

## UKSPF Evaluation Strategy

EDDC's UK Shared Prosperity Fund Evaluation Strategy will provide the framework for assessing the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of the projects delivered under the UKSPF Programme. This also includes activity funded through our Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) allocation. In alignment with the [Evaluation Strategy](#) set forth by DLUHC, the evaluations developed under this strategy will serve three strategic functions:

1. Critically evaluate the process and impact of EDDC's UKSPF Programme against the objectives detailed in the Investment Plan to determine efficiency, effectiveness, and value for money
2. Develop our understanding of how to deliver successful interventions and use these insights to inform future programme and project design
3. Provide accountability and evidence optimal use of public money

Each project will have its own Evaluation Plan to inform the production of a comprehensive, project specific evaluation. These evaluations will cover aspects across project design and delivery with a focus on the outcomes and outputs produced. They will capture wider benefits and impacts not recorded elsewhere to draw out and celebrate the positive effects of the projects. Projects will need to demonstrate connections between the interventions undertaken and the benefits delivered.

Evaluation Plans will be designed around five key questions:

1. Was the project effective?
2. Was the process of implementation efficient?
3. Did the project provide good value for money?
4. Did the project provide additionality?
5. Did the project align with the strategic ambitions set out in the UKSPF Investment Plan?

Each Project Lead will be invited to engage with the evaluation process and to critically reflect upon the delivery of their respective projects in terms of the five key questions outlined above. Project Leads and contracted suppliers are encouraged to be open and honest about the successes and challenges encountered and be willing to adapt delivery based on this critical review and lessons learnt. As delivery of the UKSPF programme is spread across multiple years, the value of conducting evaluations lies in enabling ongoing refinement of project delivery in administering the next year's funding.

The Evaluation Plans will combine quantitative analysis of outputs and outcomes achieved with qualitative assessments of project impact and alignment with strategic ambitions, particularly how projects are tackling the challenges and capturing the opportunities set out in the UKSPF Investment Plan.

Although the conduct of evaluation work has been left by DLUHC to the discretion of Local Authorities, opportunities to feed into the whole programme evaluation conducted by Central Government will be taken where appropriate. Where relevant and with respect to confidentiality, key findings will be disseminated to stakeholders to share learning that emerges.