### UKSPF and REPF briefing

Community Partnership Board 8 December 2022





What is UKSPF?

- National £2.6bn fund launched March 2022
- Part of Govt's Levelling Up programme
- ESC allocated £2.75m over 3 years
- Additional to the £3.75m Multiply element of the UKSPF (SCC led)
- Replaces elements of EU structural funds
- Primary goal: To build pride in place and increase life chances across the UK
- Based around three investment priorities:
  - 1. Communities and Place
  - 2. Supporting Local Business
  - 3. People and Skills
- Commences October 2022 and ends March 2025.
- Full Investment Plan approval received from DLUCH on 5 December 2022.

Communities and Place programmes

#### East Suffolk High Street Improvement programme

- Year-1 and 2: two grant programmes to improve high streets and town centres.
- Year-3: shop front grant programme
- Funding to support the **East Suffolk Ease the Squeeze** programme, including part funding for:
  - Network of Warms Rooms
  - Food Network Co-ordinator
  - Community Pantries
  - Field to Fork Projects
  - Cooking on a budget classes





Supporting Local Business programmes • Suffolk wide business support programme (year 2 and 3):

- Growth Hub with scale-up programme
- Small grants scheme
- Consultancy support
- Start-up programme (year-1, 2 and 3)
- East Suffolk Small Business Move to Net Zero grant scheme (year-2 and 3):
  - Small grant scheme
  - £5k £10k with 50% provisional intervention rate
- East Suffolk Business and workforce Capital Skills programme (year-3)
  - Grant programme for communities, education providers and business centres with training spaces
  - £5k £25k with 20 % provisional intervention rate



People and Skills programmes

#### Suffolk wide skills programmes:

- Youth participation
- Adult unemployment
- Apprenticeship support
- Workforce development
- East Suffolk Local economy led skills and community skills programme:
  - The programme will address:
    - Longer term impacts of the pandemic and economic change
    - Recruitment issues and skills shortages
    - Net zero and decarbonisation skills

Local Voluntary Provision

#### **Personal Development Service**

- Funded in year-1 and 2.
- Provides support to individuals referred in by SCC
- Helping most vulnerable transition into education, employment and training.
- Crucial service to avoid a significant rise in levels of NEET young people.



Rural England Prosperity Fund

#### **Rural business investment fund**

- 1. Net zero / green business adaptions
- 2. SME investments and diversification
- 3. Agriculture and farm diversification

#### **21st century community and business hub grant programme**

- Community hub grant programme crossing between business and community needs
- provides critical upgrades and improvements to community facilities so fit for 21st century use.
- Open to village halls, churches, community buildings and commercial space looking to have new focus.



# The role of the CP Board

Local stakeholder group

- Annual updates on the activity, progress and outcomes
- Support development of the economy led skills programme for 2024/25.

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## **Questions?**