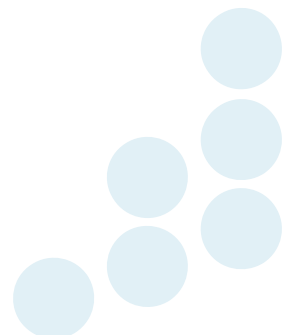




Minutes

Meeting Title:	CloS Prosperity Advisory Panel	
Date:	13 March 2024	
Time:	2pm to 4pm	
Location:	MS Teams	
Chaired by:	Councillor Linda Taylor	
Attending online:	Robin Teverson (Vice Chair) Stephen Barnes Malcolm Bell Clare Parnell Frances Wall Lloyd Brina (Observer) Kate Perkin Sarah Newham	Lindsey Hall Benjamin Deer Caroline Court (for Rachel Wigglesworth) Scott Mann Councillor Peter La Broy Neil Farrington (for Steve Jermy) Allister Young Malcolm Bell
Officers:	Emily Kent Glenn Caplin-Grey Jordan Whaley	Claire Hurley Katie Dalsgaard
Apologies:	Members: Steve Double, Ann Vandermeulen, David Barton, Emma Hunt, John Bessell, Kim Conchie, Layla Burrows, Simon Mould, Rachel Wigglesworth (Caroline Court attending), Steve Jermy (Neil Farrington attending) Officers: Anwen Jones	
In attendance:	Vanessa Luckwell, Nolwenn Baot, Stu Anderson, Anthony Vage, Stacey Sleeman and Pam Cole	
Supported by:	Debbie Osborne, Governance and Engagement Assistant	



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1	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair welcomed everyone to today's CloS Prosperity Advisory Panel. 	
2	<p>Minutes of last meeting (11 September 2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from meeting held on 11 September 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record. All actions completed or covered on today's agenda. 	
3	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following declared an interest due to all being beneficiaries of SPF funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celtic Sea Power (Neil Farrington) Coastline Housing (Allister Young) Real Ideas Organisation (Lindsey Hall) Visit Cornwall (Malcolm Bell) University of Exeter (Frances Wall) 	
4	<p>Good Growth Programme Performance Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The panel were given a presentation prepared by Claire Hurley, Good Growth Strategy and Implementation Manager. Claire presented and highlighted the key points, with particular to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme Summary January 2024 Contracted and spend per investment priority Good Growth – Forecast Outputs / Outcomes Case Studies: Urban Green Shoots; Strategic Sector Development; and Youth Engagement Shared Prosperity Fund – 2024 timings and related risks SPF Post-2025 140 projects now approved. Contracts continuing with 114 now with Grant Funding Agreements (GFA) in place equating to £113m. All contracts to be in place by end of March 2024. Significant pressure on project delivery and spend by March 2025; current recorded spend is £33m which is nearing a required 80% spend of year 1 and 2 allocation, which will secure a full upfront payment of the year 3 SPF allocation. Some projects are forecasting over achieving on their original outputs and outcomes along with meeting the good growth principles. Starting to see commitments come to fruition, ie Real Living Wage, CO2 reductions, and upskilling. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government has confirmed there will be no extension for the 31 March 2025 deadline. DLUHC are working with Treasury on future funding programmes. • Commissioned work underway for post 2025. PAP members will be consulted on this work in next few months. <p>Comments/Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LT: What is the current situation with the Reserve List? CH: Programme is currently fully allocated but with projects withdrawing a pipeline of projects is in place to fulfil that allocation. In terms of programme management some projects can apply for an uplift/additional funding. Projects will be advised to work on business cases to be ready to enter into a GFA and will be appraised on deliverability, how much requested and gaps in programme. • SB: How is effectiveness and managing of programme being undertaken. GCG (via chat): We have a detailed performance management system which allows us to monitor individual projects against their spend profile and outputs/outcomes they are contracted to deliver. Generally, this is updated quarterly, and we use that data to judge the effectiveness of the programme. Team to share some more detail on this. • RT: CloS Local Nature Partnership have just recruited a Health and Wellbeing member onto the Board. LNP would like to showcase some of the projects that are connected to nature recovery. CH: Website has all contracted projects listed but Team can provide a selection of projects that meet the nature recovery criteria. • AY: In regard to Real Living Wage, how many have been rejected if they don't meet the criteria? CH: There is a set criteria within guidance but no projects have been solely rejected on that basis. <p>Contact: Claire.Hurley@cornwall.gov.uk Website Link</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>CH</p> <p>CH</p>
<p>5 Community Capacity Fund Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel where given a presentation prepared by Vanessa Luckwell, Community Capacity Programme Lead. • Vanessa presented and highlighted the key points, with reference to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aim ○ Reminder of the basics 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Progress so far as of 5 February 2024 ○ Geography ○ Reserve pot ○ Programme Targets ○ Types of projects funded so far ○ How are we doing with building the capacity of community organisations in our communities? ● The Community Capacity fund is a total pot of £1,255,000, for Grants of between £2,000 and £24,999 for project development activity. ● 156 applications have been submitted and 77 community organisations have signed contracts. Fund has 40 projects on a reserve list amounting to £450k with an uplift to the programme of £600k received to progress those and further applications. ● Have done drop-in sessions and workshops focusing in the CAP areas where we have received less applications. <p>Comments/Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LT: Where can the smaller organisations that can benefit from this fund go to find out more information? VL: all organisations should contact ccf@cornwall.gov.uk 01872 323806 or visit the website. Each applicant will be identified a Team member to help them through the application process. ● KP: Is good to see that the Fund Team linked with VSF to make connections for alternative funding for applicants resulting in positive outcomes for the fund, team and applicants. <p>Contact: ccf@cornwall.gov.uk Website Link</p>	
<p>6 Community Levelling Up Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The panel where given a presentation prepared by Nolwenn Baot, Community Levelling Up Programme Lead. ● Nolwenn presented and highlighted the key points, with reference to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CLUP in SPF context ○ Progress so far ○ Progress per Community Area Partnership (CAP) as of 5 March 2024 ○ Project Examples ○ Going forward ○ Challenges 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLUP sits alongside the CCF within the community strand of SPF. • Year 1 funding is now all committed with £7.3m for Year 2 and 3. • Have now recruited team of 6 members who work alongside the CAPs. • Has been a lot of demand for the fund with mainly charities, CICs and Town/Parish Councils being the main applicants. • Fund closes on 15 March with the fund being focused on public realm projects, small grants and revenue projects. <p>Contact: nolwenn.baot@cornwall.gov.uk Website Link</p>	
<p>7 Growth Hub Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel where given a presentation prepared by Stu Anderson, Growth Hub Lead. • Stu presented and highlighted the key points, with reference to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is the Growth Hub? ○ Engagement ○ SPF Business Support ○ SPF Commissioned Support ○ Business Growth Grants ○ Research, Development & Innovation Grants ○ Net Zero Grants- EOI Process ○ Rural Grants- EOI Process ○ How are we doing so far? Year One and Year Two • Growth Hub was launched in 2016 in CloS. Is one of 38 'Hubs' in England (soon to be 41 from April 2024). It was started under ESIF funds in 2016 - now operating with SPF as part of a £17m package of business support to March 2025. • Growth Hub is now the front door to all business support, skills and training opportunities in CloS. Acts as an impartial, expert critical friend at no cost to the business. In depth reviews with 100-150 business take place a month. • Three main strands of delivery activity: Business Support, Grant Funds and Cornwall Trade & Investment. • All grant schemes currently paused due to being oversubscribed but now in a position to facilitate all current applications to be contracted by June 2024. <p>Comments/Questions</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CH: Confirmation for a new suite of business provision now in place. Duchy College Agri Carbon Kernow support • FW: Has any analysis been undertaken to see what sectors the businesses are coming from. SA: Are aware of gaps and are in the process of gathering data which can be shared when finalised. <p>Contact: stu@ciosgrowthhub.com Website Link</p>	
<p>8 People Hub Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel where given a presentation prepared by Anthony Vage, Employment & Skills Operations Lead. • Anthony presented and highlighted the key points, with reference to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Context ○ Model ○ Client Groups ○ Specialist Providers ○ Progress – Roll Out and Engagement ○ Feedback • People Hub falls within the £6m People and Skills element of the SPF Programme. • The project has been up and running in a European Social Fund version for the last three years as a Cornwall Council initiative as a result of COVID to have an emergency people hub to help those affected by pandemic. • The People Hub is very much aimed at any individual resident in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly aged 16 or over whether they're in work or not to have a central contact number and email. • 11 specialist providers in place to provide support to client groups. Depending on need that could be one provider or several providing support to an individual. • Training providers and the specialist providers event on Friday 15 March. • 287 enquiries received. 46 referrals to Specialist Providers. Internal team - 35 active on caseload. Further 35 in process of signing up. More enquiries in one month that in 6 months of ESIF. • Feedback received from clients has been really positive. 	

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<p>Comments/Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RT: Does People Hub work with Citizens Advice Bureau? AV: CAB is absolutely vital to the People Hub along with other multi agency partners. • SN: Need to ensure that all JCPs are engaged. AV: People Hub has links with all JCPs and are physically present in each JCP for 1 day a week. • KP: Have connections been built between the People Hub team and the Community Gateway team that's funded by the ICB? AV: Yes, we are working with as many providers and external partners as possible. KP/AV to pick up conversation after meeting has concluded. <p>Contact: anthony.vage@cornwall.gov.uk Website Link</p>	<p>AV/KP</p>
<p>9 Adult Education Budget Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel where given a presentation prepared by Stacey Sleeman, People and Prosperity Manager and Pamela Cole, Adult Education Commissioning, Strategy & Implementation Lead. • Stacey presented and highlighted the key points, with reference to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What does this mean? ○ The Four Legal entitlements ○ How will Cornwall Deliver AEB and how it will be done? ○ Strategic Alignment ○ Things to consider..... ○ Current timeline • Cornwall Council Cabinet approved the Level 2 Devolution Deal for Cornwall on 28 November 2023. Linda Taylor signed the Deal in Westminster on 13 December 2023. This now allows Cornwall Council to receive powers for commissioning the Adult Education Budget (AEB) and finding a considered approach to the employment and skills landscape. • AEB is the largest part of the devolution deal and currently estimated to be £10.2m. There is likely to be an additional allocation for Free Courses for Jobs of £800k. This will be from 2025/26. • Cornwall is required to develop an AEB Strategic Skills Plan for post 19 education alongside a Commissioning Plan and an Accountability and Assurance Framework. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding has been secured to employ 3 members of staff, two of which have been recruited. The team will be working with internal colleagues to develop commissioning functions, ongoing management including data collection/analysis, quality assurance, risk management and much more. Will be strategically aligned to SPF, Business Support, Communities and Place and other Skills Programmes. <p>Comments/Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LT: Its fantastic that we will now be able to determine the AEB in Cornwall. <p>Contact: stacey.sleeman@cornwall.gov.uk Contact: Pamela.Cole@cornwall.gov.uk</p>	
<p>10 Any other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 September 2024 	DO

Meeting finished at 4pm.