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Glasgow City Region Cabinet

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UK Shared Prosperity Fund Quarter 3 Update

Purpose of Report:

The report summarises the Glasgow City Region's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) activity to the end of the Quarter 3 2025/2026 and provides details of 6-month extension period.

Recommendations:

The GCR Cabinet is asked to:

- a) Note the content of the report

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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report summarises the Glasgow City Region's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) activity to the end of the Quarter 3 2025/2026 and provides details of 6-month extension period.

2 Background

- 2.1 Glasgow City Region (GCR) Programme Management Office (PMO), on behalf of the eight Member Authorities (MAs), is required to provide the UK Government (UKG) with 6-monthly progress report on UKSPF spend and activity. This report covers activity until the end of Quarter 3 2025/2026.
- 2.2 As the GCR Cabinet will be aware, the current programme is a 1-year extension to the UKSPF Programme, for financial year 2025/2026. The overall UKSPF allocation for Scotland in 2025/2026 is £75.9m, with the Glasgow City Region receiving £29.4m, just under 40% of the Scottish allocation.

3 GCR UKSPF Quarter 3 2025/2026 Spend

- 3.1 This report provides a summary of the UKSPF expenditure to the end of Quarter 3 2025/2026, covering activity across the eight MAs. The summary MA activity is noted in Table 1. Table 2 provides a summary by Thematic Priority.

Member Authority	Q3 Spend	25/26 Forecast	% of spend
East Dunbartonshire	£471,144	£1,159,175	41%
East Renfrewshire	£504,131	£1,078,992	47%
Glasgow	£5,430,222	£11,834,806	46%
Inverclyde	£850,255	£1,550,389	55%
North Lanarkshire	£3,892,122	£6,034,164	65%
Renfrewshire	£1,257,351	£2,062,930	61%
South Lanarkshire	£2,229,164	£4,007,757	56%
West Dunbartonshire	£745,645	£1,694,752	44%
GCR Total	£15,380,036	£29,422,965	52%

Table 1. GCR UKSPF Expenditure Summary by MA Q3 2025/2026

Theme	Q3 Spend	25/26 Forecast	% of Spend
Communities and Place: Healthy Safe and Inclusive Communities	£3,767,954	£8,999,516	42%
Communities and Place: Thriving Place	£1,268,680	£2,719,316	47%
Local Business: Support for Business	£2,320,314	£5,463,765	42%
People and Skills: Employability	£5,617,363	£8,992,610	62%
People and Skills: Skills	£1,598,356	£2,132,955	75%
M&A	£807,370	£1,114,804	72%
GCR Total	£15,380,036	£29,422,965	52%

Table 2. GCR UKSPF Expenditure Summary by Priority Q3 2025/2026

4 Future of the UKSPF Programme

- 4.1 As noted in section 2.2, in October 2024, the UKG announced a 1-year extension to UKSPF programme running to the end of March 2026.
- 4.2 In December 2025, the UKG announced changes to the UKSPF 2025-2026 funding period and the treatment of eligible costs. Costs may now relate to activity that takes place on or before the 30 September 2026 which is a 6-month extension to the previous spend eligibility deadline. An additional monitoring round will take place due in early November 2026. A number of the Member Authorities have indicated that they intend to make use of the extension and carry forward a small amount of funding into 2026/2027.
- 4.3 A separate report will be presented to CEG and Cabinet advising of the changes to the funding landscape with the announcement of the new Local Growth Fund. These funds include the Pride in Place Programme (PiPP), the Pride in Place Impact Fund (PiPIF), Growth Mission Fund and new Local Growth Fund (LGF).

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 The GCR Cabinet is asked to:
- a) Note the content of the report