

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE NON-KEY DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Regeneration and Property

**Decision Number:
D240001MEM**

Date: 5 January 2024

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND LIFE SKILLS PROJECT

Following consideration, the Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Regeneration and Property RESOLVED that:

- (1) the brief provided in Appendix 1 and the next steps set out in the covering report be agreed; and
- (2) any minor amendments to the brief required for the purposes of clarity and presentation be delegated to the Strategic Economic Regeneration Manager.

Reasons for decision:

In July 2022, Cabinet approved our Tonbridge and Malling UKSPF Investment Plan, setting out a three-year programme of activity aimed at supporting three priority areas – ‘Community and Place’, ‘Supporting Local Business’ and ‘People and Skills’. With Year 1 (2022/23) of the programme now completed, and good progress being made on current projects (Year 2 – 2023/24), preparations are now being made for Year 3 projects to make sure that they are up and running in April 2024. One of the projects allocated for Year 3 aims to support a ‘Life Skills Project’ that meets Intervention E33 of the UKSPF Programme:

“E33: Employment support for economically inactive people: Intensive and wrap-around one-to-one support to move people closer towards mainstream provision and employment, supplemented by additional and/or specialist life and basic skills (digital, English, maths* and ESOL) support where there are local provision gaps”

A budget of £50,000 has been allocated in the Tonbridge and Malling UKSPF Investment Plan to this initiative for 2024/25, and this report sets out in more detail, the approach to be taken in delivering this initiative in partnership with Sevenoaks District Council.

Signed Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Regeneration and Property:

R Betts

Signed Leader:

M Boughton

Signed Interim Chief Executive:	A Stanfield
Date of publication:	8 January 2024

This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.