

UK Shared Prosperity Fund: LCR

- Allocation of £44.380m over 3 years

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Communities and Place	£3.236m	£3.826m	£4.338m	£11.401m
Supporting Local Business	£2.149m	£5.436m	£10.304m	£17.890m
People and Skills	£0.00m	£1.509m	£13.580m	£15.090m
Total	£5.386m	£10.772m	£28.222m	£44.380m

- Separate investment plan and delivery approach in place for Multiply
- Vast majority of funding being directed through to Local Authority levels, with small minority deployed for City Region level activities
- Investment Plan submitted in July 2022, expect approval in October 2022

Next steps

- Develop common JD for the UKSPF LA post and start recruitment (Q4 2022)
- Establish Combined Authority management capacity (Q4 2022)
- Confirm allocations to each LA, based on UKSPF allocations, for relevant themes and develop local investment plans, including outputs and outcomes
- Mobilise prioritised Community and Place projects (e.g. Financial Inclusion), recognising the needs in local areas
- Refresh Local Partnership Group to engage local stakeholders (Q4 2022)

Halton: Green, Resilient and Safe Communities

Halton Lead: Jim Yates, Mike Andrew, Jimmy Unsworth

Investment Priority	Community and Place
Description	Green resilient and safe communities with a focus on reducing ASB; food poverty; and developing green spaces. Providing opportunities for young people and families to become involved in their community through community based social action, supported by the VCS in each LA
Halton Allocation	£258,000
Implementation approach	Allocation to local authorities, ensuring links with local community organisations to provide a holistic approach and delivery of small grants
Potential timescales	Start delivery by Q1 2023
Halton ideas	Green grants for community energy saving measures, garden projects etc; Big Forest project; EV charging at public facilities; mitigation of habitat loss; cycling routes/sustainable travel; green festival August 2023 – Victoria Park
Strategic links	e.g. Climate Action Plan
Match funding	e.g. National Lottery Community Fund Climate Action Fund

Halton: Culture, Arts, Heritage

Halton Lead: Sally McDonald

Investment Priority	Community and Place
Description	LA allocation of £250k per area and £900k for CA led regional wide volunteer capacity building programme and developing regional heritage offer
Halton Allocation	£118,050
Implementation approach	Allocation to local authorities; also development of City Region volunteer capacity building programme to be undertaken with tbc and funding likely to be granted to tbc
Potential timescales	Start delivery by Q1 2023
Halton ideas	To fund/part-fund a post to deliver some of the actions identified in Halton's Cultural Strategy, working closely with cultural organisations in the Borough e.g. HHP and Cultivate partners; To externally commission work, e.g. future planning for Halton's next Borough of Culture year in 2026
Strategic links	Halton Borough Council Cultural Strategy, Town Deal, Borough of Culture
Match funding	Encourage applications to Arts Council, Heritage Lottery Fund, Awards for All etc for small grants to deliver individual projects

Halton: Community and Voluntary Sector

Halton Lead: Sally Yeoman, VCA

Investment Priority	Community and Place
Description	Grants programme to support community and voluntary sector organisations in developing capability and improving their resilience
Halton allocation	TBC
Implementation approach	Agree organisation to manage funding, which would be publicised and managed via VS6 and Local Authorities; to be led by Sally Yeoman, VCA
Potential timescales	Legal agreement to be in place by Q4 2022 ahead of grants being awarded in Q1 2023

Halton: Cost of Living Measures

to be delivered centrally via CA; Halton lead: VCA?

Investment Priority	Community and Place
Theme	Community measures to reduce the cost of living
Description	Provision of additional financial inclusion advice and support to supplement that already in place in local areas
Funding	£2m, allocated across Local Authority areas based upon UKSPF funding profile. No direct allocation to Halton
Route to delivery	Commission
Implementation approach	Existing LCR Financial Inclusion programme funded through ESF with local delivery partners and managed by The Women's Organisation. The proposal is to work with them as a basis of a delivery partnership and, working with Local Authorities, ensure that there is effective local level delivery in line with UKSPF funding profile and up to date relevant locally based partners, agreed jointly between TWO and LAs.
Potential timescales	Given the cost of living pressures, it is proposed to develop this as a priority and operationalise this at risk ahead of the formal confirmation of UKSPF funding for delivery in Q3 2022.

Halton: Digital Connectivity

Halton lead: VCA?

Investment Priority	Community and Place
Theme	Digital connectivity for local community facilities
Description	Provision of grants to enable local community organisations to buy computers and connectivity equipment
Funding	£1.485m, allocated based upon UKSPF funding profile No direct Halton allocation; VCA involved in discussions
Route to delivery	Commission
Implementation approach	It is proposed to identify a single organisation to manage this for the City Region, with allocations at local authority level made with input from local authorities to ensure equity of delivery and access
Potential timescales	Propose to identify a lead organisation in Q3 2022 ahead of operationalising this in Q4 2022

Halton: Business Support

Halton lead: Paul Corner

Investment Priority	Supporting local businesses
Theme	Business support
Description	Comprehensive programme of place-based business support for start-ups and existing businesses to support growth in turnover and creation of good employment across LCR. Focused LCR-wide programmes to support supply chains; management/leadership; export; whole business decarbonisation; support for social enterprise; attraction of international conferences
Funding	£8.9m, allocated based upon UKSPF funding profile; Halton allocation tbc
Route to delivery	Commission (place-based business support); calls for LCR-wide specialist business support – see next 4 slides
Implementation approach	Commissioning to individual LAs with agreed output and outcome deliverables, taking into account the business support ecosystem commission within an LCR-wide framework to ensure consistency of offer across LA geographies and equality of access. Mix of calls/commissioning for dedicated LCR specialist business support, clear integration into place-based offer & agreed deliverables across each LA. Both need to progress in tandem so that a holistic integrated offer can replace ERDF
Potential timescales	Development of agreed LCR wide business support framework (Q1 2023) and development of place based business support delivery with agreed metrics (Q3 2023) to dovetail with end of ERDF; Development of calls and commissioning over the next 2-3 months for agreed specialist business support offer; start Q3 2023

Halton: Supporting the growth of the social economy

Investment Priority	Investing in local businesses
Theme	Supporting the growth of the social economy
Description	Provision of support to social economy businesses, Socially Traded Organisations, etc to enable growth
Funding	£0.6m, allocated based upon UKSPF funding profile; Halton allocation?
Route to delivery	Commission
Implementation approach	It is proposed to add this to the existing support in place through Kindred, with allocations by LA level, made with input from LAs to align and integrate with wider business support (see previous slide)
Potential timescales	Start Q2 2023

Halton: Export Engagement and Grant Programme

Investment Priority	Investing in local businesses
Theme	Exports engagement and grants programme
Description	Provision of support to enable more businesses to engage in export activity
Funding	£0.6m, allocated based upon UKSPF funding profile; Halton allocation?
Route to delivery	Commission
Implementation approach	It is proposed to identify a single organisation to manage this on an LCR basis, with allocations at LA level made with input from LAs and aligned to place placed business support
Potential timescales	Q2 2023 (depending on alignment with the business support commission)

Halton: Supporting businesses to decarbonise

Investment Priority	Investing in local businesses
Theme	Supporting businesses to decarbonise
Description	Provision of support to enable businesses to decarbonise their activities
Funding	£1.7m, allocated based upon UKSPF funding profile; Halton allocation?
Route to delivery	Call
Implementation approach	It is proposed to contract with an LCR-wide delivery body to deliver across the six LAs, with allocations at LA level made with input from LAs. Will need to align with the place-based business support offer and provide equitable access across all six LAs
Potential timescales	Q3 2023

Halton: International Conferences

Investment Priority	Investing in local businesses
Theme	International conferences
Description	Provision of support to enable bidding for and hosting of international conferences
Funding	£0.6m; No Halton allocation
Route to delivery	Commission
Implementation approach	It is proposed that this will be managed by the CA as part of the Internationalisation workstream; any scope for Halton conferences?
Potential timescales	Q1 2023

Halton: Town Centres

Halton lead: Sara Munikwa; Paul Corner

Investment Priority	Investing in local businesses
Description	Open markets; town centre retail and service sector support
Halton Allocation	£118,050
Implementation approach	Allocation to LAs; focus on revenue support measures and linking into LCR-wide business support offer to be agreed, aligned with LA capital investment programmes
Potential timescales	Development of investment plan based on indicative funding allocation over the next 2-3 months with a view to start delivery by Q1 2023
Halton ideas	Street markets/artisan/community markets. Small business support – liaise with BIG Team
Strategic links	Town Deal programme, Halton Lea Masterplan, Widnes TC masterplanning
Match funding	TBC

Halton: Innovation Support for Businesses

Investment Priority	Investing in local businesses
Theme	Innovation support for businesses
Description	Support for business-led innovation to develop new products, processes and services (new to firm/market), ensuring that there is an increase innovation active businesses, linked to LCR research & innovation assets; potential for developing new/different responses to a small number of societal challenges. Investment in innovation ecosystem expertise to support business engagement
Funding	£3.875m, allocated based upon UKSPF funding profile. Halton allocation?
Route to delivery	Commission
Implementation approach	Identify a single organisation to manage this for the LCR working with all LCR research and innovation assets; allocations at LA level made with input from LAs. Pro-active collaboration with the place-based business support system and national UKRI innovation programmes, to lever in additional funding
Potential timescales	Q1 2023

Halton: CVS continuation funding

Halton Lead: Sally Yeoman, VCA

Investment Priority	People and skills
Theme	CVS continuation funding
Description	Provision of funding in 2023/23 to enable existing delivery to continue pending UKSPF commissioning processes
Funding	£1.45m; Halton VCA allocation?
Route to delivery	Commission
Implementation approach	Funding and delivery plans will be agreed with the relevant organisations with detailed input from LAs. Funding recipients will be required to clearly evidence their activities, spend and impact within LAs.
Potential timescales	Funding agreements will need to be in place by Q1 2023; Delivery to start Q2 2023 to dovetail with ESF withdrawal

Halton: Employment Support 1

Halton Lead: Siobhan Saunders

Investment Priority	People and skills
Theme	Employment Support
Description	Enhancing large scale recruitment and redundancy support in local areas
Funding	£2.5m, based upon UKSPF funding profiles; Halton allocation?
Route to delivery	Commission to local authorities
Implementation approach	Implementation plan to be agreed with each LA setting out activities, expenditure and outputs, which will be subject to regular monitoring.
Potential timescales	Confirmation of continuation funding for Ways to Work to be in place by Q1 2023; funding agreements will need to be in place by Q3 2023 for delivery starting in Q2 2024.

Halton: Employment Support 2

Halton Lead: Siobhan Saunders

Investment Priority	People and skills
Theme	Employment Support
Description	Provision of targeted support to economically inactive people, including care leavers
Funding	£6m, based upon UKSPF funding profiles; Halton allocation tbc
Route to delivery	Commission to local authorities
Implementation approach	Implementation plan to be agreed with each LA setting out activities, expenditure and outputs, which will be subject to regular monitoring.
Potential timescales	Confirmation of continuation funding for Ways to Work to be in place by Q1 2023; funding agreements will need to be in place by Q3 2023 for delivery starting in Q2 2024.

Halton: Employment Support 3

Halton Lead: Siobhan Saunders

Investment Priority	People and skills
Theme	Employment Support
Description	Provision of targeted support to economically inactive people, including care leavers
Funding	£3.35m, based upon UKSPF funding profiles; Halton allocation tbc
Route to delivery	Call
Implementation approach	Competitive call text to be agreed with Local Partnership Group, who then provide input on strategic fit of applications. All outputs to be delivered in line with local authority UKSPF funding profiles.
Potential timescales	Funding agreements will need to be in place by Q3 2023 so call process will need to start in Q1 2023.

Halton: Skills Support 1

Halton Lead: Siobhan Saunders

Investment Priority	People and skills
Theme	Skills support
Description	Additional funding to meet local skills needs, over and above that available through Adult Education Budget, L3 offer and Skills Bootcamps.
Funding	£0.4m
Route to delivery	Commission Combined Authority; Halton allocation?
Implementation approach	Existing skills funding team to manage the delivery, responding to the needs of employers and ensuring no duplication with existing programmes. Clear delivery plan to be in place with clear description of outputs and outcomes.
Potential timescales	Operational from Q2 2024.

Halton: Skills Support 2

Halton Lead: Siobhan Saunders

Investment Priority	People and skills
Theme	Skills support
Description	Digital inclusion skills
Funding	£0.4m
Route to delivery	Commission Combined Authority
Implementation approach	There is an existing Liverpool City Region Digital Inclusion programme funded through ESF with local delivery partners and managed by VOLA, a network of voluntary sector learning providers. The proposal is to work with them as a basis of a delivery partnership and, working with Local Authorities, ensure that there is effective local level delivery in line with UKSPF funding profile.
Potential timescales	Funding agreement would need to be place by Q4 2023 to enable delivery from Q2 2024.

Halton: Skills Support 3

Halton Lead: Siobhan Saunders

Investment Priority	People and skills
Theme	Skills support
Description	Enhancing all age careers support
Funding	£0.3m; Halton allocation?
Route to delivery	Commission
Implementation approach	Provision of additional materials and films on Be More portal to supplement that available through national programmes, with small number of locally accessible events to promote specific roles and sectors. Clear delivery plan to be in place with clear description of outputs and outcomes.
Potential timescales	Operational from Q2 2024.