

Decision Notice

Decision Title: Safer Shops West Grant Award & Project Change Request

Decision Date: 17/04/2024

Decision Reference Number: CEO_2024_0007

Decision Taken

That the West of England Combined Authority Interim Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the West of England Local Authority Chief Executive Officers, approve the following:

- 1) Award of three Safer Shop West grant fund applications, totaling £4,971.
- 2) Extend the project delivery schedule by six months, closing in October 2024.
- 3) Reprofiting of the project budget.
- 4) Increase the maximum grant level to £4,000 and reduce the business match to 20%.

Reasons for the Decision

The grants meet the eligibility and due diligence requirements of the grant fund and will work towards supporting a reduction in shop theft and antisocial behavior to staff.

Feedback from businesses and stakeholders have identified that an increase in the grant level and reduction of business match, would increase interest and application levels.

Authority for the decision

West of England Investment Committee on 28th January 2022 approved:-

To allocate £5m towards the creation of a Regional Recovery and Adaptions Fund and delegate the development of detailed assessment criteria and the approval of business cases to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils.

[Web link to decision \(point 13\)](#)

Decision-Taker

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Position: Interim Chief Executive Officer, West of England Combined Authority

Date: 23/04/2024

In Consultation with: Local Authority Chief Executives of the West of England.