



6.2 The projects overseen by the Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership for 2024/25 is: -

• Herts Growth Hub	£30,000
• Get Enterprising	£30,000
• Destination Management	£24,000
• Sector Plans	£15,000
• Herts Screen Office	£10,000
• Inward Investment	£12,500
• Herts Pathways Employment	£45,000
• Road to Employment	£30,000
• Inclusive Employment Programme	£25,000
• Herts Opportunity Portal	£20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£241,500</b>

6.3 Legal Implications:

6.3.1 Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council has been awarded UKSPF funding by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. Hertfordshire County Council (“HCC”) is the ‘Accountable Body’ for the Learning and Enterprise Partnership (“LEP”). Subject to authority Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council will enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with HCC. The Grant Funding Agreement will set out the conditions which apply to provision of the funding, including provision for ‘clawback’ in the event of any, specified, Default on the part of HCC. It will commence, retrospectively, on 1 January 2023 and will end on 31 March 2025 unless it is terminated earlier in accordance with its terms.

6.4 Financial Implications:

The borough was awarded £933,859 from the UKSPF to deliver a range of projects in 2024/25. Cabinet agreed in the initial stages of the fund that £232,500 would be allocated to Hertfordshire LEP in year three of the fund to deliver the above projects. It has been agreed to increase the funding to the Destination Management Service by £9,000 to take the total funding to £241,500 to deliver additional services, this is being funded from the UKSPF.

If the monies are not spent in this financial year, they will need to be returned to DLUHC.

6.5 Risk Implications:

If the council decides not to contribute to the above projects, managed by Hertfordshire LEP, alternative interventions will need to be identified. There will also be the risk that these projects will fail due to lack of funds.

6.6 Other Implications (including communications, security and terrorism, human resources, procurement, climate change, human rights, health and wellbeing, equality and diversity)

6.7 Alternative options considered and reasons for their rejection (if any):

**7 BACKGROUND PAPERS USED TO INFORM THE DECISION**

7.1 None

**8 DETAILS OF ANY MEMBERS OR OFFICERS WHO HAVE DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND NATURE OF ANY SUCH INTEREST AND ANY DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

8.1 None

**9 ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION CONSIDERED**

9.1 None

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