

Appendix 2: Recovery reserve budget proposed projects and associated spend

AAP= Annual Action Plan 2022/23

R+R= Recovery and Renewal Strategy

Community Resilience Fund Contingency Budget		
Project Title	Priority	Funding
Better Lives	AAP – Priority 2 R+R – Objective 2	£10,000
CASS Young Adults Programme	AAP – Priority 2 R+R – Objective 2	£38,000
Somerset Families Additional Delivery	AAP – Priority 2 R+R – Objective 2	£16,000
Gateway – People in crisis drop in	AAP – Priority 2 R+R – Objective 2	£37,150
Total from recovery reserve		£101,150

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Social Mobility Study Phase 1 (to provide recommendations)	AAP – Priority 2+3 R+R 1,2,3,5,6,7,8	Up to £25,000
Social Mobility Study Phase 2 (to implement recommendations)	AAP – Priority 2+3 R+R 1,2,3,5,6,7,8	£100,000
Social Mobility Pilot Young person enhancement	AAP – Priority 2+3 R+R 1,2,3,5,6,7,8	£30,000 SCC £55,000
Levelling Up Fund / Shared Prosperity Fund – Getting bid ready	AAP – Priority 2+3 R+R 5	Up to £50,000
Digital Connectivity Inclusion Programme	AAP – Priority 3 R+R 8	£35,000
YIC Innovation Support	AAP Priority 3 R+R 2,3+5	Up to £30,000
Entrepreneurial activity within schools	AAP- Priority 3 R+R 2	Up to £25,000
South Somerset Next Gen Group – seed funding / flexible budget	AAP – Priority 3 R+R – Objective 2+3	£5,000
YIC Discretionary Innovation Budget	AAP – Priority 3 R+R 3+5	£5,000
Total from recovery reserve		£330,000

Spend already committed:

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Enterprise, Innovation and Skills	AAP – Priority 3 R+R 5	£15,000 SSDC £10,000 Yeovil College
Summer of Play 2021		£2,671.57
Wincanton TC Event		£2,500
Total from recovery reserve		£20,171.27

Total Spend: £451,321.27

Project Overview

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Better Lives	A service improvement project of the four Districts looking at provision for most vulnerable residents' incl. homeless and with acute substance issues etc. feeds into Health & Wellbeing Board and future Somerset Homeless Strategy. Outcome: To improve the lives of homeless people across the county with complex additional needs such as addictions. Outputs: TBC All funding to be spent and activity delivered by April 2023.
CASS Young Adults Programme	To support the provision of new and expanded advice to lower-income households and particularly young adults facing specific financial and housing related challenges due to the consequences of the Covid pandemic. Outcome: Meet the advice needs of disadvantaged young adults affected by the impacts of COVID19 Outputs: Approximately 200 'new' individuals to receive support. All funding to be spent and activity delivered by April 2023.
Somerset Families Programme Evaluation	Additional Delivery. Outputs: NA All funding to be spent and activity delivered by April 2023.
Gateway – People in crisis drop in	Non-wage and ½ salary costs of the provision of drop-in space on Wednesday and Fridays and expanding into the weekend to provide emergency support for the most marginalised. Wednesday provision is in partnership with NHS. Outcome: Reduce the number of vulnerable adults reaching the point of crisis. Outputs: TBC All funding to be spent and activity delivered by April 2023.

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Social Mobility Study Phase 1 (to provide recommendations)	To commission a report that provides data and recommendations to address issues associated with social mobility opportunities locally. This may also inform applications to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (see info below). Outcome: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an evidence-based understanding of the specific factors contributing to poor social mobility in South Somerset To inform a better coordinated and impactful approach to addressing issues of poverty and low social mobility in South Somerset Outputs: As above. All funding to be spent and activity delivered by April 2023 (successful projects may continue longer term).
Social Mobility Study Phase 2 (to implement recommendations)	To implement recommendations from the Phase 1 report. Outcome: To address social mobility challenges in South Somerset. Outputs: To be confirmed within report recommendations. Projects will commence in Summer 2022 and may run past April 2023 depending on the recommendations. The majority of activity will take place between now and March 2023.
Social Mobility Pilot Young person enhancement	This project will help address the school performance, skills, pay and wellbeing missions of the Government's Levelling UP agenda and contribute to the ambitions aspiration of the new Somerset Council to be better at tackling inequality including addressing social mobility. Outcome:

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To raise the aspirations of, and opportunities for, young people who are currently identified as at risk of poor social mobility, further exacerbated by the impacts of Covid. 2. To improve the educational attainment of young people who are predicted not to achieve grade 5 or above in English & Maths GCSE. 3. To improve the life chances and employment prospects of young people who would otherwise be economically disadvantaged as a consequence of poor social mobility. <p>Outputs: 2 schools engaged and associated students (King Arthur’s, Ansford Academy) TBC – further work required and contract developed. All funding to be spent and activity delivered by April 2023.</p>
<p>Levelling Up Fund / UK shared Prosperity Fund – Getting bid ready</p>	<p>To employ consultants to support with future funding opportunities e.g Levelling Up, UK Shared Prosperity etc. This will enable Officers to continue to focus on agreed action plans.</p> <p><u>UK Shared Prosperity Fund – more details available in the Spring</u></p> <p>The UK Shared Prosperity Fund will support the UK Government’s wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK by delivering on each of the four parts of Levelling Up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards, especially in those places where they are lagging. • Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest. • Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost. • Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency <p><u>Levelling Up Fund – more details available ‘soon’</u></p> <p>The first round of the Fund was focused on three infrastructure themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport investments including (but not limited to) public transport, active travel, bridge repairs, bus priority lanes, local road improvements and major structural maintenance, and accessibility improvements. We are requesting proposals for high-impact small, medium and by exception larger local transport schemes to reduce carbon emissions, improve air quality, cut congestion, support economic growth and improve the experience of transport users. • Regeneration and town centre investment, building on the Towns Fund framework to upgrade eyesore buildings and dated infrastructure, acquire and regenerate brownfield sites, invest in secure community infrastructure and crime reduction, and bring public services and safe community spaces into town and city centres. • Cultural investment maintaining, regenerating, or creatively repurposing museums, galleries, visitor attractions (and associated green spaces) and heritage assets as well as creating new community-owned spaces to support the arts and serve as cultural spaces <p>It is envisaged that the second round of funding will follow similar themes.</p>

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	<p>Outcome: Increased chance of success for applications into the above funds and subsequent outcomes associated with the above.</p> <p>Outputs: TBC within the applications.</p> <p>All funding to be spent and activity delivered by April 2023 (successful projects may continue longer term).</p>
Digital Connectivity Inclusion Programme	<p>To commission a partner to deliver marketing, promotions, facilitation and activity linked to digital inclusion and digital infrastructure. Including taking advantage of the Government's Gigabit Broadband Voucher scheme and ensuring South Somerset communities are applying and receiving vouchers.</p> <p>Outcome: Increased digital connectivity / infrastructure and associated digital skills.</p> <p>Outputs: Each Gigabit Voucher claimed equates to £1500-£3500 worth of investment. Outputs will be agreed within the tender. All Parish Councils where the area does not have SFB will have the opportunity to receive expert advice and facilitation.</p> <p>All funding to be spent and activity delivered by April 2023.</p>
YIC Innovation Support	<p>To explore the opportunity of the YIC being included within a broader business support scheme that SCC are commissioning for iAero, Somerset Energy Innovation Centre and the (when developed) Taunton Digital Innovation Centre.</p> <p>Outcome: To enable SMEs to access a flexible package of specialist research, development and innovation support tailored to their specific business needs. This may include areas such as intellectual property, knowledge transfer, product commercialisation and certification and supplier accreditation.</p> <p>Outputs: To be explored and agreed in line with SCC</p>
Entrepreneurial activity within schools. E.g Young Enterprise	<p>To commission a programme of activity that encourages entrepreneurship and innovation within schools.</p> <p>Outcome:</p> <p>In 2020, the Entrepreneurs Network produced a report 'Educating Future Founders' identifying the need to integrate entrepreneurship within education from an early age. Within the executive summary there are 6 points that are particularly relevant to this commission and ultimately we are seeking to address. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an untapped opportunity to promote economic growth and reduce unemployment by expanding access to entrepreneurship education to secondary school students • Entrepreneurial skills are valued by employers and entrepreneurship education programmes aimed at secondary school students have been shown to reduce the risk that a young person will become unemployed later in life. • Skills developed through entrepreneurship education such as financial literacy, business awareness, and an entrepreneurial mind-set are becoming ever more relevant as gig economy platforms lead to increased levels of self-employment. • Entrepreneurship education has traditionally taken place at universities, but there is strong evidence that earlier interventions can develop non-cognitive skills that are key to entrepreneurial success, such as creativity, persistence, and communication.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In South Somerset, the transition to higher-education participation is low. As a result, expanding access to entrepreneurship education in schools will enable more of the next generation to benefit. • Short interventions lasting as little as six hours aimed at secondary-level pupils can have long-lasting impacts on entrepreneurial traits and intentions. <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBA
South Somerset Next Gen Group – seed funding / flexible budget	<p>To provide seed funding to enhance the newly formed Next Gen network that has been established in the last few months. In the first two sessions, young individuals have identified the below priorities. The Next Gen group is a method of retaining young, talented individuals, by offering a social and professional platform for them to develop careers within South Somerset. Funding will be used for; room hire, hospitality, events, keynote speakers etc.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Desire to network with other young individuals within South Somerset both professionally and socially 2. Upskill and facilitate career development / career enhancement opportunities 3. Better physical spaces; leisure, culture, housing, town centres, nightlife etc. 4. Better public transport infrastructure 5. More events and social activities (and better communication of what is already happening) <p>Outcome: To directly support the above outcomes of 1,2 and 5. Ultimately, this will lead to increased aspirations for local young people, increased commitment to staying locally, increased opportunities for career development and the provision of ‘life skills’ that are not available after leaving education (mortgage workshops, pension workshops, interview skills etc).</p> <p>Outputs: To target 50 individuals to be actively involved with the network, monthly events (social and professional). All funding to be spent and activity delivered by April 2023.</p>
YIC Discretionary Innovation Budget	<p>To create a hospitality budget that will enable a programme of business support events to be delivered at the YIC. Business Support organisations usually have the budget and access to expert speakers however are unable to fund room hire / refreshments.</p> <p>Outcome: Increased innovation activity within the centre including more events and training courses. Leading to higher levels of business growth.</p> <p>Outputs: Monthly Yeovil Chamber Business Circle Meetings approximately 12 business per month. Manufacturing networking supply chain event 30/40 businesses Further activity to be scoped through the year including events in partnership with the FSB, Barclays Eagle Labs, Digital Somerset, Somerset Inward Investment, Manufacturing Hub etc. All funding to be spent and activity delivered by April 2023.</p>