

Report to Holkham Parish Council 6 May 2025 **from Peter, Your North Norfolk District Councillor**

Further funding announced for North Norfolk, following successful delivery of business and community support project Date published: 14th April 2025

North Norfolk District Council is pleased to receive confirmation of a further year of funding to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, where a total of £842,354 will be available to provide additional benefit to businesses and communities in North Norfolk up until March 2026.

The Council successfully delivered the last programme of support to local businesses and communities between January 2023 and March 2025, with funding from the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF).

In total, 1500 businesses were able to benefit from the various programmes through the UKSPF and REPF funding streams. The total programme of £2,696,117 of Government funding brought investment totalling £5,554,899 through match funding, allowing for significant development throughout the district.

Some key statistics around business and community support:

320

businesses had a digital audit and £500 grant scheme

14

community projects delivered through the Sustainable Communities Fund

220

tourism businesses supported through destination marketing

200

businesses supported with advice, training and events

150

businesses supported with a decarbonisation and growth audit

25

houses retrofitted with energy saving measures

83

businesses supported with a skills audit from Future Skills Now

Case studies of innovating businesses, many of which benefitted from the grant schemes, are available from [Invest North Norfolk](#) - the Council's business support webpages.

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Cllr. John Toye, Portfolio holder for Sustainable Growth said:

“This has been an example of how well we deliver projects at North Norfolk District Council. The Economic Growth team, that won an award for the effectiveness of their delivery of business grants during the pandemic, have continued their high level of delivery that has benefited the whole of North Norfolk.

Through innovative methods, and working in partnership, we have more than doubled the original financial investment, delivering jobs, training, climate resilience and community projects that will be there for the future of our residents, helping improve the prosperity of our rural communities.

It is a solid achievement that demonstrates the economic value that local councils, when working effectively, can bring. This helps prepare the District well for any the future changes on the horizon.”

The 2025/26 delivery programme through the UKSPF will be outlined in the coming months.

[Visit Invest North Norfolk](#) to find out more about the local economy and to register for updates about future programmes of business and community support.

Food Waste

It was agreed at full council to transfer finance to allow the procurement of vehicles and food caddies to ensure that the governments statutory food waste programme was able to go ahead.