

Executive Decision Making by an Officer with Delegated Powers

Decision to be taken by: Siobhan Farmer, Director of Public Health

Pursuant to an Authorisation from Cabinet on 27.01.21

Decision: To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Public Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities and the Executive Director for Corporate Resources to allocate the Local Authority Contain Outbreak Management Fund in order to deliver the objectives in the Local Outbreak Management Plan in accordance with the Council's standing orders and procurement legislation.

On 28 September 2022, Peter Bungard, Chief Executive, delegated authority to the Director of Public Health to take the Delegated Decision in place of the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Public Health to whom authority was originally delegated by Cabinet on 27 January 2021.

Report title: **The Levelling Up Together Grant Scheme – Allocation of Grant Awards**

The decision	Having consulted with the Leader (in his capacity as portfolio holder for Public Health and Communities) and the Executive Director for Corporate Resource in accordance with the Cabinet decision dated 27.01.21. DECISION To allocate £1,458,712.50 from the Levelling Up Together Fund (described in the 'Background/Context' section of this report) by way of 52 one-off grants (to the organisations outlined in Table 2 in this report) for the purpose of levelling up.
Background documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Levelling Up Together Officer Decision Paper (6.10.22)• Levelling Up Together Press Release (October 2023)• Levelling Up Our Communities Conference (19.5.22)• Gloucestershire County Council's 2022-26 Strategy 'Build Back Better'• UK Government Levelling Up White Paper (2022)• Gloucestershire County Council's Living with Covid-19 in Gloucestershire Plan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Paper on the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (Jan 2021)
Reasons for the decision	The Levelling Up Together Fund was launched on 18 th October 2022 and this report enables funding to be allocated to those bids assessed as successfully meeting the criteria of the fund.
Resource implications	The Levelling Up Together Fund represents a funding pot of £1.5million. This funding comes from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund (“COMF”) received from the Department for Health and Social Care, which was carried forward from the financial year 2021/2022. Funds will be carried forward to, and fully allocated in, the financial year 2023/24.
Who has been consulted?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Leader of the Council, in his capacity as portfolio holder for Public Health and Communities; Cllr Mark Hawthorne ▪ Executive Director of Corporate Resources; Steve Mawson <p>The Levelling Up Together Team co-ordinated a robust decision-making process which incorporated feedback from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The eight County Councillors representing the areas of Gloucestershire eligible to apply to the Levelling Up Together Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cllr Dr Andrew Miller ➤ Cllr Alastair Chambers ➤ Cllr Sajid Patel ➤ Cllr Jeremy Hilton ➤ Cllr Pam Tracey ➤ Cllr David Willingham ➤ Cllr Bernard Fisher ➤ Cllr Graham Morgan • Gloucestershire County Council officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Head of Commissioning for Voluntary and Community Partnerships ➤ Senior Public Health Officer ➤ Public Health Support Officer ➤ Public Health Manager ➤ Strategic Lead for Inclusive Employment ➤ Director of Education ➤ Head of School Improvement

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Council colleagues at Gloucester City Council, Forest of Dean District Council and Cheltenham Borough Council <p>In addition to this, the Levelling Up Our Communities Conference and Summary Report (referenced above) provided cross-sector stakeholders the opportunity to communicate the need for ongoing opportunities for the community to access funding to 'level' up those communities that have been left behind.</p> <p>The following internal support services have been consulted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Services • Strategic Procurement • Finance • Information Management Services • Communications
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What were their comments?

The County Councillors, Gloucestershire County Council colleagues from education and employment (listed above) and District Council colleagues who provided feedback which helped to shape the decision-making process, are aware of, and support, the decisions outlined.

- Legal Services - Drafting advice has been provided to the report's author and incorporated into the report.
- Strategic Procurement - As this proposal does not entail procurement this team had no further comment.
- Finance - Drafting advice has been provided to the report's author and incorporated into the report.
- IMS – Information Management Services were content with the information outlined within the report.
- Communications – The Communications Team has provided advice and support throughout the process. They will work with successful applicants to promote the Levelling Up Together grant scheme.

Background/Context

Strategic Context

1. The UK Government's Levelling Up White Paper (2022) is focused on challenging and changing geographical inequality in the UK, through investment and new infrastructure to allow 'everyone the opportunity to flourish'. Twelve missions are outlined in the White Paper which are long-term, quantifiable missions across a range of policy areas from housing to crime to health. Health inequalities are at the core of these missions, and many of them refer to 'closing the gap' and reducing health inequalities. The strategy is owned nationally by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

2. Gloucestershire County Council's Building Back Better in Gloucestershire Strategy 2022-26 outlines several cross-service commitments as part of its ambitions. One priority area is entitled 'Levelling Up Our Communities' and details seven commitments.

3. The Council Strategy commits to reducing health (and wider) inequalities and improving life expectancy (missions 7 & 8) as articulated in the Levelling Up Our Communities section. This was further informed by a Council Motion passed in September 2021.

4. In response to the Council Motion and Strategy, a "Levelling Up Our Communities in Gloucestershire" conference was held on 19th May 2022. It was attended by approximately 130 people in person and virtually. There were representatives from across a range of voluntary sector and community groups and local public sector leaders. A summary report from the conference has been shared with elected members and conference delegates.

Levelling Up in Gloucestershire

5. To date, there have been two national bidding rounds for Levelling Up funding. In round 1, Gloucestershire successfully secured three investment bids: (1) Gloucester City Council will regenerate Gloucester City Centre (£20 million) (2) Gloucestershire County Council transport improvements (£12.8 million) (3) Forest of Dean district, Cinderford Town Council and Hartpury University to improve leisure and community facilities (£20 million). Round 2 applications opened in Spring 2022 and were aimed at district councils, unitary authorities and London boroughs. The outcome of this round is awaited. These funding rounds have concentrated on the infrastructure aspects of the national Levelling Up agenda, as well as developing local bids to improve pride in place. There has so far been no local generic allocation from central government to Councils.

6. During the height of Covid-19 pandemic, funding was made available to Local Authorities to both manage outbreaks and address community resilience and health inequalities. The grant conditions have allowed for some prospective spending to tackle inequalities at a system level to increase community resilience to decrease impact on underserved communities if the current or future pandemics were to be as severe as we all experienced in 2020. This Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) has been delegated by cabinet to the Director of Public Health to agree a spending plan in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Communities and the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Corporate Resources.

7. It was announced by the Leader of the County Council at the council's 'Levelling Up Our Communities' conference in May 2022 that an investment of £1.5 million of COMF funding would be made to support the 12 most deprived Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs); this would help improve the lives of the 3.1% (19,435 people) in the county currently living in the most deprived 10% of communities in England.

The Levelling Up Together Grant Scheme

In line with the decision to establish and deliver a flexible community initiative grant programme, the Levelling Up Together grant scheme. with a funding pot of £1.5million,

was launched on Tuesday 18th October 2022. The scheme remained open to applications until midnight on Sunday 27th November.

This grant scheme will support communities to access funds to help address longstanding inequalities and help support our ambitions in the Council Strategy to level up communities that have been left behind.

Eligibility Criteria

The Levelling Up Together grant scheme targeted the 12 most deprived lower-level super output areas in Gloucestershire (LSOAs) as identified by the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019:

- a) *Podsmead (Gloucester)*
- b) *Matson & Robinswood (Gloucester) (2 LSOAs)*
- c) *Westgate (Gloucester) (2 LSOAs)*
- d) *Kingsholm & Wotton (Gloucester)*
- e) *St. Mark's (Cheltenham)*
- f) *Moreland (Gloucester)*
- g) *St. Paul's (Cheltenham)*
- h) *Cinderford West (Forest of Dean)*
- i) *Tuffley (Gloucester)*
- j) *Barton & Tredworth (Gloucester)*

A wide array of groups and organisations working in the eligible areas listed above were invited to apply, this included:

- Community or voluntary groups
- Registered Charities
- Community Interest Companies and Social Enterprises
- Town and Parish Councils
- Sports groups and associations
- Schools and Academies
- Religious Groups where the application demonstrates that the project would bring wider community benefit and the primary purpose of the activity is not religious
- Non public sector organisations where the application demonstrates that the funding would benefit/level up a Gloucestershire community.

Applications from multiple organisations working in collaboration were welcomed.

District Councils and GFirst, the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) were not eligible to apply.

Applicants were asked to discuss their application with their relevant County Councillor/s as they would be consulted as part of the process.

There was no lower limit and an upper limit of £150,000 per application.

Drop-in sessions for prospective applicants were held to encourage engagement in the scheme. All information shared is available on the [GCC Levelling Up Together webpages](#).

Purpose of the Fund

It was clearly stated that applications must demonstrate how the proposed projects contributed to Gloucestershire County Council's ambitions to level up, and some of the missions outlined in the UK Government's Levelling Up White Paper (2022):

- *By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed, and by 2035 HLE will rise by five years.*
- *By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing.*
- *By 2030, the number of primary school children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths will have significantly increased. In England, this will mean 90% of children will achieve the expected standard, and the percentage of children meeting the expected standard in the worst performing areas will have increased by over a third.*
- *By 2030, the number of people successfully completing high-quality skills training will have significantly increased in every area of the UK. In England, this will lead to 200,000 more people successfully completing high-quality skills training annually, driven by 80,000 more people completing courses in the lowest skilled areas.*
- *By 2030, pride in place, such as people's satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing*

Promoting the Scheme

The Levelling Up Together grant scheme was promoted through local networks including the relevant Know Your Patch Networks (in Cheltenham, the Forest of Dean of Gloucester) and the Gloucestershire VCS Alliance. The scheme was also widely promoted within County Council teams including Public Health and Communities, Education and Economy and Skills.

A press release was circulated when the scheme was launched, this included a link to the [Levelling Up Together webpages](#) in which interested parties could access details of the scheme, a link to the online application form along with sets of regularly updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Councillor and prospective applicants. All questions were directed to a shared mailbox (levellinguptogether@gloucestershire.gov.uk) which is manned 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.

The Levelling Up Together team facilitated a series of virtual drop-in sessions in October and November 2022 to share information about the scheme and answer any questions from prospective applicants. Approximately 90 individuals signed up to attend the drop-in sessions.

Applications Received

The Levelling Up Together grant scheme was highly competitive and received 127 applications, totaling £7,418,181.54, as outlined in Table 1:

District	Eligible Area	No. of Applications Received	Amount Applied For
Cheltenham	St Marks	2	£180,000.00
	St Pauls	10	£818,249.00
	Both St Marks and St Pauls	4	£221,490.00
Sub-total:		16	£1,219,739.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	22	£1,528,666.50
Sub-total:		22	£1,528,666.50
Gloucester	Podsmead, Tuffley or Podsmead and Tuffley	Podsmead - 1 Tuffley - 10 Podsmead and Tuffley - 3	Podsmead - £142,500.00 Tuffley - £267,760.00 Podsmead and Tuffley - £146,949.00
	Matson & Robinswood	14	£693,458.00
	Barton & Tredworth, Moreland or Barton & Tredworth and Moreland	Barton & Tredworth - 12 Moreland - 1 Barton & Tredworth and Moreland - 3	Barton & Tredworth - £883,926.50 Moreland - £21,506.00 Barton & Tredworth and Moreland - £75,000.00
	Kingsholm & Wotton	6	£268,600.00
	Westgate	12	£465,054.00
	More than one eligible area within Gloucester	14	£954,679.24
Sub-total:		76	£3,919,432.74
Multiple Districts	More than one eligible area, across more than one district	13	£750,343.30
Sub-total:		13	£750,343.30
TOTAL:		127	£7,418,181.54

Applications covered a wide array of topics, including:

- Community spaces and development
- Physical activity and health lifestyles
- Infrastructure and capital investment (including core costs)
- Arts and Culture

Decision Making

There was a robust, multi-stage approach to appraising applications to the Levelling Up Together grant scheme.

An Officer Panel with expertise in community development, the voluntary sector, education, and skills and training read and scored the bids using a standardised scoring matrix. The Officer Panel comprised colleagues from the Public Health and Communities Team and where relevant, colleagues from Education, and Employment, Skills, and Training.

The Officer Panel requested and took into consideration feedback from the relevant County Councillors and relevant District Council colleagues. All this information was presented by the officers to the Decision-Making Panel, which comprised the Director of Public Health Siobhan Farmer, Leader of the Council Cllr Mark Hawthorne, and Executive Director for Corporate Resources Steve Mawson. The proposed grant awards were then shared with the relevant County Councillors for comment.

It was agreed some applications would be part-funded, and in this instance, the Levelling Up Together team met with the applicant to discuss this offer before proceeding with the grant process. This ensured the grant could still be used to support the outlined project and deliver on the levelling up missions.

All applicants were notified of the outcome of the application by the middle of February 2023.

The Grants Awarded:

In total, 52 Levelling Up Together grants will be awarded, totalling £1,458,712.50.

Applicants will be awarded grants subject to financial checks (if necessary) and upon completion of a grant acceptance form which outlines a set of conditions. In some cases, grants will be paid in multiple instalments. The Levelling Up Together team will work in partnership with applicants to monitor the progression of projects and facilitate feedback and learning opportunities for at least 12 months. Applicants will also work closely with the Communications Team to promote the scheme and their projects and raise awareness of, and engagement in, efforts to 'level up' in Gloucestershire.

The successful bids are outlined in Table 2:

District	Areas Covered	Organisation Name	Project Name	Total Grant Awarded
Cheltenham	St. Mark's	Cheltenham Borough Homes	CBH Wraparound Support Initiative	£85,000
Cheltenham	St. Mark's	Hesters Way Partnership Limited	Cheltenham Pantry	£30,000
Cheltenham	St. Paul's	Read With Me CIC	Every child reading well	£3,422
Cheltenham	St. Paul's	Fresh Hope	School House Cafe, Kitchen rebuild / repurposing	£50,000
Cheltenham	St. Paul's	Gas Green Baptist Church	Gas Green Youth and Community Centre Levelling Up initiative	£60,000
Cheltenham	St. Paul's	Vision 21 Gloucestershire	Planet Cheltenham ECO-Hub	£25,000
Cheltenham	St. Mark's, St. Paul's	Move More	Community-Based Physical Activity Provision	£33,690
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Forest Voluntary Action Forum (FVAF)	Vibrant Cinderford Spaces	£82,500.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Forest of Dean & Wye Valley Men's Shed CIC	Forest Community Shed relocation	£25,000
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	1st Cinderford Scouts	Improving Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion in local Scouting	£3,257
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Sportily	Sport, Health, and Wellbeing in Cinderford	£10,000
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Home-Start North and West Gloucestershire	Home-Start Cinderford	£29,000

Forest of Dean	Cinderford	The Family Wellbeing CIC	Coaching parents towards positive wellbeing	£4,770.50
Gloucester	Podsmead, Tuffley	Read With Me CIC	Every child reading well	£3,422.00
Gloucester	Tuffley	Gloucester Community Building Collective	Community Building	£15,000.00
Gloucester	Podsmead	Friends of Tuffley Park	Tuffley Park - Outdoor Accessibility for All	£75,000.00
Gloucester	Tuffley	Tuffley Rovers AFC/Tuffley Rovers Youth	Youth changing rooms & pavilion redevelopment	£37,500.00
Gloucester	Tuffley	St Barnabas Community Halls	Growing our service to the community 2023	£10,000.00
Gloucester	Tuffley	Court Community Association (Tuffley)	Breakfast Club	£12,000.00
Gloucester	Tuffley	Court Community Association (Tuffley)	Free and sustainable food parcels	£15,000.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	GL Communities	The Best Life	£50,000.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	Arcexi Ltd	Rebranding Matson	£18,750.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	Read With Me CIC	Every child reading well	£3,422.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	TLT Matson cic	The Long Table Matson	£40,000.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	Together in Matson	Fund Forward	£15,000.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	Create Gloucestershire	Culture Matson Community Chest	£10,000.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	Community Roots CIC	Top Two	£5,000.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	Healthy Eating Matson & Coney Hill	Healthy Eating Matson & Coney Hill	£10,000.00
Gloucester	Moreland	Gloucester Community Building Collective	Community Builder	£21,506.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth, Moreland	Read With Me CIC	Every child reading well	£3,422.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	Brendan's Bridge	Czech M8s +	£30,000.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	Rainbow Transformations CIC	Barton and Tredworth - The Arts and Cultural Quarter of Gloucester	£50,000.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth, Moreland	Gloucestershire Bangladeshi Association	Gloucestershire Bangladeshi Association	£35,000.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	Kingfisher Church	Community Hub	£40,000.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	The Friendship Café	The Friendship Café	£15,500.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	Islamic Society of Gloucester (ISOG)	Education and Social Welfare Project	£15,700.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth, Moreland	Fair Shares	Fair Shares	£18,500.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	Rising Stars Youth FC	The Glebe - Multi Sports Hub	£45,000.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	St James and All Saints and Christ Church Gloucester	Building Resilience and Warmth for Sustainable Flourishing	£25,000.00
Gloucester	Kingsholm & Wotton	Roots Coffee and Community	Kingsholm Partnership	£75,000.00
Gloucester	Kingsholm & Wotton	Gloucester Rugby Foundation	Engage	£59,100.00

Gloucester	Kingsholm & Wotton	Read With Me CIC	Every child reading well	£3,422.00
Gloucester	Westgate	Gloucester Feed the Hungry CIC	Gloucester Feed the Hungry Community Space	£10,000.00
Gloucester	Westgate	Kingfisher Treasure Seekers	Improving access for improved wellbeing and health equity	£50,000.00
Gloucester	Westgate	Discover DeCrypt	Old Crypt Schoolroom Cafe	£20,000.00
Gloucester	Westgate	The Wiggly Worm	Food for Mood	£3,229.00
Gloucester	Westgate	Filipino Association of Gloucestershire	Filipino Heritage Day/International Nurses Celebration	£5,000.00
Gloucester	Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate	Play Gloucestershire	Annual Play Provision	£13,505.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood, Podsmead, Tuffley	Diverse Leap	Diverse Leap Mental Wellbeing Drop-in Centre - Outreach Project	£1,500.00
Across Districts	Barton & Tredworth, Kingsholm & Wotton, Moreland, Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate, Cinderford	TIC+ (Teens in Crisis)	Boys in Mind - Levelling up access to mental health for boys and young men in Gloucestershire	£56,379.00
Across Districts	Barton & Tredworth, Kingsholm & Wotton, Matson & Robinswood, Moreland, Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate, Cinderford, St. Mark's, St. Paul's	North and West Gloucestershire Citizens Advice	Levelling Up Advice	£89,200.00
Across Districts	Kingsholm & Wotton, Cinderford	Play Gloucestershire	Holiday Play Days	£11,016.00

The unsuccessful applications are outlined in Table 3:

District	Areas Covered	Organisation Name	Project Name	Total Grant Requested:
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Woodside Primary School	Keeping Woodside Fit	£18,000.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	The Asha Foundation	Construction of the Forest Arts and Wellness Centre ("FAWC").	£150,000.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Steam Mills Primary School	Modernisation of Pre-school Facilities	£149,000.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Canopy	Creative Walks	£4,930.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Forest Community Media	Dean Radio, connecting the community	£22,000.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Crossroads Gloucestershire	Active Living	£134,425.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Cinderford Area Neighbourhood Development Initiative (CANDI)	Space 31 (working title)	£95,000.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Cinderford Artspace	Create Cinderford!	£39,780.00

Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Barnardo's- Forest and Stroud Targeted Family Support- Hilltop Children's Centre	Community cafe/warm space	£5,077.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Newent Association for the Disabled (NATD)	Sheppard House Day Centre Places for Cinderford Residents	£40,000.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Cinderford Town Council	The Wesley Forest of Dean Community & Arts Centre Internal Refurbishment	£150,000.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Cinderford Welfare Centre	Community Centre Facilities Modernisation	£110,000.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Lydney Dial a Ride	Door to Door Community Transport Service	£77,782.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Wilde Earth Journeys CIC	NEET Mentoring, Coaching and Support	£150,000.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	The Rewild Project CIC	Skills in Woodland Management	£35,650.00
Forest of Dean	Cinderford	Local Equality Collective/Create Gloucestershire	Career Development Programme	£38,500.00
Cheltenham	St. Paul's	Cheltenham Borough Homes	CBH Wraparound Support Initiative	£150,000.00
Cheltenham	St. Paul's	St Paul's Old School Trust	Essential Infrastructure	£103,000.00
Cheltenham	St. Paul's	The Wilson Art Gallery and Museum	We Are Creators Programme	£69,000.00
Cheltenham	St. Paul's	Friends of Elmfield	Paths for Elmfield Park	£30,000.00
Cheltenham	St. Paul's	The Cheltenham Trust	"All-out" multi-purpose sensory room	£61,000.00
Cheltenham	St. Paul's	Art Shape	St Paul's - The Place to Be	£39,278.00
Cheltenham	St. Mark's, St. Paul's	Severnweye Energy Agency	Warming Up.....Cheltenham	£35,800.00
Cheltenham	St. Mark's, St. Paul's	Nowans Community Trust (Lives of Colour)	Young Leading and Black	£136,000.00
Cheltenham	St. Mark's, St. Paul's	Cheltenham Open Studios	Cheltenham Open Studios Community Project	£16,000.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	Gloucester Youth Project	Create a fit for purpose construction centre at GYP	£95,000.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust	Nature Highways	£54,641.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	Gloucester FM	Digital Skills and Opportunities	£56,880.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	Inclusion Gloucestershire	Levelling Up Minoritized Communities	£86,427.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth	DEEPBED LTD	Picturedrome Community Programme	£95,500.00
Gloucester	Kingsholm & Wotton	Friends of Hillfield Gardens	Hillfield Gardens community projects	£34,000.00
Gloucester	Kingsholm & Wotton	St Catharines Under Fives	Helping Hands Campaign	£4,000.00
Gloucester	Kingsholm & Wotton	Titan Performance Gyms Ltd	Improved physical wellbeing support access for Kingsholm & Wotton	£15,000.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	One Church	Warm Church & Kids provision	£3,500.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	BWEEN TECH LTD	G-Delivers	£34,850.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	Gloucestershire Gateway Trust	Spark	£150,000.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	Raziel Pictures CIC	Making Filmmakers	£35,000.00

Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	The Venture Community Hub	Playful Communities	£150,000.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood	Brendan's Bridge	Konnect (chosen by young people)	£21,800.00
Gloucester	Podsmead, Tuffley	The Nationwide Community Learning Partnership (NCLP) C.I.C	Best Step Forward	£35,000.00
Gloucester	Podsmead, Tuffley	Community Connexions	Accessible Minibus Transport Provision for Vulnerable Community Members in Tuffley and Podsmead	£102,449.00
Gloucester	Tuffley	Tuffley Community Association	Roof Repair & Park Creation	£88,000.00
Gloucester	Tuffley	St George's Church	Fun and Free Tuesdays	£1,500.00
Gloucester	Tuffley	St Barnabas Church	Expansion of community use	£25,000.00
Gloucester	Tuffley	Court Community Association (Tuffley)	Rose Garden overhaul	£10,000.00
Gloucester	Tuffley	Court Community Association (Tuffley)	Business Manager Fund	£10,000.00
Gloucester	Westgate	Hempsted Church of England Primary School	To remove the digital divide between Hempsted CE Primary School and other schools	£13,000.00
Gloucester	Westgate	Gloucester City Mission	Refresh Lunch Service	£12,020.00
Gloucester	Westgate	FoodCycle	FoodCycle Gloucester	£7,000.00
Gloucester	Westgate	Gloucester Cathedral	Learning & Participation at Gloucester Cathedral	£90,062.00
Gloucester	Westgate	Hundred Heroines	Gloucester in Focus	£99,744.00
Gloucester	Westgate	Gloucester and District Irish Society Limited	Gloucester Irish Club Levelling Up Scheme	£40,000.00
Gloucester	Westgate	Increase The Peace	Impact	£48,985.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth, Kingsholm & Wotton, Matson & Robinswood, Moreland, Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate	The Family Haven	Improving opportunities for pre-school children of vulnerable families	£72,445.00
Gloucester	Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate	Blackbridge Charitable Community Benefit Society (BCCBS)	Blackbridge Community & Sports Hub	£150,000.00
Gloucester	Kingsholm & Wotton, Matson & Robinswood, Moreland, Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate	Gloucestershire Academy of Music	More community music	£122,406.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth, Kingsholm & Wotton, Matson & Robinswood, Moreland, Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate	Gloucester Culture Trust	Cultural Communities	£30,000.00
Gloucester	Kingsholm & Wotton, Westgate	GRCC	Positive Outcomes Project	£95,375.24
Gloucester	Kingsholm & Wotton, Moreland, Westgate	Sportily	Sport, Health and Wellbeing in Glos City	£38,000.00

Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth, Westgate	The Nelson Trust	Education and training for people experiencing multiple disadvantage	£149,982.00
Gloucester	Matson & Robinswood, Podsmead	Longfield Community Hospice Care	Access to Palliative Care Project (APCP)	£35,680.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth, Matson & Robinswood, Westgate	Strike A Light (Gloucester)	A programme of creative opportunity	£63,691.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth, Matson & Robinswood, Moreland	Severnweye Energy Agency	Warming Up...Gloucester	£53,800.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth, Kingsholm & Wotton, Matson & Robinswood, Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate	Barnardo's	Steps Ahead	£82,414.00
Gloucester	Barton & Tredworth, Kingsholm & Wotton, Matson & Robinswood, Moreland, Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate	Workers' Educational Association	Gloucester Adult Learning within Reach	£39,881.00
Across Districts	Barton & Tredworth, Kingsholm & Wotton, Matson & Robinswood, Moreland, Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate, St. Mark's, St. Paul's	The Hygiene Bank - Gloucester	The Hygiene Bank - Gloucester	£50,000.00
Across Districts	Barton & Tredworth, Matson & Robinswood, Tuffley, Cinderford	Gloucestershire Music	Satellite Music Centres	£11,096.00
Across Districts	Kingsholm & Wotton, Cinderford	People Potential Possibilities	Kingsholm and Cinderford Housing & Homelessness Advice Drop-in Services	£131,354.00
Across Districts	Barton & Tredworth, Kingsholm & Wotton, Matson & Robinswood, Moreland, Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate, Cinderford, St. Mark's, St. Paul's	Footsteps Counselling & Care	Counselling Services: Reaching Our Communities	£99,500.00

Across Districts	Barton & Tredworth, Kingsholm & Wotton, Matson & Robinswood, Moreland, Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate, Cinderford, St. Mark's, St. Paul's	Play Gloucestershire	New Vehicle	£55,000.00
Across Districts	Barton & Tredworth, Kingsholm & Wotton, Matson & Robinswood, Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate, Cinderford	Heart Heroes	Heart Heroes Community Hub Refurbishment	£5,000.00
Across Districts	Barton & Tredworth, Kingsholm & Wotton, Matson & Robinswood, Moreland, Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate, Cinderford	The Music Works (Charity)	Levelling Up through Music: Gloucester and Cinderford Community Music Hubs	£100,000.00
Across Districts	Barton & Tredworth, Podsmead, Westgate, Cinderford	Artlift	Moving On	£36,832.00
Across Districts	Cinderford, St. Paul's	Clean Slate Training and Employment	Quids in! Money Guidance drop ins	£39,331.30
Across Districts	Barton & Tredworth, Kingsholm & Wotton, Matson & Robinswood, Moreland, Podsmead, Tuffley, Westgate, St. Mark's, St. Paul's	Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation	Free community cricket	£65,635.00

Alternative options considered and why they were rejected

Option 1: To delay awarding funding from the Levelling Up Together grant scheme – this was rejected as the commitment to spend £1.5 million was made by the Leader of the Council Councillor Mark Hawthorne in May 2022 at the hybrid Levelling Up Together Conference. Projects have been designed and planned through grant submissions and applicants require assurance of their funding award so they can successfully progress with delivering their levelling up projects as soon as possible during 2023.

Option 2: To not award the funding from the Levelling Up Together grant scheme – this was rejected as the funding opportunity had been widely promoted and expectations from local communities, groups and organisations had been raised. If the funding had

not been awarded, it would have had a negative impact on the reputation of Gloucestershire County Council.

Risk Analysis

The process developed to manage both the bidding process and distribution of funds is not considered to present any significant risks to Gloucestershire County Council. Where necessary, applicants are subject to financial checks and for any situations not deemed low-risk, mitigations will be put in place and strictly adhered to, to manage risk.

All applicants will need to read, sign, and return the grant acceptance form which is consistent with the one produced for the 'Build Back Better – Councillor scheme'. This form provides very clear conditions on the use of the grant. This is intended to minimise the risk to Gloucestershire County Council and ensure the funding awarded is used for the purposes outlined within the submitted application form.

Grants will be issued within 30 days from receipt of the signed grant acceptance form. Grants deemed higher risk and/or over £40,000 will be issued in multiple instalments. Subsequent instalments, where appropriate, shall be agreed on a case-by-case basis.

Officers will also monitor the delivery of projects to ensure they are delivered as planned and in accordance with their bid submission.

Equalities considerations

This grant scheme will have either a **positive or neutral impact** on people of all protected characteristics.

The Levelling Up Together grant scheme is open to a wide array of community groups and organisations. In line with Gloucestershire County Council's ambition to 'level up', it targets the areas in Gloucestershire identified as 'most deprived' according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation (2019). As a result, the beneficiaries vary significantly, particularly with regards to protected characteristics such as age, ethnicity, gender, and those most likely to be impacted by health inequalities, such as those who are on a low income or unemployed.

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been completed? Yes (available [here](#))

Has any conflict of interest been declared by any Cabinet Member consulted on the decision?

The council's Monitoring Officer should be consulted, in the first instance, if any conflict of interest is declared by a Cabinet Member.

If any conflict of interest declared, was a dispensation granted by the Audit and Governance Committee of the Council?

No

N/A

Does this decision report form or any supporting papers provided contain confidential or exempt information?

(Refer to Democratic Services Unit for advice if necessary)

No

Does this decision need to be published on the GCC website?

Yes

(Refer to guidance on "Executive Decisions taken by Officers").

In coming to this decision, I have given due and full regard to the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty contained in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ("the Act") by reference to the law itself and also the relevant Equality Impact Assessment, which was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

Having fully considered all available information, I have decided to reject any alternative options and take the recommended decision(s), for the reasons set out in this report.



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