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Glasgow City Region Cabinet

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UK Shared Prosperity Fund Q2 Report 2026/2027

Purpose of Report:

The report summarises the Glasgow City Region's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) activity to the end of Q2 2026/2027, the end of the programme.

Recommendations:

The GCR Cabinet is asked to:

a) note the Glasgow City Region UK Shared Prosperity Fund end of programme report and;

b) approve for submission to the UK Government.

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 Q2 2026/2027, the end of the programme.

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 will be presented to the GCR Cabinet for approval prior to submission to the UKG.

2.2 As the GCR Cabinet will be aware, in the UKG Autumn Budget Statement, 30 October 2024, the Chancellor announced a 1-year extension to the UKSPF Programme for financial year 2025/2026.

2.3 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. This will be the final report for UKSPF.

3 GCR UKSPF Final Extension Year spend 2025/26 – Q2 2026/27

3.1 This 6-monthly report provides a summary of the UKSPF expenditure to the end of the programme and Q2 2026/2027.This covers activity across the eight MAs and the GCR delivery. The summary is noted in Table 1.

	Spend to Q2 26/27	Allocation	% of spend
EDC	£1,159,175	£1,159,175	100%
ERC	£1,071,859	£1,078,992	99%*
GCC	£11,834,807	£11,834,806	100%
IC	£1,550,389	£1,550,389	100%
NLC	£6,038,045	£6,034,164	100%*
RC	£2,062,930	£2,062,930	100%
SLC	£4,007,757	£4,007,757	100%
WDC	£1,698,005	£1,694,752	100%*
GCR Total	**£29,422,968**	**£29,422,965**	**100%**

Table 1. GCR UKSPF Expenditure Summary 2025/2026 + 6-month extension until Q2 26/27

* ERC underspend of £7,132 was absorbed by NLC and WDC – allowing GCR spend 100% of UKSPF.

3.2 As noted in Table 1, the overall UKSPF spend across GCR MAs achieved 100% of the available budget.

3.3 Table 2 provides a summary by Thematic Priority.

Theme	Q4 Spend	25/26 Forecast
Communities and Place: Healthy Safe and Inclusive Communities	£9,037,962	£8,999,516
Communities and Place: Thriving Place	£2,722,883	£2,719,316
Local Business: Support for Business	£5,301,928	£5,463,765
People and Skills: Employability	£8,619,201	£8,992,610
People and Skills: Skills	£2,626,186	£2,132,955
Management & Admin	£1,114,804	£1,114,804
GCR Total	**£29,422,968**	**£29,422,965**

Table 2. GCR UKSPF Expenditure Summary by Priority Q2 26/27

3.4 The Full Excel Report to be submitted to UKG is available from the Committee Clerk.

4 Evaluation

4.1 UKG have concluded their intervention-level and place evaluation of UKSPF at a national level. Key findings include:

- Those furthest from work made significant progress with barriers falling for long-term inactive by 27%;
- Youth focused projects also had a big impact with 79% gaining a qualification and 24% entering the workforce;
- Grants with advice accelerated business investment with 20% of businesses advising without the grant they would not have invested at all, and 39% advising they would have invested less;
- Reported that Communities & Place projects worked best when they were visible, involved local leadership and were coordinated combining interventions and targeting strategic aims.

5 Recommendation

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