

## Appendix A - SPF Interventions

Corporate Plan 2020-2025	SPF Investment Priorities	SPF Interventions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote a local economy and revitalising of our town centres</li> </ul>	Revitalise our town centres by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving the public realm</li> <li>Supporting an improved retail offer – type and quality of shops (business support for retailers)</li> <li>Bringing vacant shops back into use</li> <li>Renovating and restructuring under-utilised buildings</li> <li>Promoting a programme of events, festivals</li> <li>Supporting an improved cultural and leisure offer</li> </ul>	<b>Love your Town Centre - £104,000</b> An open-application grant scheme for town-centre innovation and improvements that would bring vacant shops back into use, increase footfall, and increase vibrancy. The grant scheme would support new community and commercial uses for town centre properties, and promote new arts, cultural, heritage or creative activities and events, and make small improvements to the public realm.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase availability of incubation space, grow-on space and places to expand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the development of rural work hubs</li> </ul>	<b>Rural Work Hub Development - £60,000</b> Working with social enterprise and community providers to develop a network of rural workhubs, offering flexible workspace, incubator space, and maker workshops for start-up and growing micro-businesses.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support a thriving agricultural sector that showcases field-to-fork practices and low food miles to market</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support a thriving agricultural sector that showcases field-to-fork practices and low food miles to market</li> </ul>	<b>Field to Fork – Strengthening local food supply chains - £50,000</b> Working with farmers, local producers, retailers and hospitality businesses to strengthen the local food supply chain, by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>promoting direct supply through box schemes, farmers markets, farm shops, local packers / distributors, local independent retailers</li> <li>linking local food producers and local food businesses (retailers and hospitality) through ‘meet the buyer’ events, and</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>stimulating demand through 'Buy Local' campaigns, promoting local markets, and expanding food tourism.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for the rural economy</li> </ul>	<b>Strengthening the Visitor Economy - £49,000</b> Support for a raft of initiatives to promote and extend the local visitor economy. Indicative projects include developing a Mid Devon Walking Festival; facilitating a range of tourism trails; improved signage on major entry points into Mid Devon; visitor information and interpretation boards.
<b>Supporting Local Business</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote economic development and greater economic diversity</li> <li>Reduce long-distance commuting</li> <li>Increase the number of higher skilled, better paid jobs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for local start-ups and micro-businesses (SMEs)</li> <li>Support for business innovation and adoption of modern processes and advanced technology by local start-ups and micro-businesses</li> </ul>	<b>Business Support - £207,000</b> Providing targeted business support to pre-start-up and start-up businesses through workshops, seminars and 1:1 support (partnership project with DCC)  <b>Business Innovation Grants - £118,000</b> Grants to support small and micro-businesses innovate and adopt new technology and processes so that they can take the next step towards 'transformational' change, increase jobs, increase productivity and support de-carbonisation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase availability Incubation space, grow-on space and places to expand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the development of incubation and flexible work-space</li> </ul>	<b>Work Hub Development Scheme - £122,000</b> Working with a range of private sector, social enterprise and community providers to develop a network of workhubs, offering flexible workspace,

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		<p>incubator space, and maker workshops for start-up and growing micro-businesses.</p> <p><b>Business Innovation Centre - £213,000</b> Supporting high-value business start-ups by creating a business innovation centre incorporating design space, rapid prototyping facilities (eg 3D printing), augmented/virtual reality labs and traditional laboratory space, complemented by hot-desking facilities and spaces for businesses to connect with their customers both in-person and virtually</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of higher skilled, better paid jobs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for young people not in employment (or underemployed)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Support for Young People - £50,000</b> 1:1 mentoring support for 16-24 who are economically inactive, or who are not reaching their full potential to help them into work</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for those</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ability Not Disability - £40,000</b> Support for an inclusive workforce</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for upskilling workers in new skills for a new economy</li> </ul>	<p><b>Green Skills Development - £50,000</b> Ensuring young people and people already in work have the necessary skills to meet the demands of the new low carbon economy enabling them to thrive in a future labour market. Training could include skills in electric vehicle service and maintenance, installation of electric vehicle charge points, retrofit, sustainable construction, solar PV installation etc</p>
		£1,063,000

