued in July 2022.

3. Contribution to Corporate Priorities

- 3.1. The decisions were taken in accordance with the Community Regeneration priority.

4. Levelling Up Fund Round 2

- 4.1. The revised deadline for submissions to the second round of the Levelling Up Fund was 12noon on Tuesday 2nd August, with the executive decision (Ref: 444.22) being taken one day before on Monday 1st August.
- 4.2. The decision was marked urgent on the basis that the delay to the implementation of the decision created by the call in procedure (minimum of three working days) would have resulted in the Council missing the submission deadline set by Government. This was approved by the Mayor in accordance with the Constitution.
- 4.3. Furthermore, it is noted in the executive decision that if the bid is successful, there will be a report to Council to consider the acceptability of any bid conditions and implications on the Council.
- 4.4. Finally, the bid was not ready for submission at an earlier date that would have facilitated the call in procedure whilst also meeting the Government deadline.

5. UK Shared Prosperity Fund

- 5.1. The deadline for the submission of the UKSPF Investment Plan was 1st August 2022, with the executive decision (Ref: 445.22) being taken on the same day as submission.
- 5.2. The decision was marked urgent on the basis that the delay to the implementation of the decision created by the call in procedure (minimum of three working days) would have resulted in the Council missing the submission deadline set by Government. This was approved by the Mayor in accordance with the Constitution.
- 5.3. Furthermore, it is noted in the executive decision that if the submission is accepted by Government, delivery partners would be approved via a separate decision.
- 5.4. Finally, the investment plan was not ready for submission at an earlier date that would have facilitated the call in procedure whilst also meeting the Government deadline.

6. Financial Considerations

- 6.1. The financial considerations for the executive decision for the Submission of the Levelling Up Fund Round 2 bid (Ref: 444.22) was approved by Sal Khan (Thursday 28th July 2022).

6.2. The financial considerations for the executive decision for the Submission of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan (Ref: 445.22) was approved by Sal Khan (Friday 29th July 2022).

7. Risk Assessment and Management

7.1. The main risks to the decisions were outlined in the respective executive decision records.

8. Legal Considerations

8.1. The legal considerations for the executive decision for the Submission of the Levelling Up Fund Round 2 bid (Ref: 444.22) was approved by Sherrie Grant (Thursday 28th July 2022).

8.2. The legal considerations for the executive decision for the Submission of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan (Ref: 445.22) was approved by Glen McCusker (Monday 1st August 2022).

9. Equalities and Health

9.1. Both the LUF2 bid and the UKSPF Investment Plan were subject to Equality and Health Impact Assessments, with further assessments to be undertaken if the submissions are approved.

10. Data Protection Implications – Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)

10.1. A DPIA must be completed where there are plans to:

- use systematic and extensive profiling with significant effects;
- process special category or criminal offence data on a large scale; or
- systematically monitor publicly accessible places on a large scale
- use new technologies;
- use profiling or special category data to decide on access to services;
- profile individuals on a large scale;
- process biometric data;
- process genetic data;
- match data or combine datasets from different sources;
- collect personal data from a source other than the individual without providing them with a privacy notice ('invisible processing');
- track individuals' location or behaviour;
- profile children or target marketing or online services at them; or
- process data that might endanger the individual's physical health or safety in the event of a security breach

10.2 Following consideration of the above, there are no Data Protection implications arising from this report which would require a DPIA

11. Human Rights

11.1. There are no Human Rights issues arising from this Report.

12. Sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures)

12.1. Does the proposal result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures) N/A

12.2. Please detail any positive/negative aspects:

12.2.1. Positive (Opportunities/Benefits)

12.2.2. Negative (threats)

13. Recommendation

13.1. That the reasons for the use of urgency provisions are noted.

14. Background Papers

14.1. EDR Ref 444.22 – Submission of Levelling Up Fund Round 2

<http://eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/docs/cmisis/edr/444.22%20Levelling%20Up%20Fund%202.pdf>

14.2. EDR Ref 445.22 – Submission of UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan

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