



<b>Report of:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Date</b>
Councillor Alice Collinson, Planning Policy and Economic Development Portfolio Holder	Council	26 January 2023

## **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** The council's investment plan for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) has been approved by government and the allocation of £3.9 million over the next three years confirmed. Following receipt of the first year's funding allocation (which needs to be spent by 31 March 2023), officers will be working to finalise the first year of the programme with more details on the projects to be announced soon.

### **3. Fylde Coast Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment**

- 3.1** To support the emerging Local Plan Full Review, a new up to date evidence base is required. Consultants Arc4 have been commissioned to prepare a new Fylde Coast Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment. This is a joint commission between the Fylde Coast Authorities of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Council. The commission will be completed during 2023 and will identify the need for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople accommodation through setting appropriate targets for new provision.

### **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.