

- Towns Fund 'Invest in Skills' – work continues while we await confirmation of the funding from DLUHC.
- Biggest challenge for the CCG is staffing and the ability to recruit technical experts to deliver education programmes.

Department for Work & Pensions – Hollie Frampton and Chris Greenland introduced themselves to the Board. DWP is pleased to be supporting forthcoming job fairs with Gatwick Airport (27 September 10-2pm) and Manor Royal (20 October 10-2pm)

3. UK Shared Prosperity Fund

CM welcomed Ian Duke (Deputy Chief Executive, Crawley BC) to the meeting. ID referred to the briefing paper which had been circulated with the agenda, setting out the proposed approach for the future use of Crawley's allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). ID highlighted the following

- UKSPF forms part of the Government'

<p>communities. SS suggested a sub-group of the Town Deal Board is established to oversee this, rather than the whole Board itself.</p> <p>CM agreed that a sub-group makes sense and there may be some Board members who are particularly interested in the governance of this fund.</p> <p>Louise Blackwell expressed support for the suggested approach and welcomed the opportunity to be part of the engagement activity in Year 1.</p> <p>Adam Joolia agreed that this is a big brief for a relatively small amount of funding and is keen to see it add value to things that are already happening on the ground. ID confirmed that this will be part of the work planned in Year 1 i.e. to identify what is already happening and how UKSPF can add value and not duplicate effort.</p> <p>Emma Cross expressed support for the suggested approach and reported that Citizens Advice are seeing an increasing number of issues relating to the cost-of-living and evidence shows this is a long-term problem, particularly in the areas highlighted. EC welcomed the opportunity for further engagement on the UKSPF.</p> <p><u>The Town Deal Board expressed support for the proposed priority areas and suggested interventions. The Board were supportive of using the next six months to undertake targeted stakeholder consultation and for Crawley BC to submit the Investment Plan to Government (DLUHC), on this basis.</u></p> <p>CM thanked everyone for the discussion and offered further support from the Board, as required, acknowledging that this may be with key individuals rather than the whole group.</p>	
<p>4. Towns Fund and next steps</p> <p>Nigel Tidy (NT) reminded the Board that business cases for 8 of the 10 Crawley Towns Fund projects have been submitted to government, with funding approved for 7 of them.</p> <p>There are two projects which are outstanding; Manor Royal Gigabit Scheme and an arterial Cycle Route between Gatwick, Manor Royal and the town centre. Details of these projects and a programme update will be presented at the next Town Deal Board meeting.</p>	
<p>5. Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>6. Date of the next meeting</p> <p>2nd November 2022</p>	