

OFFICER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND PLACE

KEY DECISION YES

DIRECTORATE: REGENERATION & PLACE

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

SUBJECT: WIRRAL WAYS TO WORK PROGRAMME: STRATEGIC INVESTMENT FUND GAP FUNDING

1.0 DECISION

- 1.1 The Director of Regeneration and Place has agreed to approve the allocation of the Strategic Investment Funds funding as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the attached report.

2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 Following the end of the European Social Fund in September 2023 and the start of the Employment and Skills strand of UK Shared Prosperity Fund in April 2024 there is a gap period of 6 months where no external grant funding was available for the continuation of the Liverpool City Region Ways to Work Programme, which includes the Wirral Ways to Work programme. An application was made to the LCRCA for SIF funding to cover this gap period, which was successful.

3.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- 3.1 The recommendation is made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. It is also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendation reflects the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- 4.1 Not applicable.



Signed:

Officer: David Hughes

Title: Director of Regeneration and Place

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A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

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