

## OFFICER DECISION FORM

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:** DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND PLACE

**KEY DECISION** YES

**DIRECTORATE:** REGENERATION & PLACE

**WARDS AFFECTED:** ALL WARDS

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**SUBJECT:** UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND: PHASE 3 EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS

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### 1.0 DECISION

- 1.1 The Director of Regeneration and Place has agreed to approve the allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the attached report.

### 2.0 REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 The Phase 3 Employment and Skills element of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund commences from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. Following the end of the European Social Fund (ESF) in September 2023 and the end of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) gap funding period to 31 March 2024, this provides ringfenced funding for the continuation of the Liverpool City Region Ways to Work Programme, which includes the Wirral Ways to Work programme.

### 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 & Place

**Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

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

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