

Not Confidential

Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **29 November 2023**

Title: **LINCOLNSHIRE DISCRETIONARY HOUSING
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **Yes** Implementation Date: **11 December
2023**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

- 1) That the Policy and Explanatory Notes attached at Appendices A and B be approved for adoption with effect from 01/04/2024;
- 2) That authority be delegated to:
 - a. the relevant Assistant Director to make minor and inconsequential variations to the Policy in consultation Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Housing, if agreed on a countywide basis. This delegation will not be used to make changes to the Policy that substantively change the purpose of the Policy;
 - b. the relevant Assistant Director to:
 - i. make amendments to the local variations detailed within the Explanatory Notes in consultation with the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Housing. This delegation will not be used to make amendments to the Explanatory Notes that impact other districts, unless agreed on a countywide basis and
 - ii. remove and update any superseded policy provisions relating to discretionary housing assistance contained within the relevant existing council policy in consultation with the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Housing;
 - c. the Chief Executive Officer to suspend the awarding of new discretionary assistance under this policy in consultation with the relevant Assistant Director and Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Housing;
- 3) That, in addition to the minor and inconsequential variations permitted within the Policy, authority be delegated to:
 - a. the relevant Assistant Director to make initial amendments to the Policy in consultation with the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for

Housing; to enable any appropriate recommendations from other Lincolnshire district councils' scrutiny of the Policy to be considered and incorporated, if agreed on a countywide basis;

- 4) That approval be given for the ELDC delegations to officers as set in the Explanatory Notes.

Reason for the Decision:

To allow a more consistent approach across Lincolnshire to be taken in relation to discretionary housing financial assistance in order to assist vulnerable households in need to live in a safe home. This will significantly help organisations that work on a countywide basis (e.g. Health and Lincolnshire County Council occupational therapy services) to have a clearer picture of the assistance districts are able to offer.

To allow for the relevant provisions relating to discretionary housing assistance contained within the council's existing policy to be updated as superseded on adoption of the Policy, and to avoid duplicate policy provisions being in operation (Appendix C).

To allow for appropriate amendment of the Policy, if necessary, as Lincolnshire district councils have differing approaches to policy adoption and differing timelines.

Alternative options considered:

To continue to operate three independent discretionary housing assistance policies across the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership and up to seven different policies across the county, with significant variation in the assistance available and processes for awarding discretionary housing financial assistance.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

East Lindsey District Council

Agenda No. **6**

Not Confidential

Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **29 November 2023**

Title: **2023/24 QUARTER TWO FINANCE UPDATE:**

Wards Affected:

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **11 December 2023**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

That the current forecast unbudgeted surplus of £861,000 and the detail set out in Appendix A be noted;

That Full Council be recommended to amend the Capital Programme to take into account the changes set out in Table 4;

That the delegated decision of the S151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance on 5 October 2023 to prematurely repay the £20m of PWLB borrowing as per the Audit and Governance report attached at Appendix B be noted.

Reason for the Decision:

To ensure the Council's forecast financial position for 2023/24 is considered and related decisions approved. It is important that the Executive are aware of the financial position of the General Fund to ensure that they can make informed decisions that are affordable and financially sustainable for the Council.

Alternative options considered:

To not approve the financial movements outlined.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

East Lindsey District Council

Agenda No. **7**

Not Confidential

Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **29 November 2023**

Title: **PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE
FRAMEWORK - QUARTER 2 MONITORING
REPORT 2023/24:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **11 December
2023**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

1. That the Performance and Governance Framework Quarter 2 Monitoring Report be noted;
2. That Executive Board recommends the Risk Management Framework at Appendix C to Council for approval, with delegation to the Assistant Director – Governance to make any small amendments to the Framework in future in consultation with the portfolio holder.

Reason for the Decision:

To monitor delivery of performance and governance objectives and to support future planning and decision making within the Council.

Alternative options considered:

Alternative reporting arrangements.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

East Lindsey District Council

Agenda No. **8**

Not Confidential

Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **29 November 2023**

Title: **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS POLICY:**

Wards Affected:

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **11 December 2023**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

That the draft Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations Policy be approved.

Reason for the Decision:

To ensure the Council is meeting its statutory requirements in relation to FOI and EIR.

Alternative options considered:

None.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

East Lindsey District Council

Agenda No. **10**

Not Confidential

Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **29 November 2023**

Title: **HORNCastle INDUSTRIAL ESTATE:**

Wards Affected: **Horncastle**

Key Decision: **Yes** Implementation Date: **11 December**

2023

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

That the recommendation contained within the confidential report be approved.

Reason for the Decision:

As contained within the Exempt Report.

Alternative options considered:

As contained within the Exempt Report.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

East Lindsey District Council

Not Confidential

Decision Notice From:

Date:

Title:

Wards Affected:

Key Decision:

Implementation Date:

Urgent Decision:

DECISION:

Reason for the Decision:

Alternative options considered:

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A