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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **18 September 2024**

Title: **EAST LINDSEY INVESTMENT FUND:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **Yes** Implementation Date: **30 September 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

1. That the principles in the East Lindsey Investment Fund Plan, as detailed in this report to guide the allocation of funding and resources be approved.
2. That the allocation of the East Lindsey Investment Fund for each theme – Pride in Place; Tourism and Events; Community Development; Business Growth and Development be approved.
3. That the Assistant Director theme lead in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder be delegated authority to utilise the Investment Fund to support enabling activity, including the procurement and appointment of consultants/contractors, provide staffing resource and delivery of pilot projects to support the development of action plans relevant to each theme.
4. That an allocation of up to 5% of the Investment Fund to support the enabling activity be approved.
5. That the Director for Economic Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Market Towns and the Rural Economy be delegated authority to support the establishment, administration and Terms of Reference for a Market and Inland Towns Group – the Connected Wolds – to support engagement with businesses, local communities and town/parish councils.
6. That an allocation of up to 2% of the Investment Fund to resource and support the Groups (Connected Wolds and Connected Coast), which will include, but not be limited to, enabling engagement with businesses, local communities and town/parish councils, and supporting the

establishment of a new Market and Inland Towns Group be approved.

Reason for the Decision:

1. **Guidance for Resource Allocation:** Establishing clear principles in the East Lindsey Investment Fund Plan is essential to ensure that funding is allocated efficiently and in alignment with strategic priorities, such as enhancing pride in place, tourism, community, and business development.
2. **Themed Funding Allocation:** Allocating funds across key themes like "Pride in Place," "Tourism and Events," "Community Development," and "Business Growth" ensures that resources are strategically distributed to address the most important areas for local growth and improvement.
3. **Delegated Authority for Action:** Granting delegated authority to the Assistant Director, in consultation with portfolio holders, facilitates effective decision-making and flexibility in hiring consultants, procuring services, and implementing pilot projects to quickly develop action plans for each theme.
4. **Support for Enabling Activities:** Allocating up to 5% of the fund for enabling activities provides a dedicated budget for essential preparatory work such as staffing, consultation, and early-stage projects, ensuring proper planning and development.
5. **Engagement with Local Communities:** Creating a "Market and Inland Towns Group" (Connected Wolds) allows for effective engagement with businesses, local communities, and town/parish councils, fostering collaboration and alignment of local priorities with the Growth and Prosperity Plan and the Corporate Priorities Reserve areas of focus.
6. **Resourcing the Groups:** Allocating up to 2% of the fund to support the establishment and operation of the Connected Wolds group ensures that there are adequate resources for business and community engagement, helping the group to effectively promote and support local market towns and rural areas.

Alternative options considered:

Option 1: Proceed as per the recommendations of this Report, which will focus on delivery, build capacity and commit to an inclusive and collaborative approach that will benefit the whole District.

Option 2: Do nothing, which would result in the recommendations not being taken forward, with the opportunity to deliver a programme of investment not actioned and the wider benefits of the report detailed below will also not be realised.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

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Agenda No. **6**

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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **18 September 2024**

Title: **QUARTER 1- 24/25 PERFORMANCE AND RISK REPORT:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **30 September 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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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **18 September 2024**

Title: **ACCOUNTABLE BODY FOR ALIGNMENT OF CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS ACROSS THE SOUTH & EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP:**

Wards Affected: **N/A**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **30 September 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

- That approval be granted for East Lindsey District Council to become the financially accountable body for the implementation of the Uniform system into the partner Councils subject to the necessary funding approvals at both Boston Borough Council and South Holland District Council and the provision of £325,000 be made available in its Capital Programme for this purpose.

Reason for the Decision:

- To allow the existing East Lindsey District Council contract to be used for the purposes of alignment.
- To deliver efficiency savings against current system costs.
- To facilitate the alignment of Planning and Regulatory Service Directorates to enable the services to achieve greater savings in their operating costs by working as 'one' across the Partnership.

Alternative options considered:

- Do nothing - this wouldn't enable savings to be realised or enable teams to be aligned.
- For the Partner Councils to procure their own standalone systems - this wouldn't enable savings to be realised.

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: **18 September 2024**

Title: **WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **30 September 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

1. That the important role that the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) plays in supporting local communities/residents in enjoying healthy fulfilling lives within South and East Lincolnshire be noted.
2. That current progress made between the SELCP and VCS be noted. This includes the SELCP Trusted Volunteers Scheme.
3. That the proposed South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership 'Volunteer Charter' be agreed.
4. That a transition from grant giving to VCS organisations and move to a commissioned services model (where appropriate) that meet the aims and objectives of the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership be approved.

Reason for the Decision:

VCS organisations offer huge amounts to local areas, through the services they provide, the wealth they generate, and the people they connect, engage, and empower. At a time of rising pressure on services and tough financial

constraints, it is more important than ever that councils can harness their local strengths and build successful partnerships with their local VCS.

Alternative options considered:

Do nothing – this option will not support additional benefits that working with our VCS provides.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

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Agenda No. **9**

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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **18 September 2024**

Title: **LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT
(CONSULTATION) 2025-26:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **30 September 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

1. That noting the requirements of Establishing a Council Tax Support Scheme for 2024/25 detailed at section 5 of the report and the modification options presented, consultation be approved on the options detailed at section 6 of the report;
2. That the Section 151 Officer in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Finance be delegated authority with oversight of the consultation approach.

Reason for the Decision:

This will enable a period of consultation with major preceptors and the general public on Executive Board's preferred scheme option(s) for its 2025/26 Council Tax Support Scheme.

Following a consultation period, a report, including the consultation feedback, will come back to Executive Board to make its final recommendation to Full Council in respect of the scheme for 2025/26.

Alternative options considered:

Do nothing – This option is discounted as Executive Board has previously indicated its intention to carry out a more fundamental review of its scheme for 2025/26.

Replace the default, means tested scheme with an income banded scheme – this alternative approach has been discounted as part of the fundamental review process.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

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Agenda No. **10**

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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **18 September 2024**

Title: **2024/25 QUARTER ONE FINANCE UPDATE:**

Wards Affected: **N/A**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **30 September 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

- 1) That the general fund forecast outturn position for 2024/25 being an underspend of £660k as detailed in Table 1 of Appendix A be noted.
- 2) That the amendment to the Capital Programme for 2024/25 as shown in

Appendix A - Table 4 to take into account the changes proposed be recommended to Full Council.

Reason for the Decision:

To ensure the Council's forecast financial position for 2024/25 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

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Agenda No. **12**

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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **18 September 2024**

Title: **DELIVERY OF THE ELDC TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION PROGRAMME:**

Wards Affected: **Horncastle; Louth North Holme; Louth Priory & St James; Louth St Margarets; Louth St Marys; Louth St Michaels; Louth Trinity; Skegness North Division; Skegness Scarbrough & Seacroft; Skegness South Division; Skegness St Clements; Skegness Winthorpe**

Key Decision: **Yes** Implementation Date: **30 September 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

- i) That participation in the Local Authority Housing Fund Round 3 programme be agreed, with a view to bringing 12 properties into the council's ownership to meet short, medium and long-term housing needs within the district.
- ii) That the approach to the spend of the funds, including type, priority location and delivery approach, as articulated within this report be approved.
- iii) That the Assistant Director of Strategic Growth & Development, in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Better Ageing be delegated authority to finalise and agree the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the LAHF Round 3 programme with DLUHC and:
- iv) That the 2024/25 capital programme, as set out in Appendix 2, be amended to reflect the LAHF 3 funds and recommended to Full Council.

That Council be recommended to approve;

- i) The Council's 2024/25 capital programme to be amended to include the £1.067m in Local Authority Housing Fund Round 3 funds, taking the council's total capital budget for temporary accommodation investment to £2.067m.

Reason for the Decision:

To deliver the programme to increase the supply of Council owned general fund temporary accommodation and re-settlement homes following the allocation of £1m Council funding and a further £1.067m grant towards the LAHF programme.

1. To meet short term needs of homeless households within East Lindsey district.
2. To increase the number of homes owned by the authority and enable the authority to directly deliver housing solutions to issues within the district.
3. To enable the authority to act swiftly to secure the acquisition of suitable properties identified to meet the needs of residents of the district.
4. Reduce the need to use costly bed and breakfast accommodation as temporary accommodation.

Alternative options considered:

Do nothing - In this event the authority would not proceed with the purchase of properties. As a consequence, the expected benefits set out in the Reasons

for Recommendations section of this report would not be realised with no increase in housing supply in the district achieved to address need.

Alternative properties – Officers considered a range of options on the types of property that could be acquired to deliver temporary and resettlement homes. Following evaluation of these and taking account of cost, size, location, flexibility, management implications and general suitability, the preferred options set out in the report have been arrived at. The option to acquire new build homes for further Re-settlement homes and suitable second-hand properties on the market for conversion to 1-bed homes are considered the most appropriate way to deliver the programme.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

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Agenda No. **13**

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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **18 September 2024**

Title: **UPDATE ON INVEST EAST LINDSEY LIMITED:**

Wards Affected: **N/A**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **30 September 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

That the recommendations contained within the exempt 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