SEP Project Co-ordinator Role

The SEP is made up of private sector individuals, community organisations and elected members who, due to their own organisational commitments, are unable to manage and deliver all identified key projects in the Growth Framework. It is widely recognized that for partnerships to be effective they require collaboration, strong management and co-ordination. The Partnership supports a project co-ordinator, self-employed on a contractual basis (with Sedbergh Community Trust as Accountable Body) for a maximum of 70 days per annum.

Reporting to a programme management committee, the co-ordinator looks after the SEP and takes a key role in identifying, developing and implementing initiatives that strengthen Sedbergh's position as a key town within Cumbria and the Yorkshire Dales.

Principal activities

- Develop and deliver on behalf of SEP, key project areas identified in the 2021 Sedbergh Growth Framework and 2018 Sedbergh Economic Study.
- Provide strategic overview and operational direction for the SEP.
- Champion the work of the SEP and projects among public, private, voluntary and community partners and ensure that priorities are aligned.
- Work with and encourage public and private sector organisations to develop their involvement in delivering a wide range of projects in Sedbergh.
- Develop strong working relationships with key funding bodies, stakeholders and local businesses, investigate funding packages and secure funding for priority projects.
- Promote active participation from local businesses;
- Respond on behalf of SEP to local and regional matters such as local plans, consultations, economic initiatives, local enterprise partnership programmes.
- Work with partners to promote and support cross-sector economy and promote the town to a wider audience, in line with strategic direction.
- Work with partners and other organisations to secure future funding to continue the programme of delivering the vision for Sedbergh.

Funding breakdown 2021/2022

Source	Contribution
South Lakeland District Council	5000
Sedbergh and District Chamber of Trade	1500
Sedbergh Community Interest Company	1500
Sedbergh School Developments Limited	3000
Sedbergh Community Trust	1500
Totals	12500
Actual Co-ordinator cost	11700

Funding breakdown 2022/2023

Source	Contribution
South Lakeland District Council	5000
Cumbria Country Council	2500
Sedbergh School Developments Limited	3000
Sedbergh Community Trust	1000
Carry forward from previous year	800
Totals	12300
Actual Co-ordinator cost	12300

Funding breakdown 2023/2024

Source	Contribution
Westmorland Furness Council	6000

Sedbergh School	3500
Sedbergh Community Trust	0
Carry forward from previous year	0
Totals	9500
Actual Co-ordinator cost	9500

Funding has been secured to cover the Co-ordinator role for years 1, 2 & 3. SEP is in the process of making requests to local bodies, grant giving bodies and public partners to support the Project Co-ordinator role over the period of year 2024/5. Co-ordinator hours will be reduced to meet the funding package.