



Stevenage Works Skills Framework

Environment & Economy Select Committee

12/07/24

Introduction

- This session is designed to provide members an overview of the Council's ongoing work to support Skills development in the town.
- An opportunity, provided by funding from UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Mission 44 has enabled SBC to establish a skills framework for Stevenage.
- The last item on the agenda will look at the Stevenage Works Skills Framework, which was approved at the February meeting of the Executive.
- A presentation was made to the Environment and Economy Committee prior to the Local Elections in March 2024.
- This session serves as both an update, but also an introduction to what this committee may want to investigate in subsequent sessions.



Investment into Skills

Community Renewal Fund (CRF)

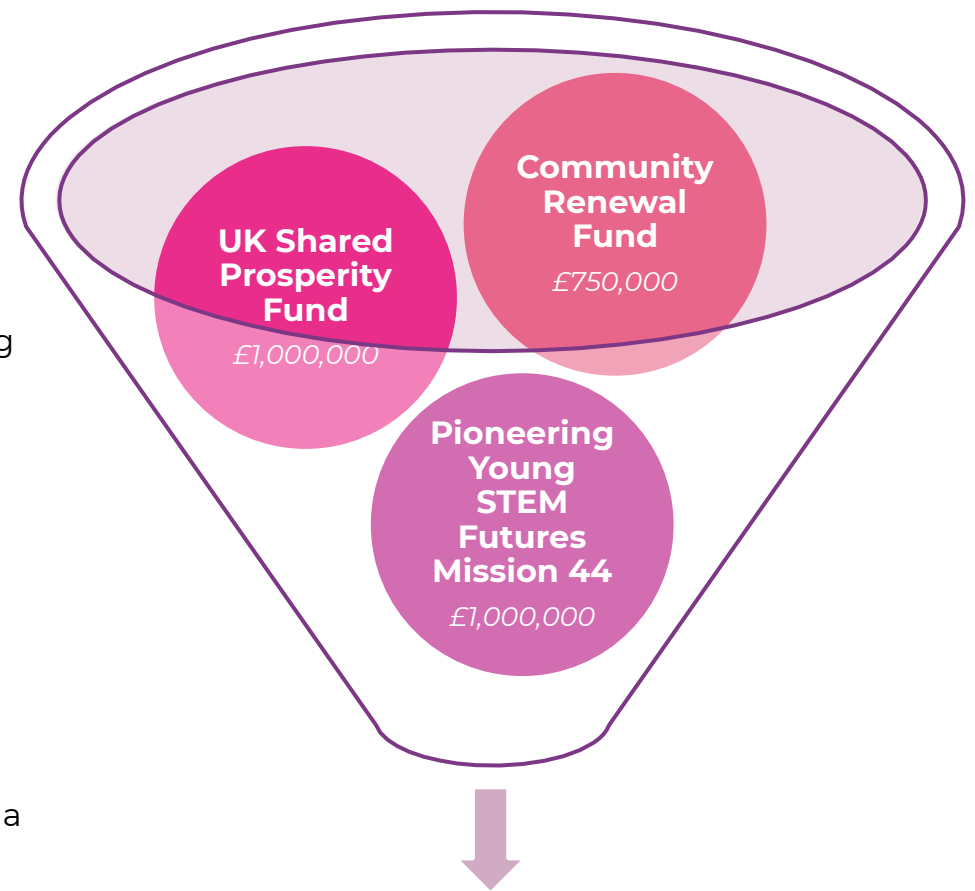
- Funding package to support the development of SBCs Community Wealth Building approach in collaboration with all ten district/borough councils throughout Hertfordshire.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)

- Building on CRF, UKSPF is the Governments domestic replacement for European Structural and Investment Funding targeted at three primary themes:
 - Supporting Local Business
 - People & Skills
 - Community & Place

Pioneering Young STEM Futures (PYSF)

- A funding programme focused on STEM skills development support by Mission 44, a charitable foundation founded by Sir Lewis Hamilton. Focused on disadvantaged and under-represented young people in Stevenage.



£2.75m

**Investment into Local
Skills Provision 2022-2025**

Stevenage Works Skills Framework



1. Building Partnership

Aligning and Co-ordinating Local Partners,
Assets & Resources

2. Creating Opportunity

Augmenting Local Skills Provision to Create
Further Opportunity



3. Embedding & Enabling

Backing Skills Provision with Capital
Investment, linked to our Regeneration
Plans

Stevenage Centre of Excellence in Skills & Career Development

Harness the momentum of the ongoing activity to establish and build a
Stevenage Centre of Excellence in Skills & Career Development.

Overview

What this means for young people.

Increased touchpoints and opportunities through their education journey and into amazing opportunities

Programmes designed with, by and for, young people to

What this means for local partners.

Opportunity to feed into local level coordination and making connections across stakeholder groups

Help support the generation of a talent pipeline of local people able to meet the opportunities available in the town

What we need to put in place to make it work.

Commitment and involvement across all stakeholder groups

Opportunities to attract match funding to support the further growth of the programme

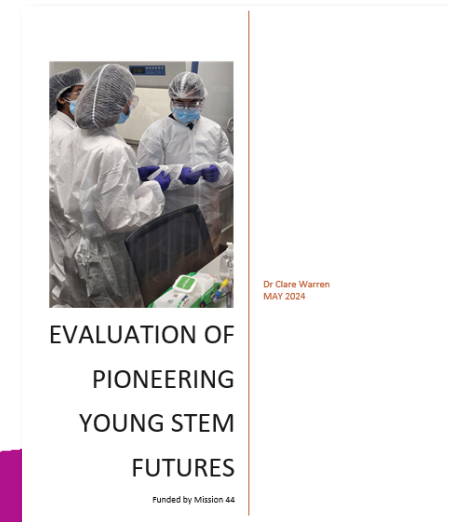
March 27th 2024 Session

- Committee Members provided an outline presentation from SBC Officers as well as external speakers:
- Kit Davies – CEO & Principal of North Hertfordshire College
- Norman Jennings – Operations Director Hertfordshire Futures (formerly Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership)



Progress Since March 2024

- Started delivery of the final year of UKSPF funding
April 2024
- Pioneering Young STEM Futures – Phase One External Evaluation complete.
May 2024
- Generation Stevenage 2024 Event
May 2024
- Secured funding and appointed an Enterprise & Skills Partnership Officer who will start in September.
June 2024
- Stevenage STEM Skills update event with key partners, businesses and Mission 44 at Knebworth House.
July 2024



Next Steps

1 September/October – Witness Interview Session

2 Late September – Site Visit to the SITEC Site at North Hertfordshire College's Stevenage Campus

3 November – Draft Report & Recommendations.

