

Appendix 1

Tonbridge & Malling UK Shared Prosperity Fund Local Group

11 May 2023



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Notes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising (EH)
- Programme Overview Refresh (JW)
- Year 1 Retrospective and Reporting (JW)
- Plans for Years 2 and 3
- Focus Projects:
 - Digital Information Boards (SG)
 - Green Retrofit Skills (SH)
- Any Other Business
- Close (proposed next meeting 07 September at 2pm)



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Programme Overview Refresh

- UKSPF launched by government in April 2022 as part of the Levelling Up agenda.
- £2.6bn across the UK for period up to March 2025.
- T&M Investment Plan submitted in July 2022 following help from local groups.
- Government approved £1m T&M Investment Plan in December 2022.
- Year 1 projects needed to be delivered by end of March 2023 (although flexibility built-in).
- Now in Year 2.

Priority	Project	Intervention	2022/23			2023/24			2024/25			UKSPF Total
			Capital	Revenue	Total	Capital	Revenue	Total	Capital	Revenue	Total	
Communities and Place	Youth Provision	E10		7500	7500		20000	20000		22500	22500	50000
	Mobile CCTV	E5	20000	5000	25000		5000	5000		5000	5000	35000
	Council Review of Tonbridge Town Centre	E14		20000	20000		20000	20000		20000	20000	60000
	Tonbridge Wayfinding	E1	24731	1500	26231			0		3500	3500	29731
	Safer Sustainable Car Parks	E5			0	0		0	100000		100000	100000
	Digital Information Boards	E6			0	40000		40000	80000		80000	120000
	Shopfront Improvement/Tackling Vacancies	E1		3500	3500	10000	1500	11500	55000		55000	70000
	Community Development Grant Scheme	E9			0		33962	33962		131307	131307	165269
	Green Roofs at Bus Stops - Pilot Scheme	E3				30000		30000			0	30000
	Carbon Descent Plans	E10		12000	12000			0	75000		75000	87000
Local Business	West Kent Green Business Grant Scheme	E29			0	10000	2000	12000	50000	4000	54000	66000
	West Kent Business Support Programme	E24		4500	4500		25000	25000		25000	25000	54500
People and Skills	Community Carbon Literacy Training Grant	E39			0			0		12500	12500	12500
	West Kent Volunteering and Enrichment Project	E35			0			0		10000	10000	10000
	West Kent Life Skills Project (supporting people furthest from employment)	E33			0			0		50000	50000	50000
	Green Retrofit Skills Project (linked to 50+ economically inactive)	E39			0			0		60000	60000	60000
Total			44731	54000	98731	90000	107462	197462	360000	343807	703807	1000000

Year 1 Retrospective

- Had very little time to deliver as Investment Plan approved in December 2022.
- Despite that, 76% of budget spent and remaining underspend carried into Year 2.
- Reporting for end of Year 1 submitted in to DLUHC on 02 May 2023.
- Year 1 Projects:
 - Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme
 - Tonbridge Town Centre Review
 - Tonbridge Wayfinding
 - Youth Provision
 - Mobile CCTV
 - Carbon Descent Plans – Leisure Centres
 - West Kent Business Support Programme

Year 1 Projects - Overview

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme (£3,500 in Year 1):

- Year 1 – focused on set up of scheme.
- Grants of up to £3,500 to improve shopfronts or for energy efficiency improvements.
- Let's Do Business Group commissioned to provide advice and support to applicants.
- Call for applications opened in January 2023 and closed on 08 March 2023.
- 32 applications received and 18 offered a grant.
- Delivery of projects during Year 2.



Tonbridge Town Centre Review (£20,000 in Year 1)

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- A detailed map of the Vale area, showing proposed bus routes and stops. The map includes major roads such as Havelock Rd, Borden Rd, New Wharf Rd, High Street, Medway Wharf Rd, Vale Road, Ave Du Puy, Sovereign Way, Dooaglas Rd, A28, A2014, Goldenrod Rd, Hectorage Rd, and Meadow Rd. Proposed bus routes are indicated by dashed purple lines, and bus stops are marked with numbered circles (1-11). Key locations like the 'Borden' area and 'Vale Road' are highlighted. The map also shows existing infrastructure like the railway line and various green spaces.



Year 1 Projects - Overview

Tonbridge Wayfinding (£26,231 in Year 1)

- Artist Guy Portelli commissioned to create artistic wayfinding.
- Improve movement from station to rest of town.
- Slight delays caused by getting Southeastern approval.
- Some funding carried over into year 2.

Year 1 Projects - Overview

Youth Provision (£7,500 in Year 1)

- KCC Early Help, EMBER Trust and Salus commissioned to deliver diversionary activities in the borough.
- In Year 1, just over 130 young people have engaged with this activity.

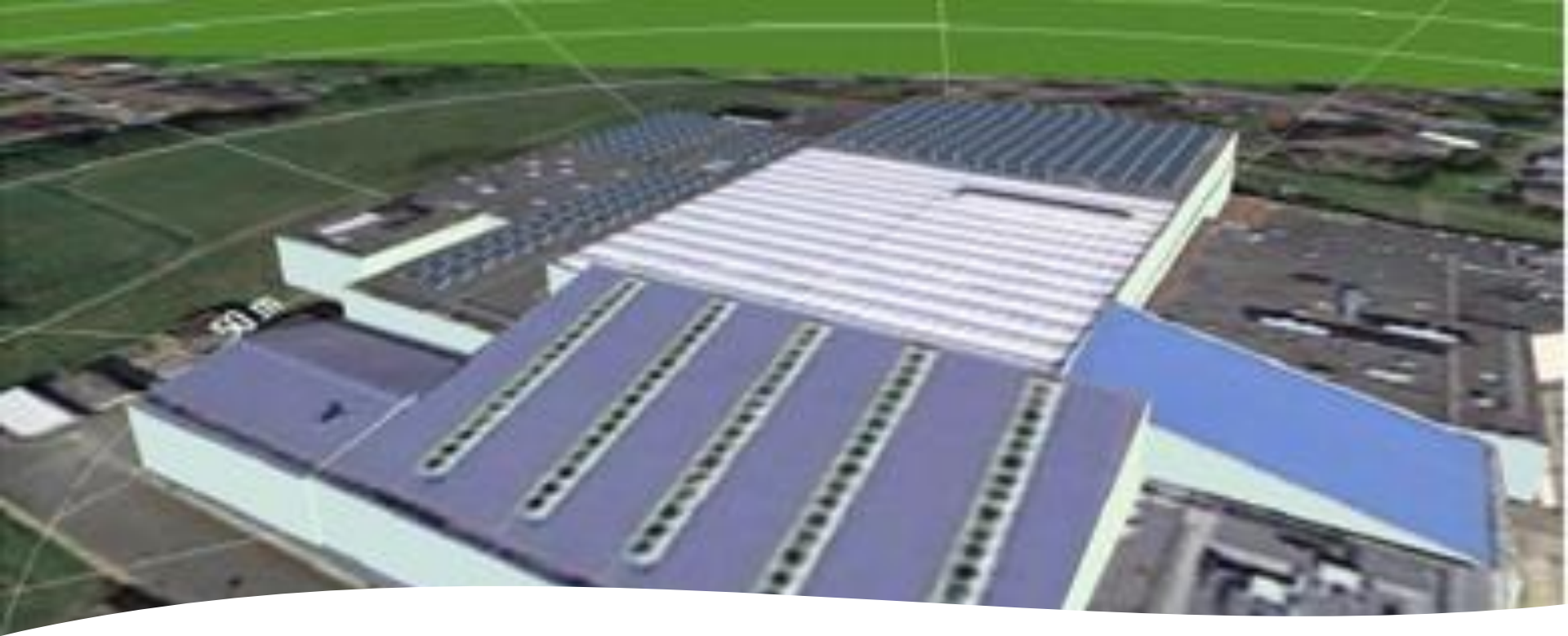


Year 1 Projects - Overview

Mobile CCTV (£25,000 in Year 1)

- Aim is to be more agile in dealing with anti-social behaviour
- 4 mobile cameras have been purchased.
- Permission from KCC secured to secured cameras on lamp posts.
- Revenue funding in Years 2 and 3 to install cameras.





Year 1 Projects - Overview

Carbon Descent Plans (£12,000 in Year 1)

- UKSPF-funded reports produced for Larkfield Leisure Centre and Tonbridge Swimming Pool in order to reduce their carbon footprint.
- Number of recommendations arising out of the report.
- Subsequent investment in PV panels at Larkfield Leisure Centre (not UKSPF funded).
- UKSPF allocation in Year 3 for further investment.



West Kent Business Support Programme (£4,500 set up in Year 1)

Year 1 Projects - Overview

- Gemteq Ltd (Smarter Society) - <https://smartersociety.org/> - commissioned to deliver the programme.
- Focus on small and start-up businesses
- Will comprise mentoring, workshops and seminars, events and a micro-grants (£500) programme that supports development.
- Currently building up expressions of interest.

UKSPF Year 2

- Year 2 projects are either continuation from Year 1, have started anew or in development.
- Continuation from Year 1 – Youth Provision; Mobile CCTV; Town Centre Review; Tonbridge Wayfinding; Shopfront Improvement Scheme; West Kent Business Support.
- 2 Projects (which were the focus of last meeting) – Community Development Grant Scheme and the Green Business Grant Scheme – have started.
- 2 Projects in development – Digital Information Boards and Living Bus Shelter Roofs.



Community Development Grant Scheme

- Scheme to support local community and voluntary sector.
- Grants of up to £2,000 in Year 2.
- Launched on 21 April 2023 with a deadline of 16 June 2023.
- Successful projects will have until end of financial year to deliver.
- For more information go to <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/business/community-development-grant-scheme/1>



Green Business Grant Scheme

- Grants to support businesses in the Green Economy (up to £8,000) OR helping local businesses reduce carbon footprint (up to £5,000).
- Covers both T&M Borough and Sevenoaks District.
- Opened for applications on 18 April 2023 and closes on 31 May 2023.
- Projects will have until end of financial year to deliver.
- For more information go to <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/business/apply-green-business-grant>

Focus Projects

- Opportunity to input into project development and to share views, ideas and concerns.
- Chosen a couple of 'focus projects' to discuss in order to help develop.
- This meeting:
 - Digital Information Boards (Year 2 and 3)
 - Green Retrofit Skills (Year 3)

Digital Information Boards

- UKSPF Funding - £40,000 in Year 2 and £80,000 in Year 3.
- Will fund up to 12 information boards across the borough.
- Enable more effective communication about local information, community activities and events.
- Initial work regarding sites being undertaken.
- Welcome views on potential locations and uses of the boards



Green Retrofit Skills

- UKSPF allocation of £60,000 in Year 3 from the T&M Investment Plan.
- To be delivered in partnership with Sevenoaks District Council (and possibly Tunbridge Wells BC).
- Also potential for wider partnership.
- Aim to commission a training provider to deliver flexible Level 3 training programme for people who reside in the local area.
- Help strengthen the green economy and to stimulate people back into the workforce.



Any Other Business

(also opportunity to share any good news or updates!)

Next Meeting

- Propose Thursday 07 September 2023 at 2pm (virtual)