



UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Scoring Framework

Gateway Criteria

Projects **must** pass all gateway criteria to be considered for selection. Applications that fail to meet any aspect of the Gateway Criteria will be rejected and will not be considered and assessed.

Question ID	Question
1	Is the applicant eligible to receive UKSPF?
2	Does the application deliver against one or more of the interventions agreed in the Milton Keynes City Council Delegated Decision dated 11/03/2025?
3	Will all outputs and outcomes be delivered by 31st March 2026?
4	Does the application deliver the outputs and outcomes relevant to the programme(s) selected, as set out in the programme description in the prospectus?
5	Has the applicant included only revenue funding? Applications which include any capital expenditure will not be considered for funding and will not pass the gateway stage.

Failure to adequately demonstrate one or more of the gateway criteria will result in project rejection.

Scoring Matrix

The following matrix will be used to score the application form.

Score	Description
No response provided Score: 0	No response provided by the applicant
Unsatisfactory Score: 1	The response provided does not meet or comply with the requirements. Insufficient information provided to demonstrate that the applicant has one or more the following: relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource required to effectively deliver the project.
Poor Score: 2	Some description given, which may be unclear or inappropriate in parts, and/or information is inconsistent with the requirements of the prospectus. The response provided leads to reservations about one or more of the following criteria: the applicant's relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resource required to effectively deliver the project.



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Satisfactory Score: 3	<p>Satisfactory and mainly appropriate description provided and/or information is mainly consistent with the requirements of the prospectus.</p> <p>The response satisfactorily demonstrates some of the following criteria: relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, and resources required to effectively deliver the project.</p>
Good Score: 4	<p>Full description and appropriate response, which is fully relevant to, and meets the requirements of the prospectus.</p> <p>The applicant evidences relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resources to deliver the project. The applicant identifies factors that will offer potential added value.</p>
Exceeds Score: 5	<p>The response provided is fully relevant to and meets the requirements of the prospectus. Exceptional evidence from the applicant of relevant ability, understanding, experience, skills, resources required to deliver the project. Response identifies factors that will offer potential added value and continuous improvement.</p>

Scored Questions and Weighting

The following table sets out the weighting assigned to the scores for individual questions.

Application Form Question	Weighting
Strategic Fit	40%
2.2	
2.3	
2.4	
2.7	
Project Deliverables and deliverability	25%
2.8	
2.9	
2.10	
2.11	
2.12	
Value for Money	20%
3.2	
3.3	
3.5	
Project Management	15%
4.1	
4.3	
4.4	
4.6	
4.7	