





### **Scrutiny/Audit**

**A8** Which Committee should this decision be submitted to? (*Please tick as appropriate*)

Scrutiny (Value for Money Council) Committee

Scrutiny (Regeneration Development and Market Hall) Committee X

Scrutiny (Health and Wellbeing) Committee

Scrutiny (Climate Change and Environment) Committee

Audit Committee

<p><b>B1</b> What is the Decision?</p>	<p>To award a capital grant of £17,399 to Barton Hockey Club following the panel approval of an application to the Council's Ward Enhancement Programme, funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.</p>
<p><b>B2</b> What are the reasons for the Decision?</p> <p><b>B2</b> Alternative options considered and rejected?</p>	<p>The Ward Enhancement Programme (WEP) was approved by Cabinet in September 2023 and created a £1.5m funding programme, financed by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), through which communities across the Borough could access capital funding to deliver projects in their local areas that improve prosperity, heritage or tourism.</p> <p>The WEP operates on an application basis whereby local community groups and other organisations can apply for capital funding with their application being considered and reviewed by a Member panel comprised of 5 Councillors and chaired by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development.</p> <p>At the panel meeting on 18 January 2024, an application was approved for the delivery of a project titled: Barton Hockey Club Shelter and Equipment Project, which aims to do the following:</p> <p>The project aims to complete a pitch side parent spectator shelter as well as Project purchase items to further the development of the junior hockey academy for local players and schools in the local area such as training balls and mini goals to assist with covering a wide age range and ability. W</p> <p>A grant award of £17, 399 has been approved for this project, subject to the taking of this Executive Decision by the Cabinet Member.</p>
<p><b>B3</b> What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?</p>	<p>The delivery of the Ward Enhancement Programme primarily contributes to the priority of Creating a Prosperous East Staffordshire, Protecting our Heritage, and Standing up for our Communities.</p>
<p><b>B4</b> What are the Human Rights considerations?</p>	<p>There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.</p>

## Financial Implications

<p><b>B5</b> What are the financial implications?</p>	<p>The main financial issues arising from this decision are as follows:</p> <p>The funding approved for this project is entirely capital and must be spent by March 2025, in line with the Government's requirements for the UKSPF.</p> <p>The funding is provided through a grant agreement and paid in advance of the project in order to finance its delivery. If the project requires any co-funding, proof of this being secured will be reviewed prior to any funding being released by the Council.</p>
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Revenue	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26

Capital	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
		£17, 399	

<p>The finance section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit:</p>	<p>Please print name: James Hopwood</p> <p>Please sign name: (Approval via email 12/03/24)</p>
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## Policy Framework

<b>B6</b> Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's policy framework?	Yes
<b>B6.1</b> If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
<b>B6.2</b> Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	NA
<b>B7</b> Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's budget?	Yes
<b>B7.1</b> If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
<b>B7.2</b> Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	NA

### Equalities Implications

<b>B8</b> What are the Equalities implications: Please see the attached Equalities and Health Assessment
<b>B8.1</b> Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):
<b>B8.2</b> Negative (Threats):
<b>B8.3</b> The subject of this decision is [not] a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality impact assessment is [[not required/attached as Appendix [ ]].
<b>B8.4</b> [The equality impact assessment identified the following actions to be carried out:]

### Risk Assessment

<b>B9</b> What are the Risk Assessment implications: NA
<b>B9.1</b> Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): The delivery of a WEP project is based on the opportunity to improve local prosperity, heritage and tourism in all areas across the Borough.
<b>B9.2</b> Negative (Threats): The UKSPF funding must be spent by March 2025 and so any risk to project delivery, including financial risk, will be managed through the specific grant agreement.
<b>B9.3</b> [The risks are referred to in the Risk Register numbered NA

### Legal Considerations

<b>B10</b> What are the Legal Considerations:

**B10.1**

Under s1 Localism Act 2011, authorities have a power of competence to do anything which an individual can do, which includes the power to grant funding to organisations.

The Grant Funding will not amount to a state subsidy under the Subsidy Control Act 2023, as the amount to be granted is less than the Minimal Financial Assistance level of £315,000.

The Terms of the funding will be incorporated into a Grant Agreement that sets out the terms for how the funding must be spent, and will also contain claw-back provisions.

The funding must also be delivered in line with the Government's guidance on UKSPF funding, including requirements on project promotion and marketing.

**This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team**

Please print name: Glen McCusker – Locum Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer.

Please sign name: (Approval via email 11/03/24)

### Environmental Impacts

**B11** What are the Environmental Impacts:

Consider impacts related to the Climate Change & Nature Strategy aims:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions (climate change mitigation)
- Preparing for future climate change (adaptation)
- Protecting and enhancing nature
- Using resources wisely and minimising waste and pollution

**B11.1** There are no significant environmental impacts associated with this decision.

**B11.2** Positive Impacts (Opportunities/Benefits):  
NA

**B11.3** Negative Impacts (Threats/Mitigation):  
NA

### Health & Safety Implications

**B12** What are the Health & Safety implications:

**B12.1** A Risk Assessment has not been carried out and entered into Safety Media for all significant hazards and risks because the Council is not responsible for the delivery of this project

**B12.2** Any financial implications to mitigate against these hazards and risks are considered above.

**B12.3** The Council is not responsible for delivery of this project.

**B12.3.1** Positive (Benefits)

**B12.3.2** Negative (Threats)

### Key Decision

**B13** Is this a Key Decision?      No (*please delete as appropriate*)

**Note: A Key Executive Decision is one where:**

- 1. REVENUE – Any contract or proposal with an annual payment or saving of more than £100,000**
- 2. CAPITAL – Any capital project with a value in excess of £150,000**
- 3. A decision which significantly affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.**

**B13.1** If this is a Key Decision, is this an urgent decision such that a delay caused by use of the Call-in Procedure would seriously prejudice the public interest?

Yes/No/NA (*please delete as appropriate*)

**B13.2** If yes, has the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor or in his/her absence the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision will be exempt from Call-in?

Yes/No/NA (*please delete as appropriate*)

**NOTE: If this decision is subject to the Call-in Procedure it will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 3 working days after publication – unless 10 Members of the Council call in the decision.**

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