

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD (ODR2)

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<b>Date of Decision</b>	<b>19 August 2024</b>
<b>Decision Taker (including Job Title)</b>	Adele Taylor, Interim Director of Finance and Customer Services and Section 151 Officer
<b>Specific Delegation</b>	<a href="#">Cheshire East Constitution</a> -Chapter 3, Part 3 of the Cheshire East Council Constitution sets virement limits within which decision-makers can exercise discretion in approving or otherwise financial transfers within the Budget. It confirms that the Chief Finance Officer can, in consultation with the relevant member(s) of CLT, vire up to 500,000 between budgets.
<b>Brief Description of Decision</b>	To approve Supplementary Capital Estimates and the virement of £379,200 from the revenue allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (E762220) to the Capital Programme: £200,100 to be added to the Macclesfield Indoor Market Refurbishment Project (CAP-10478) and £179,100 to be added to Macc on Foot (CAP-10477) in order to progress and deliver these externally funded capital projects.
<b>Reasons for the Decision and alternatives considered</b>	<p>On 16 November 2023 the Acting Executive Director - Place, utilising authority delegated by full Council, and having considered the outcome of a transparent selection process run by external independent advisors, determined to allocate £1,349,400 of UKSPF for the refurbishment of Macclesfield indoor market comprising £80,000 revenue and £1,269,400 capital, and £495,000 for the project Macc on Foot (£415,000 capital, £80,000 revenue).</p> <p>Both these capital sums were reflected in the capital programme submitted as part of the MTFs and approved by full Council on 22 February 2024.</p> <p>Initially they were to be supplemented with £358,200 that was within the Capital Programme as</p>

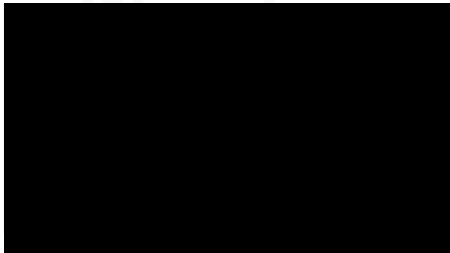
	<p>part of Macclesfield Town Centre regeneration capital scheme.</p> <p>However, mindful of the Council’s financial position with regard to prudential borrowing the projects sought further UK SPF funding to negate the need for Council prudential borrowing.</p> <p>Consequently, on 13 February 2024 the Acting Executive Director - Place awarded an additional £229,100 of UKSPF to the Macc Indoor Market project, (£50,000 revenue and £179,100 for capital works) and a further £179,100 of UK SPF was awarded to Macc on Foot for capital works (£408,200 across the two projects).</p> <p>The additional amounts were not fed into the MTFS and Budget papers due to timing constraints with those papers.</p> <p>This decision is therefore reflecting the awards of 13 February 2024, noting that £21,000 of the £50,000 revenue allocation is also being vired across to capital and is ensuring that the capital programme reflects the correct values. It also allows for the balance of the Macclesfield Town Centre regeneration scheme to be removed from the capital programme.</p> <p>The alternative to doing this would be that each project would have to value engineer costs out of the budget and there is a risk that some UK SPF funding would be unspent and would be potentially returned to central government.</p>
<p><b>Member consultation and interests declared</b></p>	<p>The allocation of the additional £179,100 of UKSPF for this project was reported to the Economy and Growth Committee on 12 March 2024.</p> <p>Local members were updated in July 2024 re the Macclesfield indoor Market Project and the full allocation of UKSPF for this project was referenced including the revenue which needs to be vired across to capital.</p>
<p><b>Significant Decision</b></p>	<p><b>/NO</b></p>

<p><b>Legal Implications</b></p>	<p>I approve and endorse this ODR on the following basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It complies with the Council's constitution;</li> <li>• the finance comment below is noted; the financial transfers as sanctioned by the constitution do not require further legal comment.</li> </ul> <p>Adrian Leslie - Lawyer Contracts &amp; Procurement Team</p> <p><a href="mailto:adrian.Leslie@cheshireeast.gov.uk">adrian.Leslie@cheshireeast.gov.uk</a></p> <p>15th August 2025</p>
<p><b>Financial Implications</b></p>	<p>The decision represents an alignment of the Capital programme with previous decisions on the award of funding through the Shared Prosperity Fund.</p> <p>The virement is wholly for funds provided by UK Shared Prosperity Fund. All allocations for 2024/25 have been received in advance of spend by the Council and are located within E762220. There is no expectation that the Authority will be required to provide additional funding via prudential borrowing at this time. Both projects will “cut their cloth” accordingly and work within the allocation they have been given.</p> <p>By virtue of this decision, funds are moving from E762220 to relevant capital codes relating to two Macclesfield projects. In addition, the vired SPF funds are replacing remaining budget in the Macclesfield Town Centre capital code (£358k prudential borrowing saved), allowing that project to be removed from the Capital Programme.</p> <p>Shared Prosperity Funding needs to be spent by 31 March 2025. The projects will require effective management to ensure that delivery does not slip beyond current estimates.</p> <p>It is the understanding of the project team that the cost of ongoing maintenance for the Macc on Foot project will be taken on by Macclesfield Town Council. Steps are underway to formalise this.</p>

	<p>The Indoor Market currently falls under FM and Ansa. This will need to be reviewed in light of the decision to bring Ansa back in house. There is no additional revenue funding being sought for future years with the assumption that services will work within existing budgets.</p> <p>Aaron Lecroy, Principal Accountant, 14/08/24.</p>
<b>Confidential/Exempt Information</b>	N/A
<b>Background Papers</b>	<p><a href="#">(Public Pack) Agenda Document for Economy and Growth Committee, 12/03/2024 14:00 (cheshireeast.gov.uk)</a></p> <p><a href="#">ODR UKSPF Additional Funds to approved projects</a></p>

**Adele Taylor, Interim Director of Finance and Customer Services – Section 151 Officer.**

Signed

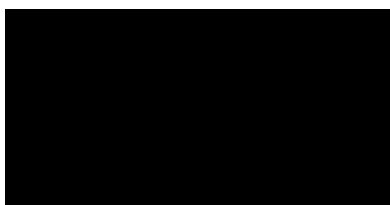


**Dated 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**In Consultation with:**

**Peter Skates, Acting Executive Director of Place**

Signed ...



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