



Levelling Up funding overview

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Levelling Up Funds for Hastings

- Town Deal programme £24,300,000
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund - £1,000,000
- Levelling Up Partnership - £20,000,000
- Long Term Plan for Towns - £20,000,000



Town Deal programme



- A successful bid for £24,300,000
- A six-year programme to 2026
- Ambition to secure £85,000,000 match funding

Town Deal Projects

Projects include:

- Churchfields Business Centre – a sustainable green building with 29 business incubation units for the town's small businesses
- Freedom Works, The Palace Workspace– co-working, two floors of flexible office space in the former Debenhams building



Town Deal Projects



- Hastings Commons– three buildings brought back to life as mixed-use community owned assets
- Hastings Castle World Heritage destination – including redevelopment of the West Hill Café and creation of a new interpretation centre and other improvements
- Town Centre Public Realm and Green Connections – transforming the town centre



UK Shared Prosperity Fund



- Hastings allocated £1,000,000 based on the size of the town
- Focused on Broomgrove as an area of high deprivation
- Extensive partnership working to try and sustain a network that continues beyond 2025

UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Levelling Up Parks Fund

- Additional £85,000 given to Hastings to create and improve parks
- Included a tree uplift for tree planting
- Funding used to create a mini park in the Adventure Playground
- Thousands of bulbs planted in Broomgrove along with up to fifty trees



Levelling Up Partnership



£20,000,000 allocated to Hastings



Funding allocated following the Department of Levelling Up undertaking a deep dive into the housing situation in Hastings



Also carried out extensive consultation with local partners to understand the challenges and needs of Hastings



The funding was allocated by ministers, **not** Hastings Borough Council



Levelling Up Partnership Data Sets

Four Capitals:

Physical Capital: transport, broadband, housing

Human Capital: education, health, economic activity, social mobility

Intangible Capital: economy, skills and labour market, employment

Social Capital: deprivation, crime, social trust, access to amenities and liveability

The full data set will be shared on the HVA website

Levelling Up Partnership funding package

- £10,1100 for tackling homelessness including a short-term assessment centre for temporary accommodation and purchasing temporary accommodation
- £3,700,000 to deliver 16 affordable homes
- £970,000 for culture projects to expand opportunities for those less able to access cultural assets and projects
- £75,000 for the town centre (BID)
- £100,000 to get Ore health centre open
- £1,250,000 to ESCC for completion of the Queensway Gateway Road, £800,000 for skills and £3,401,200 for Hollington Youth Centre and family hub enhancements

Long-Term Plan for Towns

- Hastings allocated £20,000,000
- 25% revenue, 75% capital
- An endowment fund over ten years
- Intended to become self-sustaining after the funding ends
- Delivered by a board drawn from the local community

The new Hastings Board

- A different approach to earlier programmes
- Chair appointed by HBC in consultation with Sally-Ann Hart MP
- Board membership intended to refresh every few years and encourage succession planning
- Bigger emphasis on business
- Chair – Rebecca Conroy CEO East Sussex College Group
- Vice Chair (VCSE) – Tracey Rose/Tracy Dighton HCN Executive Co-chairs
- Vice Chair (Business) – Simon Mansbridge VP and Managing Director Kurt J Lesker

Details of the board is available on the HBC website

Long Term Plan investment themes

Safety and security

Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour to turn around local areas and help businesses thrive



High Streets, heritage and regeneration

Helping town centres adapt and diversity their offer; preserve and improve heritage sites and maintain green spaces



Transport and connectivity

Enabling residents to access high streets, job and local shopping centres



Long Term Plan next steps

The board will start community consultation to help inform their plan.

The plan:

- A 250-word vision
- A ten-year high-level plan
- A detailed three-year investment plan

The vision and plan to be submitted to the Department of Levelling up by **1st August 2024**

Questions?

For more information you can visit our website at www.hastings.gov.uk where we have a webpage for each of the programmes (click on the Regeneration box)

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