



RECORD OF DELEGATED DECISION (OFFICER)

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| 1. Decision Reference No. | CEX511 |
| 2. Name/Title of Officer | Lydia Rusling Director for Place and Prosperity |
| 3. Email address of Officer | Lrusling@melton.gov.uk |
| 4. Title / Subject Matter: | Capital Grant to the Melton BID for supporting businesses to improve their shopfronts |
| 5. Type of Decision: | Public |
| 6. Key Decision? | No |
| 7. Decision Taken: | <p>1. This decision is to award the Melton Mowbray Business Improvement District (BID) a capital grant of no more than £30,000 to support businesses in the Town Centre make significant shop front improvements, compliant with existing planning regulations for the Melton Mowbray Town Centre conservation area, including the Town Centre Design Guide.</p> |
| 8. Reasons for Decision: | <p>It is one of the many ways that UKSPF meets the Corporate Strategy 2024-2036 mission of Shaping Places, in accordance with Intervention 5 - to create a bustling, vibrant and regenerated town centre, recognised as a regional destination, and supported by a thriving tourism sector.</p> <p>This project was agreed as part of the successful submission of the UKSPF investment plan which was approved by Cabinet on the 08 March 2023 (CA81).</p> |
| 9. Authority / Legal Power: | <p>On 8 March 2023 (CA81), Cabinet approved the following recommendation:</p> <p>Delegated authority to the Interim Director for Growth and Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Growth and Prosperity, to authorise spend and undertake decisions, approvals and awards of contract that ensure continued delivery of the UKSPF programme in line with the Investment Plan. This is to include, not only council led projects, but also where funding needs to be released for delivery by a third party (via grants, commissioning,</p> |

procurement of services etc).

Since the Cabinet meeting, the title for the Director for Growth and Regeneration has been changed to the Director for Place and Prosperity.

10. Background Papers attached?

No

11. Alternative options available / rejected:

1. Option 1 - Deliver grant in accordance with UKSPF Investment Plan.
1. Option 2 - Don't provide grant and go back on approved Intervention Plan decision that will generate negative press against MBC, eroding trust and affect MBC's relationship with local residents – rejected.

12. Implications:

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| Legal | <p>The Council has the power to award grants to organisations using its general power of competence in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.</p> <p>In exercising this power, the Council must satisfy its public law duties. In essence this means that in making the decision the Council must have considered only relevant considerations, followed procedural requirements, acted for proper motives, and not acted unreasonably. [Legal Approval – 24 March 2025]</p> |
| Finance | <p>The UKSPF funding for this plan ends on 31st March 2025. To ensure the budget is fully used, the allocation must be made urgently. The grant to be awarded will be made up from any underspend across the programme and not exceed £30,000. [Finance Approval – 25 February 2025]</p> |
| HR | <p>There are no HR implications as a result of this decision. [HR & Communications Approval – 13 March 2025]</p> |

APPROVAL/SIGN OFF (Do not complete until all implications signed off at Section 12)

Signature of Decision Maker with authority to sign :

Email approval received
Lydia Rusling
Director for Place and Prosperity

Consultation with:

Email notification received
Cllr Pip Allnatt
Portfolio Holder for UKSPF

Date:

24 March 2025

