

Economy + Growth Committee

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

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Agenda



- Financial Overview
- Programme Overview
- Overview by Priority Area
 - Community and Place
 - Business Support
 - People + Skills
- Summary of Achievements to date – Spotlight on Towns



Financial Overview

	Budget (£)	Committed (£)	Unallocated (£)
Capital	£1,121,426	£1,083,313	£38,112
Revenue	£1,194,162	£1,126,224	£67,937
Total	£2,315,588	£2,209,538	£106,049

- Allocated 95% of the programme budget
- 42% (£983,962) of overall budget defrayed
- Budget figures to 31/10/24



Financial Overview

- Capital expenditure is slightly below required levels, with 19.6% defrayed to date. Capital spend is required to be a minimum of 20% of the total programme spend.
- Forecasted capital expenditure is 48% spend for the whole programme.
- This value/percentage will soon increase due to good progress being made on multiple capital projects - see below:
 - E3 Creation of and improvements to local green spaces (£100,000)
 - E7 Support for active travel enhancements (£88,000)
 - E11 Capacity building for community infrastructure (£236,000)
 - E13 Community measures to reduce the cost of living (£270,000)
 - E20 SME Innovation and Growth Grants (£145,000)

Programme Overview

- Grant Programme was reviewed, and re-launched in July
- New Skills provision confirmed and now in delivery (Digital, Green and Work based Skills) – Derby University and Buxton & Leek College.
- A final round of Business grants launched, closing date 10th Nov – 12 Applications received
- Six monthly report submitted to government (revised budget/output forecasts) – November 2024.
- Confirmation from Government that there will be no mechanism to carry forward any UKSPF underspends into future years.



Overview by Priority (Community & Place)



	Budget (£)	Committed (£)	Unallocated (£)
Revenue	£316,756	£311,682	£5,074
Capital	£831,222	£806,130	£25,092
Total	£1,147,979	£1,114,792	£33,186

- Capital un-allocation is linked to E1 Public Realm activity
- Revenue from a withdrawn community application



Public Realm

E1 - Public Realm Improvements

To achieve our proposed requirements, officers presented two Public Realm options which were considered by the Board in October:

1. St Annes Well Buxton (Grade II listed), estimated costs £85,000 – £150,000 improvements to accessibility (ramp access) and general area. Delivering approx. 50-100m2 improvements.
2. Exterior to Glossop Market Hall, Estimated cost £100,000 new outdoor seating area linking indoor and outdoor market provision. Delivering approx. 200-350m2 of improvements. £75,000 Grant/£25,000 Match funding

Board elected to support the Glossop Market Hall project.

Community Events

E6 - Community Events revenue grant fund provided grant support to 15 Community Events:

- Glossfest - May 2023
- Tintwistle Children's Gala - June 2023
- New Mills Carnival – June 2023
- High Peak Arts Tall Tales – Aug 2023
- One World Festival
- Whaley Bridge Rose Queen event – June 2023
- Buxton Bad Nauheim Twinning events
- Babbling Vagabonds Wagon of Wonders – July 2023
- Glassball Summer Arts labs printing with Lego – July / Aug 2023
- Local Glossop - A Local Winter Story Trail, Nov/Dec 2023
- Discover Buxton 450-year anniversary of visit of Mary Queen of Scots to Buxton - Sep 2023
- The Tent People - Pop up events – Various events June – Oct 2023
- Bamford Community Society 10th Anniversary events - Oct 2023

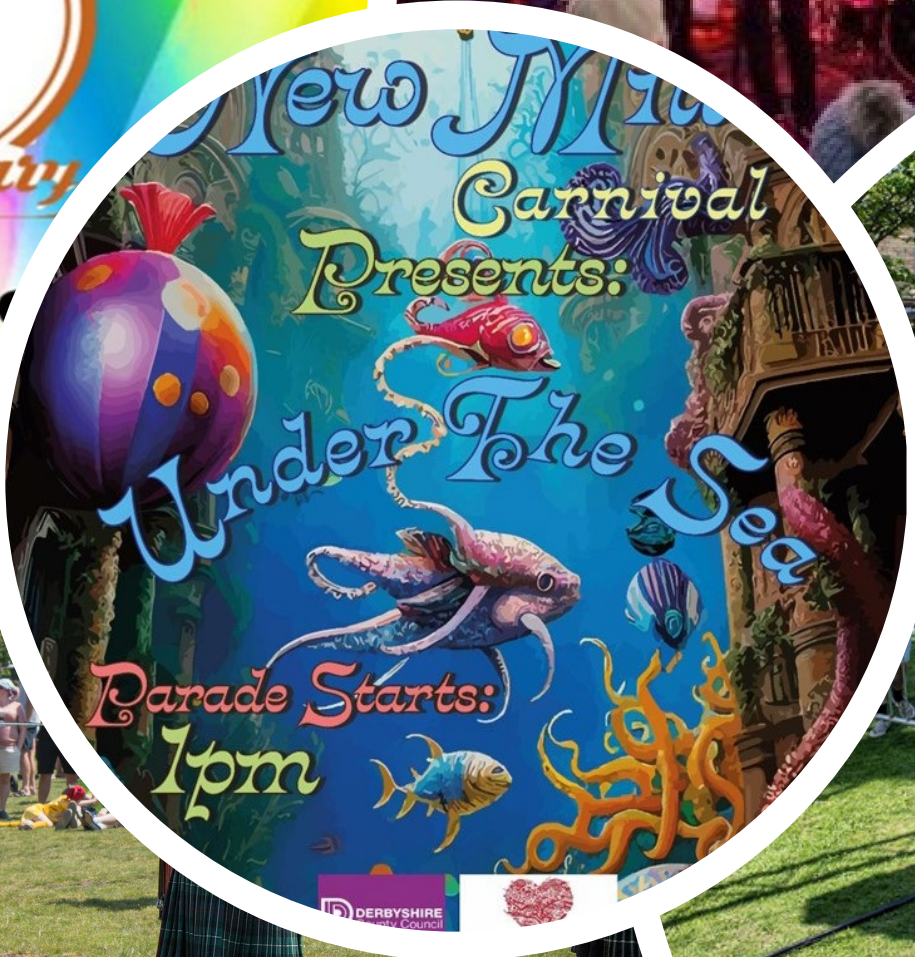
THE ANGLERS

YEARS
10
Anniversary

SAT 14th
From 2pm
OCTOBER



New Mill
Carnival
Presents:
Under The Sea
Parade Starts:
1pm



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Active Travel (Community + Place)

E3 Active Travel Enhancements

- 10-12 Areas/Paths have been identified for potential improvement works
- Two new sandstone footpaths (circa 500m) has been completed in Temple Fields, Buxton.
- Other planned works includes:-
 - Removal of 'K' barriers on one northern section of Whaley Incline and re-surfacing a very muddy section at the southern end.
 - Re-design the frontage to Simmondley Play Area play
 - Path improvements
 - Glossop Active Travel Masterplan
 - Hope Parish Council



Community Infrastructure

Community Infrastructure Grant Programme

- £240,358.77 awarded to 11 Community Organisations
- Peak District National Park
- Hadfield Bowling Club
- Serpentine Community Garden Society
- Tintwistle Cricket Club
- Babbling Vagabonds
- New Mills Town Council
- High Peak Theatre Trust
- Peak Forest Reading Room
- Partington Theatre Club
- Youth Matters New Mills
- Chapel-en-le-Frith Scout Group



Cost of Living

E13 - Cost of Living

Communities & Climate Change have developed a programme with partners:

- HPBC / Alliance Norse – supporting Council housing stock with energy an improvement scheme (New LED Lighting)
- Marches Energy Agency - Public engagement programme (information, advice and guidance)
- High Peak CVS - Community engagement programme (including grants, energy audits and development schemes)



Community & Place Outputs

	Original Investment plan Target	Latest Forecast/Target (committed)
Outputs		
Number of commercial buildings (spaces) completed or improved (m2)	10	8
Amount of public realm created or improved (m2)	500	350
Amount of green or blue space created or improved	1,000	1,000
Number of local events or activities supported	10	32
Number of new or improved cycle ways or foot paths (km)	10	10
Number of people reached	5,500	3,830,716
Number of organisations receiving non-financial support	6	24
Number of organisations receiving grants	9	38
Number of people attending training sessions	9	9**
Number of households supported to take up energy efficiency measures	200	200
Number of feasibility studies developed <u>as a result of support</u>	2	2

- Forecasting minor variations to original investment plan
- On target to achieve revised figures
- Some outputs are already exceeding targets (no of people reached – Tourism promotion)
- High levels of grants awarded



Community & Place Outcomes

	Original Investment plan Target	Latest Forecast/Target (committed)
Outcomes		
Increased visitor numbers	0	tbc
Increased footfall	0	20,483
Jobs created as a result of support	7	3.5
Jobs safeguarded as a result of support	20	20
Estimated Carbon dioxide equivalent reductions as a result of support	0	tbc
Improved perceived/experienced accessibility	0	20
Improved perception of facilities/amenities	0	20
Number of community-led arts, cultural, heritage and creative programmes as a result of support	0	2
Increased use of cycleways or foot paths	0	50
Increased number of web searches for a place	0	tbc
Improved engagement numbers	0	100
Increased users of facilities/amenities	0	tbc
Increased take up of energy efficiency measures	0	200
The number of projects arising from funded feasibility studies	2	2

- Original outcome indicators were amended by government (originally percentage change)
- New targets defined and on track to deliver
- New software being procured to support & evidence footfall and visitor numbers
- Community surveys utilised to capture improved perception/experienced accessibility etc...

Overview by Priority (Business Support)

	Budget (£)	Committed (£)	Unallocated (£)
Revenue	£631,460	£568,597	£62,863
Capital	£290,203	£280,203	£10,000
Total	£921,663	£848,800	£72,863

- 32 Business grants awarded so far against an initial target of 20
- Budget underspends across the priority area have been reallocated to provide a final round of grants funding – applications closed 10th November / evaluations underway



Business Support Activities

E24 - Funding for new and improvements to existing training hubs, business support offers, 'incubators' and 'accelerators.'

- Delivery of two bespoke business support schemes

Business Start Up Programme Delivered by Derbyshire County Council/Vision Derbyshire start-up programme.

High Peak Business Accelerator Delivered by East Midlands Chamber

- To date 154 businesses have been supported through these programmes
- 19 entrepreneurs supported to be business ready
- 7 new business created
- 38 new jobs created and 12 jobs safeguarded

Community Enterprises

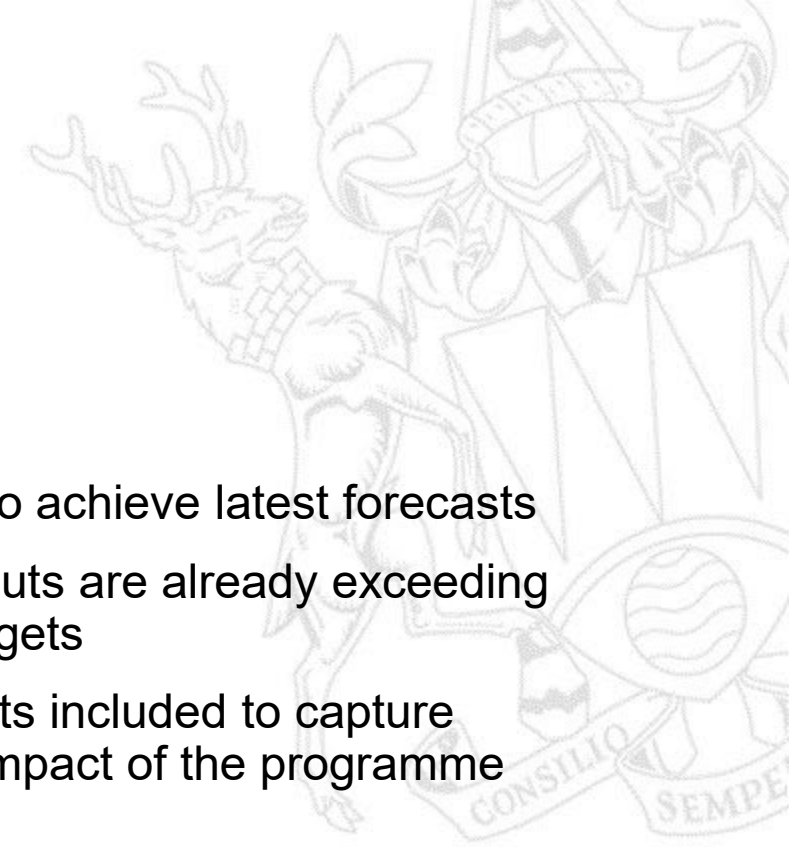
E26 - Support for growing the local social economy, including community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises.

- Delivery Partner: Enterprise Support Alliance
- 23 existing and 2 new community enterprises have received non-financial support from Enterprise Support Alliance.

Community Enterprise Grant programme - £103,192.05 awarded to 8 Community Based Enterprises:

- Glossop Creative Trust
- Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust
- Buxton Markets CIC
- Glossop Community Allotment CIC
- Local Creative Lab CIC
- The Tent People
- The Whaley Bridge Community Trust
- Buxton Civic Association

Community & Place Outputs



	Original Investment plan Target	Latest Forecast/Target (committed)
Outputs		
Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	140	253
Number of people reached	10,000	29,326
Number of enterprises receiving grants	31	37
Number of decarbonisation plans developed <u>as a result of support</u>	0	14
Number of feasibility studies developed <u>as a result of support</u>	2	2
Number of potential entrepreneurs assisted to be enterprise ready	0	21
Number of people attending training sessions	0	42

- On target to achieve latest forecasts
- Some outputs are already exceeding original targets
- New outputs included to capture wider/full impact of the programme



Community & Place Outcomes

Outcomes	Original Investment plan Target	Latest Forecast/Target (committed)
Increased visitor numbers	0	tbc
Increased footfall	0	118,766
Increase in visitor spending	0	tbc
Jobs created <u>as a result of support</u>	140	50
Jobs safeguarded <u>as a result of support</u>	170	50
Number of new enterprises created <u>as a result of support</u>	10	10
Number of enterprises adopting new or improved products or services	5	15
Number of enterprises adopting new to the firm technologies or processes	5	25
Number of new to market products	0	tbc
Estimated Carbon dioxide equivalent reductions <u>as a result of support</u>	0	tbc
The number of projects arising from funded feasibility studies	2	2

- Forecasting minor variations to original investment plan
- On target to achieve revised figures
- Some outputs are already exceeding targets
- Reduced outputs predicted for jobs created/safeguarded
 - High original targets
 - Revised figures more in keeping with programme deliverables



Overview by Priority (People + Skills)

	Budget (£)	Committed (£)	Unallocated (£)
Revenue	£245,945	£245,945	£0
Capital	£0	£0	£0
Total	£245,945	£245,945	£0

- The budget is fully allocated



Employment support for economically inactive people

E33 – Employment support for economically inactive people.

- Key Output(s):
 - Number of socially excluded people accessing support (20)
 - Number of economically inactive people engaging with keyworker support services (100)
 - Number of people engaged in job-searching following support (20)
- £31,132 was allocated to the Bureau in 23/24 to deliver phase one of this project and is now complete.
- Following a procurement exercise, funding of £30,618 was awarded to the Zink Project of Zink HQ, Clough Street, Buxton for year two.
- The whole project is progressing well with 175 individuals engaging with keyworker support services and 132 individuals engaged with job searching activities.

Skills Delivery

E38,39 & 41 – Skills Delivery (local, green and digital skill improvement).

- Key Output(s):
 - Number of people receiving support to gain a vocational licence (50)
 - Number of people supported to gain a qualification (100)
 - Number of people supported to engage in life skills (30)
- The whole budget has been allocated to Derby University and Buxton & Leek College to deliver a series of skills-based workshops
- The programme launched at the end of September and has a programme of workshops and support running until the end of March 2025.

People & Skills Outputs

	Original Investment Plan target	Latest forecast/ Target (committed)
Outputs		
Number of socially excluded people accessing support	100	100
Number of economically inactive people engaging with keyworker support services	100	175
Number of economically inactive people supported to engage with the benefits system	100	100
Number of people with basic skills following support	100	100
Number of people accessing mental and physical health support leading to employment	50	81
Number of people engaged in job-searching following support	100	132
Number of people receiving support to gain employment	50	176
Number of people receiving support to sustain employment	100	50
Number of people receiving support to gain a vocational licence	50	50
Number of people supported to gain a qualification	100	100
Number of people supported to engage in life skills	30	30

- Forecasting minor variations to original investment plan
- On target to achieve revised figures
- Some outputs are already exceeding targets (numbers engaging with keyworker support services - 175/100)
- Reduced outputs predicted for numbers sustaining employment as this is counted six months after support (not achievable within the remaining timescales)

People & Skills Outcomes

	Original Investment plan Target	Latest Forecast/Target (committed)
Number of people sustaining engagement with keyworker support and additional services	50	136
Number of people in employment, including self-employment, following support	100	100
Number of economically inactive individuals engaging with benefits system following support	100	100
Number of active or sustained participants in community groups as a result of support	100	100
Number of people reporting increased employability through development of interpersonal skills funded by UKSPF	100	100
Number of people in supported employment	100	100
Number of people engaging with mainstream healthcare services	100	100
Number of people engaged in job-searching following support	100	124
Number of people sustaining employment for 6 months	100	100
Number of people in education/training following support	50	50
People gaining a qualification or completing a course following support	50	50
People engaged in life skills support following interventions	50	50

- Forecasting minor variations to original investment plan
- All targets on track
- Expected over achievement in several outcomes



Business Case Studies



Buxton Gardens



Sector: Garden Design/Horticulture

Size: Micro

Location: High Peak

- Buxton Gardens was founded in 2020 by Martha Everett
- Specialises in organic gardening + designing / cultivating cottage gardens.
- It exclusively uses peat-free plants, all of which are grown in-house in Buxton.
- The company offers expert advice on organic gardening practices, promoting biodiversity, supporting local wildlife, and growing your own food.
- Through the Accelerator Project, Martha accessed several valuable services, including:
 - Various workshops focused on Email Marketing
 - Growth Voucher for marketing consultancy which helped her develop a new marketing plan.
 - Support to write a grant application leading to £1,600 funding for a new polytunnel and solar irrigation system, awarded through HPBC Business Grant Scheme.
 - Advice and support on hiring staff for the first time.

A word from the business:

"I am so, so grateful for the huge amount of support I've received. The business has grown hugely over the past year, partly due to the financial support, but also in a large part because just having someone to talk to who understands the challenges and is unendingly supportive has pushed me to keep jumping over the next hurdle!"

- Martha Everett, Owner

Accelerator has provided:

- 1-2-1 Business Advice
- Action Planning Workshops
- Growth Voucher
- Consultancy Support
- High Peak Business Grant

Impact to business:

- Jobs Created
- New Product to Market
- Increase in Sales and Revenue
- Increase in Staff Wellbeing and Morale

Pink Aubergine

- Supplies hand-baked sweet treats decorated with edible toppers for corporate gifts, events etc.
- Based in Whaley Bridge – Claire is a sole trader + brings in a team on an ad-hoc basis.
- Claire was supported to create a new business plan and her advisor identified that support was needed on website performance and functionality, as well as search engine optimisation.
- Claire received specialist digital support for improvements to the website and user experience as well as help with new product development and innovation.
- Claire says that the support has helped her to improve the way she shares information, writes posts and blogs and develop her website



Sector: Food and Drink

Size: Micro

Location: High Peak

A word from the business:

"I am constantly wowed by the amount of support available; it really is invaluable.

Running a business can be lonely, just being in a room with other small business owners is uplifting and a learning experience.

The consultants have always been brilliant too – great presenters and experts in their fields. I have been lucky enough to learn about suppliers and gain insight from an Adviser too."

Claire Humphreys, Owner & Baker in Chief

Rob Wilson Art



Sector: Arts

Size: Micro

Location: High Peak

Turnover: £80,000

- Based in Whaley Bridge, the business sells original art - including Rob's own paintings + drawings + limited edition prints and greeting cards.
- The Gallery also features work of visiting artists.
- Rob has two employees and has started running art workshops from his new gallery
- Rob was supported to apply for SME Growth and Innovation Grant - to help the business update its computer and purchase a printer enabling it to produce fine art prints in-house.
- Rob believes the reduced cost of producing art prints in-house will mean a 20% cost saving for the business.

A word from the business:

"The face-to-face meetings with Abigail were highly beneficial. They helped me make more educated business decisions.

She is highly experienced in business, and her advice was invaluable. Abigail advised me on the available grants that could help with my business needs, and how to go about applying for them."

Rob Wilson, Managing Director

Accelerator has provided:

- Adviser support
- Grant funding

Impact to business:

- Cost savings
- Increased revenue
- Increased awareness
- Improved efficiency

Gap Plastics (Supporting Decarbonisation)



Commenting on the support he received from Chamber-appointed energy adviser Sophie Wragg, Steven Fitzpatrick, Manufacturing Director at GAP Plastics said:

"Sophie completed an energy audit in March which was very insightful. The report recommended replacing our current forklift truck with an electric version. This report was then used to apply for funding which enabled us to qualify for 50% funding towards a new forklift truck!"

- Steven Fitzpatrick, Manufacturing Director



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Gap Plastics

- Plastic injection moulding for toiletries, cosmetics, oil and gas, glazing and shoe accessories
- Business advice, energy audit and business grant



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High Peak
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AOB / Any Questions?

