



<b>Subject:</b>	Additional budget for Social Supermarket Fund 25/26
<b>Date:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
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### Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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### Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek members approval on the allocation of an additional budget of £100,000 to increase the funding allocation to projects supported through the 25/26 Social Supermarket Fund (SSF).

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	<p>Members are asked to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approve the allocation of an additional budget of £100,000 to increase the funding allocation to projects supported through the 25/26 Social Supermarket Fund (SSF).</li> <li>• Approve that this will be allocated on an equal basis to each funded organisation</li> <li>• Grant delegated authority to the Director of Neighbourhood Services to make awards on the basis of the approvals above.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>At September SP&amp;R meeting members approved the approach for the delivery of the 26/27 Social Supermarket Fund grant programme.</p>
3.2	<p>During the meeting, it was recognised that social supermarket projects make a significant contribution to addressing issues of poverty and supporting families and individuals in need. The committee recommended that officers should explore if an additional budget of £100,000 could be made available to support current projects in the 25/26 year.</p>
3.3	<p>The finance director has confirmed that this budget is available from in year underspends. Members will be aware that funding in 25/26 is being provided to 19 projects who were supported in 24/25. It is recommended that given the relatively low level of additional budget that this will provide for individual projects, the increase should be allocated on an equal basis to all 19 projects. This would provide £5,263 for each project.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>All activity outlined in this report can be delivered through existing staff resources. Current funding of £777,811 is available for 25/26 projects through 100% funding from DfC.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None identified at present, delivery of the 24/25 scheme has been screened and rural needs assessed.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - List of Funded Social Supermarket Fund Projects 25/26