



<b>Subject:</b>	Social Supermarket Fund Update
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
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**Call-in**

**Is the decision eligible for Call-in?** Yes  No

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
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1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the operation of projects supported through the 2023/24 Social Supermarket Fund and provide an overview of the geographic spread of applications supported through the 2024/25 Fund.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	Members are asked to note the contents of the report and appendices.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><u>Background</u> At the People and Communities meeting in September 2024, elected members asked for an update on the operation of projects supported through the 2023/24 Social Supermarket Fund and an overview of the geographic spread of applications supported through the 2024/25 Fund. This report provides the requested detail.</p> <p>Members may wish to note that Belfast City Council supported 21 social supermarkets during the financial year 23/24. Most projects which received support were existing projects supported in 22/23 but a portion of funds was directed to support new projects including Hanwood Trust, People’s Kitchen, Upper Springfield Development Trust and Foodstock.</p>
3.2	Further detail on the operation of the projects is provided in the attached appendices which also includes some feedback from those who benefited directly from support in 23/24. A total of 9661 individuals were supported through projects in 23/24. This number will increase slightly as officers are finalizing returns from two projects.
3.3	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b> All activity was delivered through funding from DfC CSP Letter of Offer and support from the 23/24 and 24/25 Hardship Programme budget.</p>
3.4	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b> None identified at present. Equality Screening of the 25/26 grant application process will be completed.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices - Documents Attached</b>
4.1	<p>Appendix 1 – Overview of 23/24 Social Supermarket Projects Appendix 2 – Infographic showing Social Supermarket funding accessed per DEA and numbers of individuals supported 23/24 Appendix 3 – Map showing geographic spread of funded Social Supermarket projects in 24/25 Appendix 4 – List of 24/25 Social Supermarket projects</p>