

## **Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF): Supporting Rural Businesses Outputs and Outcomes 25/26**

TDC are expecting to receive a high volume of applications during the open period which will run from 9<sup>th</sup> June to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025; applications will be competitive and, as part of assessing projects for their value for money, the Team will be relying on the outputs and outcomes designed by Central Government to help make recommendations to our Members about which projects should be taken forward.

All projects must deliver one or more of the following listed outcomes in order to be considered for funding. Outputs and outcomes have been grouped by Government into the following interventions:

- Funding (capital grants) for small scale investment in micro and small enterprises in rural areas. Including capital funding for net zero infrastructure for rural businesses, and diversification of farm businesses outside of agriculture to encourage start up, expansion or scale up of these businesses where this involves converting farm buildings into other commercial or business uses.
- Funding (capital grants) for growing the local social economy and supporting innovation. This includes community businesses, cooperatives and social enterprises and research and development sites
- Funding (capital grants) for the development and promotion (both trade and consumer) of the visitor economy, such as, local attractions, trails and tourism products more generally

Any outputs and outcomes can fit under any of the 3 REPF Business interventions where appropriate. Please tick all those which are relevant to your project, and include an amount on your main application form. Council Officers will then use these as part of the value for money considerations of your application.

For example, if your project is to adopt new technologies into your business, you might tick 'Number of businesses supported' as an output, and 'Number of businesses adopting new to the firm technologies or processes' or 'Number of businesses with improved productivity' as an outcome. You will then include on your main application that you will purchase 1 new machine and estimate how this will impact your product or service, perhaps you will be able to process 10 more orders per month. Exact figures are not required; logical, reasonable estimates will be accepted.

Output	✓	Outcome	✓
Number of businesses supported		Jobs safeguarded	
Number of farm business supported		Number of new businesses created	
Number of farm diversification projects supported		Number of businesses adopting new to the firm technologies or processes	
Number of microbusinesses Supported		Number of businesses with improved productivity	
Number of visitor experiences supported		Number of businesses experiencing growth	
Number of new businesses created		Number of businesses increasing their export capability	
		Jobs created	
		Number of businesses increasing their turnover	