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By Email

Dear Sarah

Thank you for your letter to Ian Bancroft dated 19 December 2022 regarding the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF).

We are currently in the process of developing the Wrexham Strategy and timeline for the SPF programme; the details of which should become clearer in the next month. As a result, I am not in a position to outline the specifics of the programme. However, I can update you on where we are up to so far.

The application process for round one will commence w/c 9 January 2023. The draft application and guidance being made available on our webpage for all applicants to have the opportunity to prepare and ask any questions prior to their submissions. We anticipate that the final application process will commence w/c 30 January 2023. There will be a two/three week submission window and then the round one of the applications will close.

All applications will be subject to panel reviews with successful applicants being invited to provide further information for stage two of the application process. We expect there will be another round of applications commencing in April 2023.

All information will be updated on our webpage:

[www.wrexham.gov.uk/SharedProsperityFund](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/SharedProsperityFund)

[www.wrecsam.gov.uk/CronfaFfyniantGyffredin](http://www.wrecsam.gov.uk/CronfaFfyniantGyffredin)

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from organisations who would represent the sectors outlined in the UK Government SPF guidance as follows:

- Representatives from the lead local authority Wrexham SPF Team, Chair of SPF Officer Panel, Vice Chair of SPF Officer Panel and Lead Member for Finance and Performance;
- Local businesses and investors;
- Business support providers or representatives, including sectoral representatives relevant to the place;
- Local partnership boards and strategic bodies;
- Prominent local community & faith organisations;

- Voluntary, sector social enterprise and civil society organisations;
- Rural representatives;
- Education and skills providers; and
- Employment experts.

Other representation also set out in the published UK Government Guidance includes,

- Regional representatives of arms-length bodies of government where appropriate;
- Nature, environmental or associated representatives;
- Public health representatives;
- Police and crime representatives; and
- Members of Parliament where appropriate.

It is possible that a Trade Union will express interest in being a member of the Stakeholder Panel. However, we are aware from neighbouring authorities in North Wales that there is no Trade Union representation on their local Stakeholder Panels.

I should be in a position to share specifics of the programme and answer all your questions in relation to the key funds towards the end of January 2023. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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