



RECORD OF DELEGATED DECISION (OFFICER)

1. Decision Reference No.	CEX531
2. Name/Title of Officer	Lydia Rusling Director for Place and Prosperity
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4. Title / Subject Matter:	Approval of VE Day grants in line with Community Grants Guidance Notes and UKSPF Investment Plan, Guidelines & Criteria – financial year 2024-25.
5. Type of Decision:	Public
6. Key Decision?	No
7. Decision Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To award a total of £7,633.63 in support of the delivery of UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) in respect of 18 VE Day Celebration Grants in accordance with Appendix 1.2. For grants to be paid in line with UKSPF Community Grants Guidance.
8. Reasons for Decision:	<p>The Council received UKSPF funding after an invitation was extended to relevant authorities to apply for this funding by the UK Government. As part of its committed programme, MBC has utilised some of this funding to provide grants to local community groups for a variety of eligible projects.</p> <p>Community grants were agreed as part of the successful submission of the UKSPF Investment Plan which was approved by Cabinet on the 8 March 2023 (CA81). Authority was also delegated to make amendments to the plan as required. The grants will enable local community groups to deliver a variety of projects to support the key UKSPF Themes of Community & Place, this fund being specifically for Communities to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Launch of the grant scheme was outlined in decision notice CEX506.</p>

9. Authority / Legal Power:

On 8 March 2023, 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).

Authority was also delegated at the same meeting to the Director for Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to make amendments to the plan as required. Since the Cabinet meeting, the title for the Director for Growth and Regeneration has been changed to the Director for Place and Prosperity.

Policies for both the Business Grants and Communities Grants were developed, approved and implemented and provided a framework for determining the grants.

This decision provides a record of each grant with the scheme in general having already been approved previously.

10. Background Papers attached?	Yes - Appendix A, Grants Awarded
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11. Alternative options available / rejected:

1. Do not award grants. However, budget allocation of grants has been approved and delegated authority in place to award both grant schemes. All successful grant awards meet the criteria set in the Guidance Notes.

12. Implications:

<p>Legal</p>	<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.</p> <p>The Council has adopted policies for Community Grants for this programme and the awards should be in line with the respective guidance.</p> <p>Legal Sign Off – 31 March 2025</p>
<p>Finance</p>	<p>The grant awards are in line with the award criteria and been through a thorough evaluation process.</p> <p>The amounts being awarded (£7,633.63) are within the overall UKSPF grant funded envelope and are available for this purpose.</p> <p>Finance approval – 26 March 2025</p>
<p>HR</p>	<p>There are no HR implications as a result of this decision.</p>

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

<p>Signature of Decision Maker with authority to sign:</p>	<p>Signature Redacted</p> <p>Lydia Rusling Director for Place and Prosperity</p>
<p>Consultation with:</p>	<p>Cllr Pip Allnatt Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing & Landlord Services</p>
<p>Date:</p>	<p>31 March 2025</p>

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