



DELEGATED DECISION BY THE STRATEGIC HEAD OF ECONOMY & GROWTH

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

PRESENT

OFFICERS Carol Eddleston

<p>1. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND (UKSPF) – BURNLEY MANUFACTURING PROGRAMME - APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL AND ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT</p>
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PURPOSE:

To consider a recommendation from the UKSPF officer to award The Growth Company funding from Burnley Council's UK Shared Prosperity Fund to deliver the Burnley Manufacturing Programme.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Burnley's Economic Recovery Strategy highlights that Burnley businesses will need to be ready and able to enter new manufacturing markets, as well as being able to respond to new demands set by the aerospace and automotive industries. A priority action is to support businesses to adopt Industry 4.0 utilising industrial technologies such as additive manufacturing, data and artificial intelligence to improve productivity.

Businesses will also need to be able to transition and adapt to emerging green growth markets by supporting net zero as well as identifying research & development opportunities for new markets.

This project will provide 1-2-1 support working with Burnley's manufacturing businesses to help them achieve the above, ultimately leading to a growth in jobs and increased productivity. Manufacturing workshops for leaders will also support capacity, tools & techniques to drive change and upskill the workforce.

DECISION:

In accordance with the authority delegated by the Executive, at its meeting on 28th July 2022, to commission services funded by the UKSPF, that the Strategic Head of Economy and Growth, In consultation with the Executive Member for Economy and Growth, approve the award of £133,120 of UKSPF funds to The Growth Company for the Burnley Manufacturing Programme.

DECISION MADE BY:

STRATEGIC HEAD OF ECONOMY AND GROWTH

DATE: 1st AUGUST 2023