

UKSPF in South Yorkshire



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Recap

UK SPF purpose



Build pride in place + increase life chances

Communities and
place

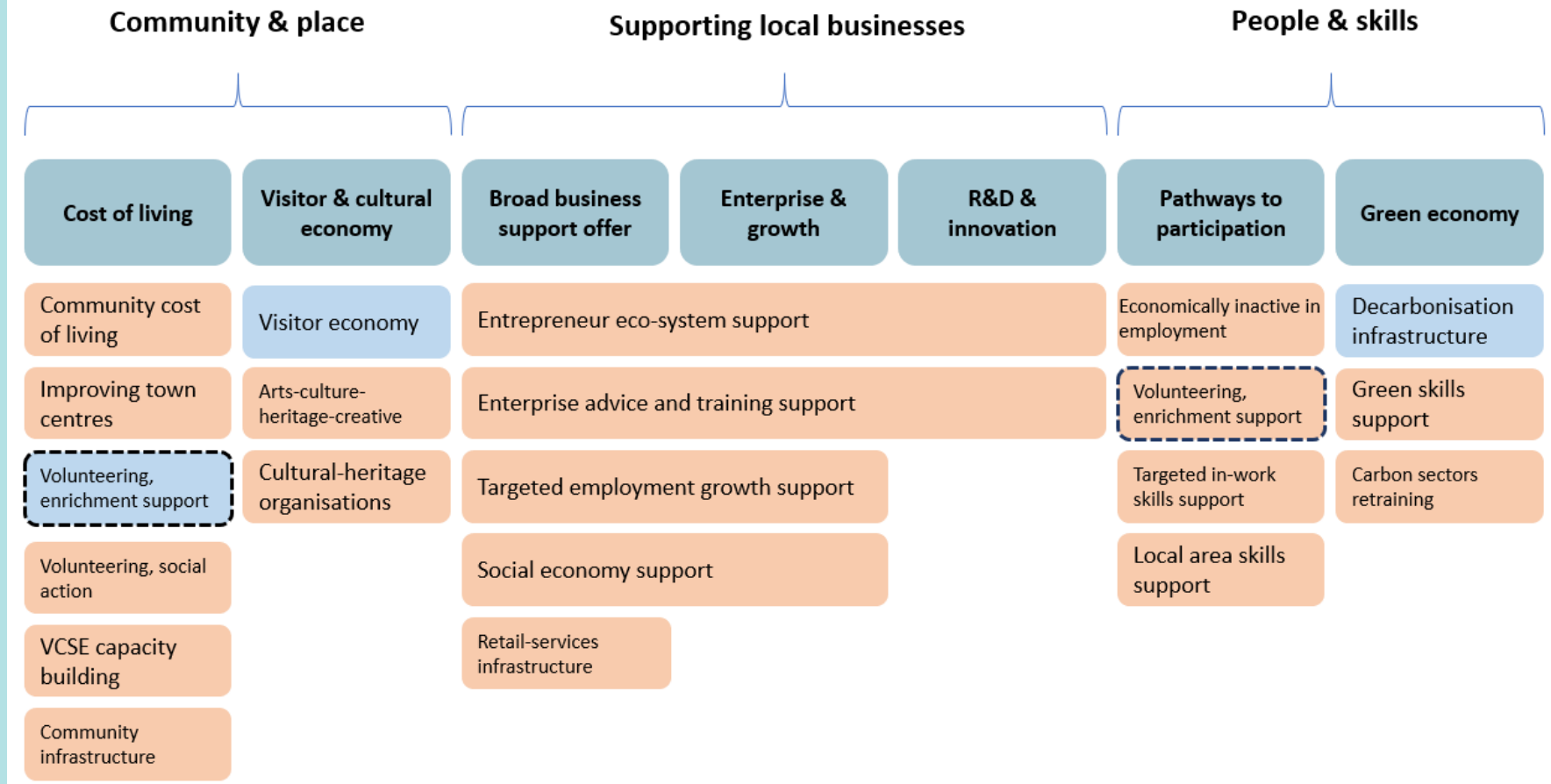
Local businesses

People and skills

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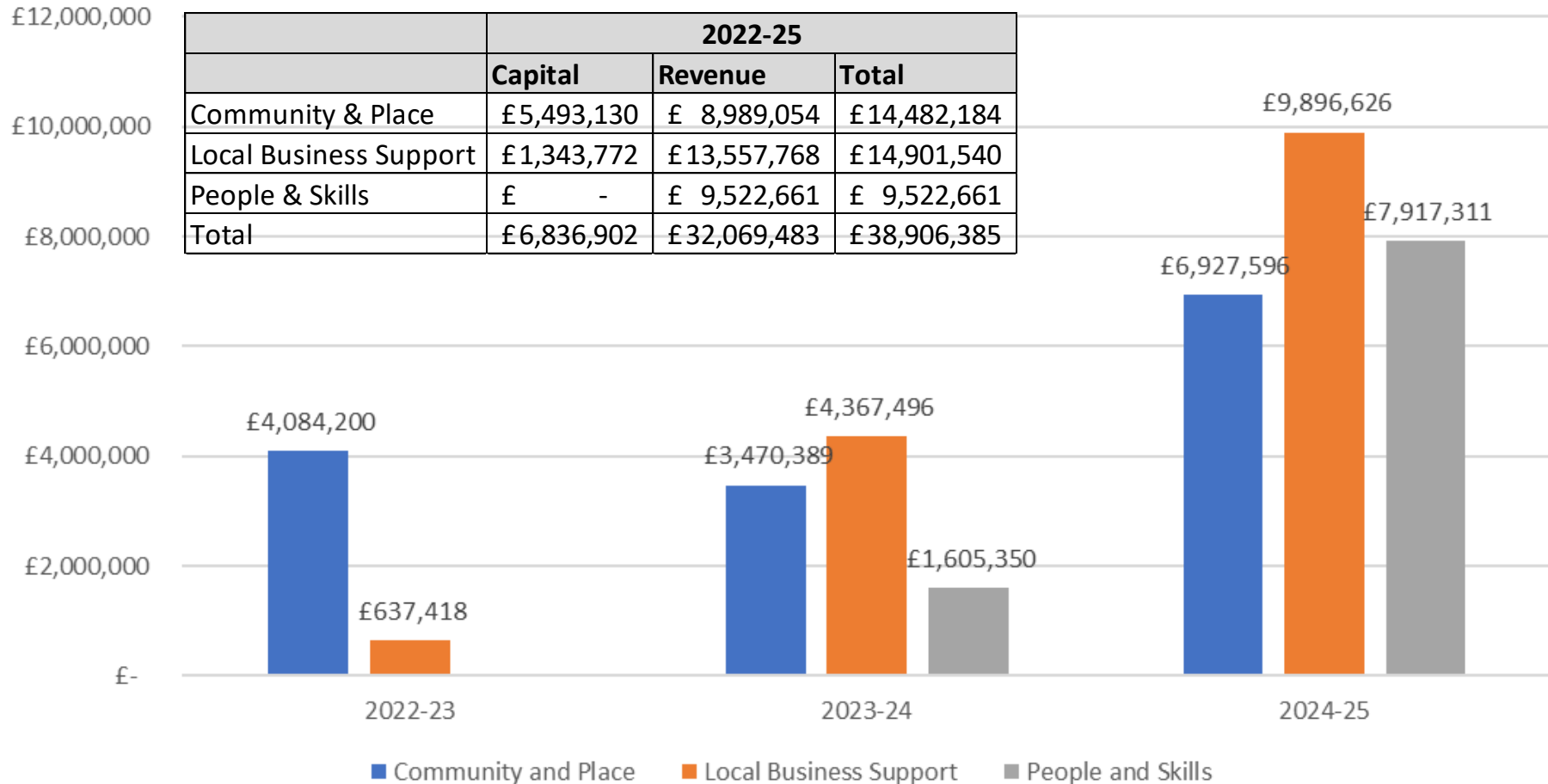
Investment Plan

Government Priorities, SY Themes, Interventions



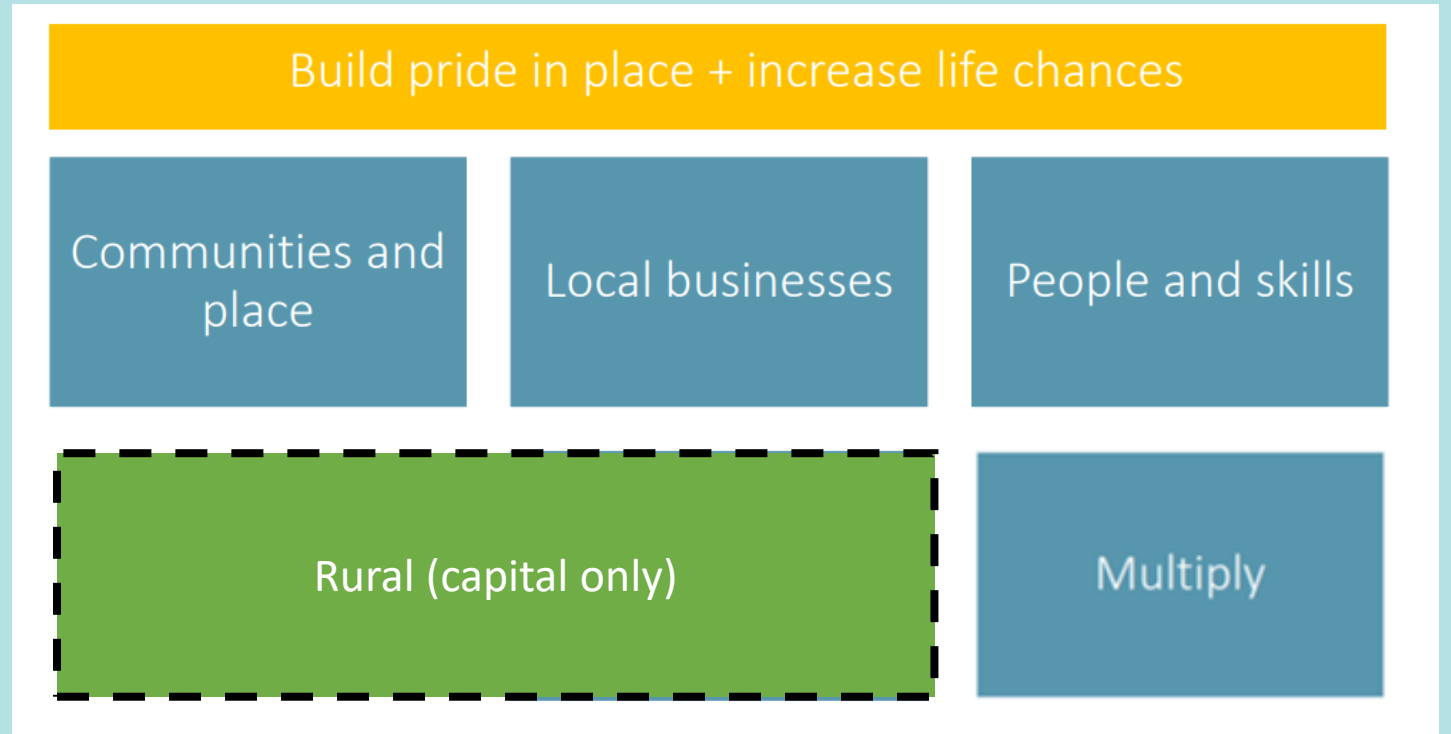
Funding

SPF in South Yorkshire, 2022-2025



Updates from Government

- Investment Plan approved
- Funding sent but just Year 1
- Devolved pot of money
- Rural funding



Rural SPF

1. Supporting Rural Businesses

- Intervention 1.1: capital grant funding for small scale investment in micro and small enterprises in rural areas
- Intervention 1.3: capital grant funding for developing and promoting the visitor economy

2. Supporting Rural Communities

- Intervention 2.1: capital grant funding for investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities
- Intervention 2.2: capital grant funding for investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups
- Intervention 2.3: capital grant funding for creation and improvements to local rural green spaces
- Intervention 2.4: capital grant funding for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions that make up the local cultural heritage offer Intervention 2.5: capital grant funding for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities
- Intervention 2.8: capital grant funding for impactful volunteering and social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places

Community & Place - Barnsley

- *Cost of Living*

Building upon their community grants programme, which utilised the Government's Household Support Grant funding. Individuals will be sign-posted to existing support services and infrastructure rather than just receiving a one-off intervention which doesn't benefit them in the longer term.

- *Culture at the Heart of Communities*

An events programme both in Barnsley town centre and principal towns. Through this approach we will build cultural participation and engagement, strengthen our links with local cultural providers, and ultimately support urban centre economies.

- *Enhancing Barnsley Libraries*

Aim to replicate the success of the Lightbox with 15 district libraries. They will refurbish library assets to reflect the modern standards on display at The Lightbox.

- *Green Space Improvements*

This activity will deliver capital works to achieve park improvements as well as align to their 'Ten Thousand Tress' planting programme to enhance biodiversity.

Community & Place - Doncaster

- *Community Wealth Builders*

Support suppliers and stimulate new suppliers within the social enterprise and community sector. There will be a series of training for enterprises to enable community businesses to 'meet the buyer' and for anchor institutions to 'meet the market'.

- *Locality Community Investment Fund*

Test and learn new approaches to commissioning and be recognised as an ambitious and aspirational borough, leading the way in creative bold community placed based commissioning.

- *Cost of Living*

Extending the Covid-19 support to Citizens Advice Bureau Doncaster of free, impartial information, advice and guidance.

- *Other activity*

- *Third sector support*
- *Increased volunteering*
- *New public realm art*

Community & Place - Rotherham

- *Cost of Living*

- Warm welcome activities will take place in a range of community venues, including local libraries, and will generally take place outside of normal working hours to make them more accessible to working people and during the coldest times. The aim is to provide a warm, appealing space where people can access financial support and advice and get involved in a range of positive activities.
- A small grants scheme, managed by Voluntary Action Rotherham, that will enable VCS organisations to provide a range of targeted activities for specific demographics.
- A number of 'winter warm' packs, comprising items such as socks, gloves, scarves, hot water bottles, blankets and thermal flasks will be purchased and made available to vulnerable residents.

- *Children's Capital of Culture*

In 2025, Rotherham will become the world's first Children's Capital of Culture. This is stage 2 of its development. The next 12 months will see the Children's Capital of Culture team partner with three cultural providers to build capacity within their organisations and support voice and influence from young people across the borough alongside the development of its own team to deliver a programme of events, festivals, experiences and opportunities across Rotherham.

Community & Place - Sheffield

- *Cost of Living*
 - Build resilience for VCF organisations to continue to deliver impact at local level in the short term, so that they are able to play their role in engaging people at a hyper-local level.
 - Add funds to the South Yorkshire Community Foundation's Sheffield Cost of Living fund to increase the spread of its impact. This fund offers funding to Sheffield VCF organisations to support activities that mitigate the effects of the cost-of-living situation.
 - Supporting the additional costs of keeping community hubs open throughout the winter to facilitate greater engagement. This additionality refers to keeping open those facilities that are in danger of closing or extending the opening hours of other venues in order to increase the opportunities for engagement.
- *Visitor Economy and Culture*

A series of events and interventions to build and promote a thriving visitor and cultural economy across Sheffield (and into South Yorkshire) with opportunities for individual participation, skills development, income generation and job creation, and renewed confidence and community pride of place.

Local Business Support

Where have discussions taken us?

Launch Pad



This will provide entrepreneurs in South Yorkshire with the opportunity to **explore and challenge their business ideas**. It is primarily aimed at those individuals wanting to start a business, and those in the initial stages of their enterprise journey and **will support them up to 3 years of trading**. The programme will have the flexibility to support micro and small businesses (up to 10 staff) who cannot access support through other business support programmes, such as Business Support Specialists.

Productivity Grants



Business Productivity Grant: The Business Productivity grant will support firms in South Yorkshire to improve their productivity through grants to improve how they capture and measure productivity gains. The root cause of any productivity issue tends to be one of three factors, cost, capacity and response. Resolving them will provide businesses the opportunity to improve their productivity.

Workshops: A number of the partners will develop and deliver interactive workshops for SMEs which will aim to fill in gaps in knowledge and cover a wide range of business development topics.

Net Zero



The project will provide support for **c260 SME's across South Yorkshire**. Support to businesses to identify, fund and implement low carbon improvements. SME's receiving support will be helped to **tackle barriers to the introduction of efficiency measures/ technologies** that reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions. The project will **retain a 50/50 matched grant element** allowing business to respond to the outputs of energy audits.

Specialist advisors



Specialist advisors are considered essential by our LA partners and have provided expertise to business covering the following areas:

- Organisational diagnostics.
- Strategic guidance and leadership support.
- Operational efficiencies/productivity.
- Sales and marketing.
- Digital IT guidance and solutions.
- Sectoral specific support including retail, culture, creative, digital, financial and innovation.

It is anticipated that retention of this provision for a further 24 months will support removal of some specific sector intervention. It should be noted that the focus of advisors by place will be decided by the relevant LA.

Specialist Support



There are a number of additional needs that would be valuable, these areas include the following :

- **Acceleration programmes**
- **Entrepreneurship and intrapreneurship**
- **Early-stage finance**
- **Coworking space/incubation**
- **Culture and creative programmes**
- **Innovation Activities**
- **Ownership Hub models**
- **Promotion/Marketing**

People & Skills

Discussions are just starting with LAs of what this could look like

It will need to be related to what was in the Investment Plan:

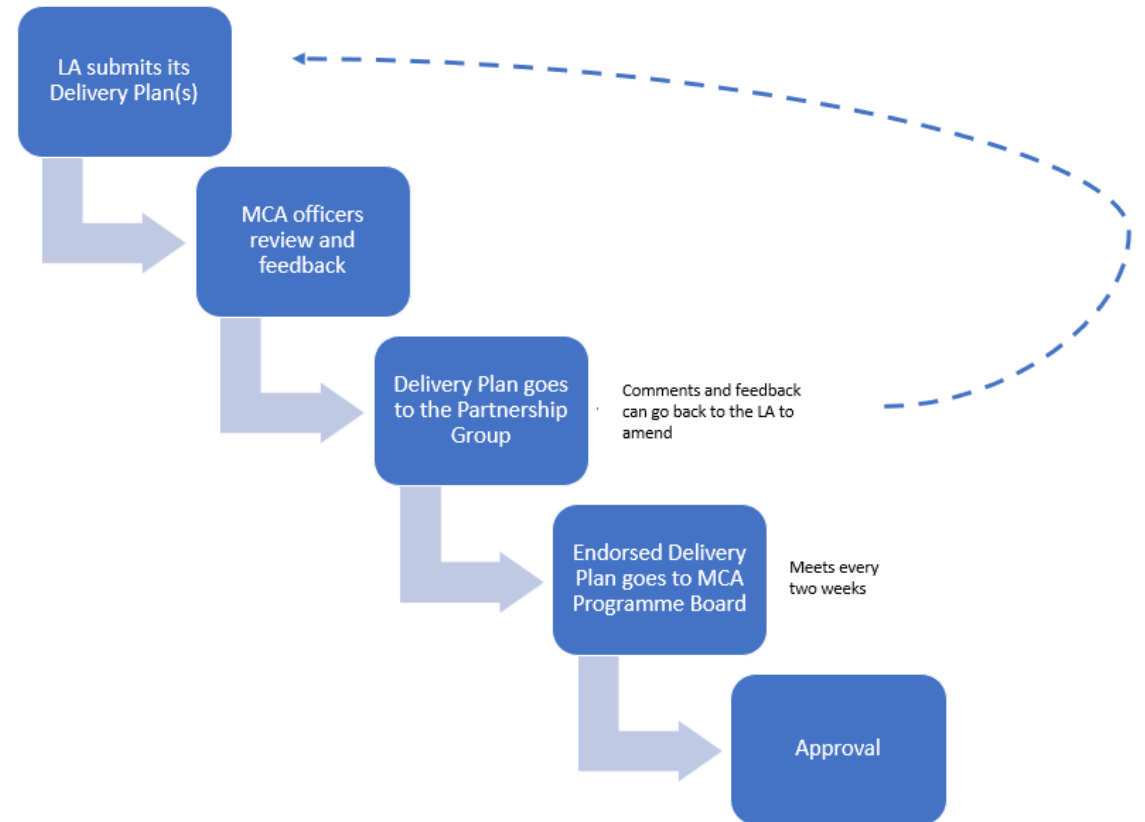
1. *Building pathways to participation and accessing the benefits of being economically active*
2. *Promoting a skills-driven green economy*

Governance

By bringing together civil society organisations, employer bodies responsible for identifying local skills plans, and businesses or business representative groups we will be better informed to deliver positive outcomes.



SPF Delivery Plan sign-off process



Next Steps

- Local Business Support Delivery Plans
 - Sub-contracting potential
- People & Skills discussions
 - Some open tenders
- Community & Place Y2 Delivery Plans
 - Working with local stakeholders
- Rural SPF
- Answers to questions via email to all participants

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Thank You

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