



Glasgow City Region Cabinet

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UK Shared Prosperity Fund 6-monthly report

Purpose of Report:

The report summarises the Glasgow City Region's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) activity to the end of the financial year 2023/24. It provides the UK Government (UKG) with an update on the level of spend and any carry forward of 2023/24 underspend into 24/25, together with a summary of the outputs and outcomes.

Recommendations:

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- b) approve submission of the report to the UK Government.

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2 Background

- 2.1 Glasgow City Region (GCR) Programme Management Office (PMO), on behalf of the eight Member Authorities (MAs) and PMO delivery, is required to provide the UK Government with 6-monthly progress reports on UKSPF spend and activity. This report is presented to the Cabinet for approval prior to submission to the UKG.

3 Summary of the 6-monthly Report

- 3.1 The 6-monthly report provides UKG with information across a number of headings:
- Overall programme summary;
 - Outputs and Outcomes across the three priorities and Multiply;
 - Expenditure profile over the three years of the programme.
- 3.2 The expenditure summary for Glasgow City Region's UKSPF in 2023/24 is set out in the table below:

| | Allocation Yr1 & Yr2 | Cumulative Spend - March 2024 | % of spend |
|-----------|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| EDC | £1,439,086 | £1,046,924 | 73% |
| ERC | £1,339,978 | £1,001,858 | 75% |
| GCC | £11,052,027 | £11,221,173 | 102% |
| IC | £1,453,118 | £922,157 | 63% |
| NLC | £5,673,330 | £3,743,439 | 66% |
| RC | £2,556,696 | £2,141,555 | 84% |
| SLC | £4,982,646 | £4,021,997 | 81% |
| WDC | £1,590,697 | £940,565 | 59% |
| GCR PMO | £470,859 | £132,005 | 28% |
| GCR Total | £30,558,435 | £25,171,673 | 82% |

Table 1. GCR UKSPF Expenditure Summary 2023/34

- 3.3 To the end of the financial year 2023/24, the Glasgow City Region MAs, together with the GCR PMO, have spent in excess of £25m UKSPF grant. This equates to 82% of the overall UKSPF grant allocation over the two years. Spend has taken place across the three priority themes of Communities and Place, Supporting Local Business and People and Skills, together with the dedicated numeracy programme – Multiply. Spend has continued to increase quarter on quarter with MAs considering delivery to now be at full capacity. Details of spend across each priority theme and Multiply are included in the Summary Report within Appendix 1.
- 3.4 The GCR PMO are not concerned about this spend profile, as there are valid reasons where MAs haven't been able to achieve 80% spend. Examples of this include:
- The transition in funding from EU Structural Funds to UKSPF

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- Procurement of capital projects resulting in spend in Q1 2024/25, rather than Q4 2024/24
- Payment in arrears for some project spend

4 UKSPF Grant for 2024/25

- 4.1 In order to draw down UKSPF grant allocations in advance of spend for 2024/25, UKG has put in place a tiered requirement based upon the percentage of cumulative grant spend in the two preceding financial years. The level of grant spend in 2023/24 and percentage of the 2024/25 allocation that can be draw down ahead of spend is set out in the table below:

| % Total Spend 22/23 & 23/24 | Initial Yr 3 payment | Amount claimed in arrears |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Less than 20% | 0% | 100% |
| 2. 20% - 39% | 20% | 80% |
| 3. 40% - 59% | 50% | 50% |
| 4. 60% - 79% | 70% | 30% |
| 5. 80% and higher | 100% | 0% |

Table 2. UKSPF Spend / Allocation Drawdown

- 4.2 As Glasgow City Region has achieved a spend of 82% to date, with UKG approval, GCR will be able to draw down 100% of the grant for 2024/25 ahead of spend.

5 Summary of Outputs and Outcomes

- 5.1 The full suite of Outputs and Outcomes to the end of 2023/24 will be submitted to UKG as part of the 6-monthly report. A selection of cumulative Outputs and Outcomes is noted in Appendix 2.

6 Next Steps

- 6.1 Following the approval of this report by Cabinet, the GCR PMO will submit the 6-monthly report to the UK Government on Tuesday 7 May 2024.
- 6.2 The GCR PMO will continue to press UKG for clarity on UKSPF programme conclusion, or the availability of an extension. GCR have expressed to UKG that a decision is required by June 2024 to enable effective planning for any future programme, so as to not impact on programme delivery.

7 Recommendation

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Appendix 1 GCR UKSPF 6-monthly report

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| Lead Local Authority | Glasgow City Region | | Report Period Ending | |
| URN | UKSPF - 44 S Glasgow City Region | | | |
| New Contact email address (if changed since last report) | michael.mcnally@glasgow.gov.uk | | | |
| Priority | Spend to date by Investment Priority (please give Management & Administration spend separately) | Forecast Spend at end FY (excluding M&A) | Brief note on expected spend (optional - use dropdown: "On track"; Underspend; Overspend). | |
| Communities & Place | £8,143,628 | | On track | |
| Local Business | £3,657,054 | | On track | |
| People & Skills | £6,918,235 | | On track | |
| Multiply | £5,228,451 | | On track | |
| Management & Administration | £1,224,305 | | On track | |
| Delivery RAG (drop-down) G: On time, in budget & no significant threat to delivery. A/G: Success probable. A: Needs active management attention. A/R: Success in doubt. R: Success appears unachievable. | | | Note on Trend (use dropdown): Improved; Unchanged; Worse | |
| Communities & Place | A/G | | Unchanged | |
| Local Business | A/G | | Unchanged | |
| People & Skills | A/G | | Unchanged | |
| Multiply | A/G | | Unchanged | |
| Progress Summary , please provide narrative of UKSPF progress to date, including explanation of RAG ratings. This narrative could include latest milestones met, emerging themes (Opportunities, challenges, etc) and details of non-material changes. (Max 250 words) | | | | |
| <p>Delivery of UKSPF activity is now at full capacity across the Glasgow City Region. Member Authorities have indicated that the level of spend in Q4 2023/24 is representative of what can be expected over the remainder of the programme.</p> <p>Concerns has been raised about the lack of clarity on programme conclusion or extension, as this will have a demonstrable impact on activity being able to be delivered up until 31 March '25.</p> | | | | |

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Appendix 2 GCR UKSPF Output and Outcome Summary:

| Communities & Place Outcomes | Total Outcomes | Forecast Outcomes |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Increased footfall (Number of people) | 24949 | 7060 |
| Increased visitor numbers (Number of people) | 250531 | 250556 |
| Improved engagement numbers (Number of people) | 13099 | 3316 |
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| Communities & Place Outputs | Total Outputs | Forecast Outputs |
| Amount of green or blue space created or improved (M2) | 20200 | 20000 |
| Number of people reached (Number of people) | 374543 | 62060 |
| Number of households receiving support (Number of households) | 222 | 1200 |
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| Supporting Local Business Outcomes | Total Outcomes | Forecast Outcomes |
| Number of enterprises adopting new or improved products or services (Number of enterprises) | 130 | 220 |
| Increased visitor numbers (Number of People) | 6620 | 5 |
| Number of new enterprises created as a result of support (Number of new enterprises) | 321 | 663 |
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| Supporting Local Business Outputs | Total Outputs | Forecast Outputs |
| Number of enterprises receiving financial support other than grants (Number of enterprises) | 92 | 113 |
| Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support (Number of enterprises) | 750 | 2441 |
| Number of potential entrepreneurs provided assistance to be business ready (Number of entrepreneurs) | 821 | 950 |

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| People & Skills Outcomes | Total Outcomes | Forecast Outcomes |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Number of people engaging with mainstream healthcare services (Number of people) | 77 | 80 |
| Number of people in education/training following support (Number of people) | 942 | 947 |
| Number of people gaining a qualification or completing a course following support (Number of people) | 816 | 268 |
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| People & Skills Outputs | Total Outputs | Forecast Outputs |
| Number of people receiving support to gain employment (Number of people) | 1179 | 1525 |
| Effective working between keyworkers and additional services (Number of engagements) | 392 | 240 |
| Number of people supported to participate in education (Number of people) | 546 | 592 |
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| Multiply Outcomes | Total Outcomes | Forecast Outcomes |
| Number of adults achieving maths qualifications up to, and including, Level 2 equivalent (Number of Adults) | 183 | 2574 |
| Number of adults participating in maths qualifications and courses up to, and including, Level 2 equivalent (Number of adults) | 731 | 4276 |
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| Multiply Outputs | Total Outputs | Forecast Outputs |
| Number of adult numeracy courses run in a local area through Multiply (Number of courses) | 507 | 373 |
| Number of people achieving a qualification (Number of people) | 466 | 1778 |
| Number of people participating in Multiply funded courses (Number of people) | 2514 | 8189 |

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