



## **RECORD OF DELEGATED DECISION (OFFICER)**

<b>1. Decision Reference No.</b>	<b>CEX525</b>
<b>2. Name/Title of Officer</b>	<b>Lydia Rusling Director for Place and Prosperity</b>
<b>3. Email address of Officer</b>	<a href="mailto:Lrusling@melton.gov.uk">Lrusling@melton.gov.uk</a>
<b>4. Title / Subject Matter:</b>	<b>UKSPF Pride in Place – Market Square Planters</b>
<b>5. Type of Decision:</b>	<b>Public</b>
<b>6. Key Decision?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>7. Decision Taken:</b>  1. This decision is to make a capital purchase for planters and bench seating to fill the spaces on Market Square adjacent to Leicester Street.	
<b>8. Reasons for Decision:</b>  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.  Three quotes were sought for similar designs and quantity of items and Streetlife® were found to be the best value for money. The chosen planters were also the closest match to the planters and palette in the Town Centre Design Guide. This has been agreed with the Melton Mowbray Town Estate who own the land and who will plant and maintain the planters going forward. The quote is in Euros for €48,012.10 (excl VAT), price indexing will occur according to the Dutch Cobouw Index.  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).	
<b>9. Authority / Legal Power:</b>  On 8 March 2023 (CA81), Cabinet approved the following recommendation:	

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, 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.
2. 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:**

<b>Legal</b>	<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>
<b>Finance</b>	<p>The purchase of planters and bench seating to fill the spaces on Market Square adjacent to Leicester Street in Melton Mowbray are within budget and fully funded by UKSPF monies. [Finance Approval – 13 March 2025]</p>
<b>HR</b>	<p>There are no HR implications as a result of this decision. [HR &amp; Communications Approval – 13 March 2025]</p>

**13. 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 / Director for**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>26 March 2025</b>