

Appendix A

Draft Cabinet response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee

The document sets out the draft response of the Cabinet Member to recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee on 11 October 2022 concerning the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan. The Cabinet is asked to amend and agree a formal response as appropriate.

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Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1) That the Council should explore and report on opportunities to cooperate even further with partner institutions in the delivery of the Investment Plan.		Opportunities to work in partnership and maximise match funding opportunities will be explored throughout the programme. Any match funding and collaboration will be regularly monitored and reported on.
2) That the Council should explore and report upon ways in which the funding can be focussed on all those areas of the City which are amongst the most deprived according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation.		Support will be targeted where there is greatest scope for impact as well as need. Direct support will focus on areas of high deprivation and this could also include pockets of deprivation which aren't picked up in the aggregate LSOA-level IMD statistics. Wherever possible the programme will ensure that any initiatives, policies, toolkits, and communications on support can be applied citywide. We will look for opportunities to leverage complementary activities through existing and future partnerships which can extend the impact of the funding.
3) That the Council should arrange for periodic reports to be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee.		A report outlining progress, outcomes and any proposed changes to the programme will be submitted annually to the Scrutiny Committee. The format will be aligned to the reporting requirements of central government, as outlined here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-reporting-and-performance-management-3

