

DEFRA FUNDING 2024/25

Summary: To provide an overview of Defra's funding for 2024/25 and to inform the Executive Committee of some of the priority projects/activities that will be delivered

Recommendation: That the Executive Committee note the report

Report by: Andy Parsons (Chief Executive)

DEFRA FUNDING FOR 2024/25 (exc. Farming in Protected Landscapes)

1. The total funding is broken down as follows:
 - Core Grant - £529,744
 - Core 'Uplift' Revenue Funding - £190,958
 - Core 'Uplift' Capital Funding - £190,958
 - Access for All (Removing Barriers) Capital Funding - £254,391
 - TOTAL - £1,166,051
2. See *Item 14* for more information about Removing Barriers.

UPLIFT FUNDING – PRIORITY SPEND

3. Uplift Revenue Funding:
 - New roles:
 - Climate Action Lead (Technical)
 - Climate Action Co-ordinator (Graduate)
 - Outdoor Learning Officer (50% match funding / 50% awarded by the Ernest Cook Trust)
 - Woodland Opportunity Mapping for the whole CNL (part funded by Gloucestershire County Council)
 - Upgrades to cyber security (365 Business Premium licences and Cyber Essentials certification)
4. Uplift Capital Funding:
 - Replacement of all CNL boundary markers (c35-40) in the new brand style
 - Production of a one-year film documentary focusing on the farmed landscape of the CNL, a valuable asset ahead of the Cotswolds' 60th anniversary in 2026
 - Design and build of a new CNL website to ensure a *best in class* experience for online visitors
 - Purchase of mobile defibrillators for volunteer work parties (Wardens and GCG)
 - New laptops and upgrades to existing laptops
5. Other areas of spend include: Wardens' tools and equipment; production of a series of accessible walks; event display materials; camera equipment; Grasslands equipment.
6. There is current in the region of £50,000 of unallocated funding that can be accessed as and when new opportunities present themselves during the year.

Supporting papers

- None

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