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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **14 February 2024**

Title: **ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT 24/25 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY, CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND CAPITAL STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **Yes** Implementation Date: **26 February 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

That the following recommendations be approved for onward referral to Full Council on 28th February 2024:

1. That the Revenue Estimates for the General Fund and Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period 2024/25 – 2028/29 (Appendices 1, 1a and 1b) be approved.
2. That the Council Tax for a band D property in 2024/25 be set at £166.59 (a £4.95 per annum increase on 2023/24 levels) and be approved.
3. That the additions to and use of reserves (as detailed at Appendix 1) be approved.
4. The Medium Term Financial Strategy (at Appendix 1) be approved.
5. That the Capital Programme and Capital Strategy (Appendices 1 and 2) be approved including the addition of £400,000 into the capital programme funded by the Corporate Priorities reserve for the Sutton on Sea Paddling Pool.
6. That the Treasury Management Policy 2024/25 (Appendix 3a) and Treasury Management Strategy, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and Annual Investment Strategy 2024/25 (Appendix 3b) be approved.

7. That the proposed Fees and charges as set out in Appendix 4 be approved.
8. That the Annual Delivery Plan for 2024/25 (Appendix 5) be approved.
9. That the results of the Budget Consultation process at Appendix 6 be noted.
10. That the alignment of constitutional financial limits across the partnership (Appendix 7) be approved.
11. That Council be recommended to reaffirm its previous decision in respect of long term empty properties determined in Appendix 1, and determine the introduction of the premium for substantially furnished with no residents (second homes), to be introduced at the earliest point 1st April 2025.

Reason for the Decision:

To comply with the budgetary and policy framework and legislative requirement.

Alternative options considered:

No other options were considered.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

East Lindsey District Council

Agenda No. **6**

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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **14 February 2024**

Title: **FUNDING FOR GOOD HOMES ALLIANCE PILOT:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **Yes** Implementation Date: **26 February 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

1. That the additional allocation of £177,969 Better Care / Disabled Facilities Grant funding for 2023/24 received from Lincolnshire County Council be accepted;

a. That the use of £112,844 to contribute funding to a 2-year Good Home Alliance Advice & Casework pilot, funded via contributing Lincolnshire District Councils and County Council be approved; and

b. That the use of £65,125 remaining additional BCF/DGF funding for 2023/24 to support the delivery of DFG and, where appropriate, Discretionary Housing Financial Assistance be approved.

2. That the hosting of the proposed 2-year Advice and Casework pilot on behalf of the Good Home Alliance funding authorities, inclusive of the recruitment of up to four (4) 2-year fixed term Advice and Casework Officers (in line with available funding) and the retention of the existing Healthy and Accessible Homes (Housing) Lead role for 2 years be approved; and

That subject to the Executive Board approval of recommendations 1 and 2 above;

3. That Full Council be recommended to accept £340,965 funding from Lincolnshire County Council to fund the 2 year pilot service, inclusive of the £112,844 ELDC contribution; and

That subject to the receipt of additional external funding contributions:

4. That Full Council be recommended to delegate approval to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Assistant Director – Wellbeing and Community Leadership and Portfolio Holder for Communities and Better Ageing, to accept up to £145,035 in additional external funding contributions to support the delivery and expansion of the Advice and Casework pilot throughout 2024/25 - 2026/27. Bringing the total available funding for the 2-year Advice and Casework pilot to £486,000 across 2024/25 – 2026/27.

Reason for the Decision:

A Good Home Alliance advice and casework pilot would help our residents, especially owner-occupiers who are older and vulnerable, to maintain their homes. This will benefit our community's health and wellbeing and should lead to considerable cost saving to the public purse. Additionally the Centre for Ageing Better will continue to work with Lincolnshire Councils to fund an evaluation of the pilot. This will provide invaluable information and evidence on the benefits of the service to residents, the savings to the public purse and other operational learning to support the service being permanently delivered.

Lincolnshire County Council support the use of this additional Better Care / Disabled Facilities Grant funding to support the Good Home Alliance advice and casework pilot as set out within section 2 of this report.

The additional funding's purpose is to support the delivery of Disabled Facilities Grants and where appropriate Discretionary Grants.

Alternative options considered:

1) To allocate the total additional Better Care Funding (BCF) / Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) funding for 2023/24 received from Lincolnshire County Council to support the delivery of DFGs and where appropriate, Discretionary Housing Financial Assistance.

This option does not deliver against the ELDC commitment to support the delivery of identified actions within the Lincolnshire Homes for Independence Blueprint for people to live independently, stay connected and have greater choice in where and how they live.

This option does not support the continued development of the work that has been undertaken between the Centre for Ageing Better (CfAB), Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and all Lincolnshire District councils to deliver against a key recommendation of the CfAB Good Home Inquiry "- placing a duty on local authorities to ensure every authority has a local 'Good Home Agency', a public-facing hub providing access to information and advice, finance schemes, and a range of home improvement services including maintenance and repair, accessibility adaptations and energy retrofit"

2) Development of a specific 'Good Home' information and signposting website only.

This option only partially delivers against the recommendations of the CfAB Good Home Inquiry, and risks leaving vulnerable residents without access to necessary support where they lack the capacity or capability to resolve identified housing condition related issues for themselves.

This option is also not recommended as there will still be a requirement for continued support and development to ensure the web-based resource remain up to date and of value and does not allow for a period of testing and ongoing refinement post site launch.

3) Host the Good Home Alliance Advice and Casework pilot within an alternative Authority, or delivery partner.

This option is not recommended at present due to the pilot nature of the service, available timescales to deliver and evaluate the pilot activities, and other recommissioning activities underway across the County. ELDC is identified as the recommended host authority due to the level of funding being contributed by ELDC, representing 23% of the total 2-year funding, and the wider South and East Councils Partnership (SELCP) contributing almost 40% of the total proposed pilot funding.

A full options appraisal is included at Appendix 1 for other identified hosting options, including:

- LCC or other District Hosted
- Voluntary Sector Hosted
- Wellbeing Service Hosted (note – this option remains a potential preferred option following evaluation and ongoing service delivery recommendations)

Do nothing.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

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Agenda No. **7**

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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **14 February 2024**

Title: **PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE
FRAMEWORK - QUARTER 3 MONITORING
REPORT 2023/24:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **26 February
2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

That the performance and risk information contained within the report and appendices be noted.

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

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Agenda No. **8**

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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **14 February 2024**

Title: **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 - PARTNERSHIP POLICY:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **26 February 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

1. That the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000 - Partnership Policy be approved.
2. That the Assistant Director Regulatory / Senior Responsible Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, be granted delegated authority to make such amendments to this policy as may from time to time be required in order to (i) reference any links or amended links to other documents as may be required; and (ii) reflect any issues over which the Council has no discretion including, but not limited to, references to any legislative changes and amended guidance. Any material amendments to the policy will be subject to the usual approval process in line with the Constitution.

Reason for the Decision:

To ensure that Members are aware of the duties imposed on the Council by the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and the requirement to adopt a Policy that is up to date, relevant and fit for purpose.

Ensuring Members are informed about RIPA activity, policy and procedures demonstrates good governance and an organisational commitment to the obligations imposed by RIPA on public bodies.

Alternative options considered:

Retain joint arrangements with Boston or adopt independent, sovereign policy to meet the obligations imposed by RIPA on East Lindsey District Council. Neither of these options has not been explored as economies of scale, efficiencies and shared learning can be optimised by harmonising our approach to RIPA across the Partnership. This sub regional approach also accords with the objectives set out in the Memorandum of Agreement and the Business Case for the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **14 February 2024**

Title: **SOUTH & EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL'S PARTNERSHIP CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE STRATEGY:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **26 February 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

That the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Customer Experience Strategy be adopted and a commitment given to supporting the delivery of

the vision, principles and approach to Customer Experience across Council services.

Reason for the Decision:

The Strategy is an overarching document, developed by the Customer Experience Board with engagement with local stakeholders. It gives a framework and objectives to use to further develop consistent approach across Council services.

It demonstrates a clear commitment to shared objectives to improving Council staff and services engagement with our 'customers'.

Alternative options considered:

None.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **14 February 2024**

Title: **SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL'S
COMMUNITY LOTTERY - ONE YEAR PROGRESS:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **26 February
2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

1. That the progress of the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Community Lottery scheme be noted and that Members support its continuation.

2. That the changes to the 'minimum age limits' to participate in the community lottery scheme be noted.
3. That the central fund income be used to support civic community pride events designed to celebrate and promote voluntary and community sector activity, including the act of volunteering within the borough of Boston and the East Lindsey and South Holland Districts.
4. That the details of a data security incident on 8th November 2023 be noted.

Reason for the Decision:

To continue to raise funds for local voluntary and community groups across South and East Lincolnshire via the South and East Lincolnshire Community Lottery Scheme.

To promote and encourage voluntary and community sector activity within the borough of Boston and East Lindsey and South Holland Districts.

Alternative options considered:

Draw the current scheme to a close (not recommended) and seek alternative fund raising activities.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **14 February 2024**

Title: **COMMERCIAL PROPERTY PORTFOLIO 007:**

Wards Affected: **Louth St Marys**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **26 February 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

That the recommendations contained within the Exempt Report be approved.

Reason for the Decision:

As contained in the Exempt Report.

Alternative options considered:

As contained in the Exempt Report.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

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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