

Levelling Up Funding

Potential projects

Purpose

- Capital grant with project(s) deliverable by March 2026 (unless PKC funding also being used)
- Cultural and regeneration focussed
- City of Perth based
- Coherent approach
- Cultural outcomes led, supported with place/regeneration ones

Timeline

- 22nd April – present options to Leaders
- 23rd April onwards – consultation with senior leadership team / external business community / MPs/ MSPs
- 15th May – Council Approval
- 3rd June - Business case submission to UK Government



Project 1 – Lower City Mills

- This Category A Listed structure built in 1803 has been on the Buildings at Risk Register since 2012.
- In 2019 PKHT leased the building both as office space and with a vision for a sustainable new future for it.
- Project proposed to repair the historic fabric of the building and to restore the internal machinery alongside delivering training in traditional building skills. The upper floors would continue to be office space.
- Late last year PKHT advised it was quitting the building as it was unsuccessful in securing Heritage Lottery Funding. HLF remain very supportive but only if the mill is re-powered.
- This requires works to the Lade, potentially as a second HLF funded phase.

Lower City Mills – Phase 1

- **UKG Indicators**

- Number of cultural events, Number of visitors/audience members to cultural venues, Percentage of the local population engaged with cultural and heritage activities, Total visitor spend at cultural venues

- **Council Priorities**

- Tackling climate change and supporting sustainable places
- Developing a resilient, stronger and greener local economy
- Working in partnership with communities

- **Cost**

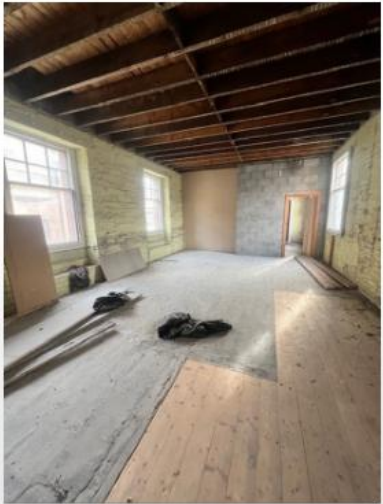
- c £3 million (excluding re-powering the Mill)

- **Deliverability**

- **GREEN** – planning permission not required with funding being the principal barrier to progressing the project

Re-imagining the Town Lade – Phase 2

- Re-powering the Mill
- Re-exposing the Lade along Mill Street
- Creating a linear park and space for reflection
 - Supporting and promoting physical and mental wellbeing
- Potentially a further £1m cost
- Could be started by 2026 but not completed by then.



Project 2 - The Ironworks

- Exhibition space, photography exhibition space and commercial space.
- Purchase of 12 South St John Street which was a former Foundry and has been vacant for some time with no commercial interest in it.
- Space for makers, workshops, micro businesses.
- Opportunity to enable businesses from both the Creative Exchange and elsewhere to make and sell in city centre.
- Creating a strong cultural offer as part of UNESCO City of Crafts status and supporting delivery of the City Centre Development Framework.
- Could act as a catalyst for neighbouring property owners to invest.
- Further enhances Perth's cultural offer.
- Potential to be operated/managed by Culture Perth & Kinross.

The Ironworks

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- **Council Priorities**

- Developing a resilient, stronger and greener local economy
- Working in partnership with communities

- **Cost**

- c £1.5 million

- **Deliverability**

- **GREEN** – Works have been scoped out and are deliverable by March 2026.



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Project 3 – Perthshire Food & Drink

- Re-purposing of Council owned former VisitScotland iCentre on High Street
- Allowing continuation of visitor information provision and continued development of tourism offer in Perth.
- Ability to sell Perthshire products direct on the High Street, allowing small and developing food brands a high degree of visibility at lower cost.
- Physical sales of tickets to joint ventures as part of Perthshire Box Office for visitors / or those not online.
- Food and drink events could be held in the space, encouraging evening activity on the high street.
- Connector between Museum / Art Gallery / Concert Hall – perfect location.

Perthshire Food and Drink

- **UKG Indicators**

- Number of cultural events, Number of visitors/audience members to cultural venues, Percentage of the local population engaged with cultural and heritage activities, Total visitor spend at cultural venues.

- **Council Priorities**

- Developing a resilient, stronger and greener local economy.
- Working in partnership with communities.

- **Cost**

- c £500,000

- **Deliverability**

- **GREEN** – the space is in good condition and needs minimal fit out work.