

Appendix I - Town Centre Capital Schemes proposed for UKSPF Investment

The table below sets out the allocations in place for each of the respective towns, the proposed use of this in the Local Investment Plan as submitted in 2022 and the preferred way forward, discussed at the Prosperity Funds Member Working Group on 29th May 2024.

Town	Funding Allocation	Original options proposed at programme inception	Current position	Preferred project to take forward
Faversham	£50,000	ANPR system to support pedestrianisation or phase 2 of the wayfinding project	<p>Option to fund proposed introduction of ANPR to help enforce pedestrianisation has encountered technical issues, which could delay its effective introduction.</p> <p>The alternative is phase 2 of the wayfinding scheme. Design work has already been completed so funds can focus on delivery. This can be re-costed and if a relatively small additional financial contribution is required there is the possibility of topping up via the UKSPF Community Infrastructure grants or the excess secured from the Council's own resources via the limited remains of the High Street Reserve.</p>	<p>Delivery of phase 2 of the wayfinding scheme Second phase of new wayfinding signage, with first phase already completed. Investment in design elements already completed. This project appears to provide a greater degree of certainty and impact, albeit some challenges in terms of timescales remains.</p>
Sittingbourne	£60,000	Greening of the High Street or additional wayfinding project, linking with heritage and leisure at Creek and Milton Regis	No significant preparatory work has been undertaken for a wayfinding project for Sittingbourne and/or Milton Regis. Some very preliminary work had been undertaken in respect of the greening of the high street, but significant further work is required, and delivery timescales are not understood.	Periwinkle Mill project was discussed and agreed as the preferred option. A longstanding project for the Sittingbourne Society, seeking improvements to the old watermill at the corner of Church Street and Periwinkle Close. This has been identified as a Priority intervention in the Swale Heritage Strategy, to increase the

			<p>Staff time to deliver either project will be limited and costs could be increased by the need to make use of outside support.</p> <p>Budget would be significantly beneath that required, with both projects requiring potentially expensive design input as well as significant capital expenditure. Taking either project forward within the available timescale would likely not be possible.</p>	<p>heritage and amenity value of the feature, and place it on a sounder footing for its long-term conservation and management</p> <p>This site sits close to and between the town centres of Sittingbourne and Milton Regis, as a linking point of heritage interest and for which preliminary work has already been undertaken.</p> <p>Supporting funding is available via the Sittingbourne Society. The full funding allocation may not be needed but to be established.</p>
Isle of Sheppey	£20,000	Wayfinding investment in Sheerness or Queenborough	<p>No significant preparatory work has been undertaken for a wayfinding project for Sheerness or Queenborough. Staff time to deliver the project will be limited and costs could be increased by the need to make use of outside support. The available budget leaves extremely limited scope for delivery, without further funding</p>	<p>Improvements to Trinity Road Gardens This emerged from member discussion as the preferred option as it would build on the refurbishment of Masters House and efforts to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area through the use of Safer Streets funding.</p> <p>Subject to sufficient funding available, The 'Old Library' at 44 Trinity Road Sheerness is currently unoccupied and has been subject to damage from vandalism. Whilst there is no prospect of making the extensive improvements required to 44 Trinity Road in the life of this programme, some further feasibility work would help establish what would be possible and at what cost, with a view to informing any future funding bids.</p>

