

Report of:	To:	Date
Councillor Alice Collinson Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder	Council	27 October 2022

**Executive Report: Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder**

**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1** To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio, as set out below.

**2. UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

- 2.1** Wyre Council has been allocated £400,000 through the Rural England Prosperity Fund from April 2023 to March 2025. The Rural Fund is a top-up to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and Government have asked Local Authorities to provide specific additional information as an addendum to their UKSPF Investment Plan by 30 November 2022. Funding must be used on capital projects and grants be for business or community purposes.
- 2.2** Officers are continuing to develop delivery plans for the programme ahead of approval of the Council's UKSPF Investment Plan by Government, which is anticipated by the end of October.

**3. Wyre Local Plan Partial Review**

- 3.1** The examination hearing sessions closed on 28 September 2022. Officers are now progressing an updated schedule of main modifications to the Partial Review to satisfy minor matters raised by the Inspector. The main modifications schedule will be subject to a six week public consultation which will be held between October and November 2022. Representations received during the consultation will be provided to the Planning Inspector, who will take account of the representations as part of preparing his final report and concluding whether the Partial Review is legally compliant and sound.
- 3.2** The final Inspector's report is expected to be issued in late December 2022 and the Partial Review will be considered by full Council for adoption on 26 January 2023.

#### **4. Comments and questions**

- 4.1** In accordance with procedure rule 11.3 any member of Council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.5.