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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **16 December 2024**

Title: **SKEGNESS NORTH PARADE BOWLING GREENS:**

Wards Affected: **Skegness Scarborough & Seacroft; Skegness St Clements; Skegness Winthorpe**

Key Decision: **Yes** Implementation Date: **31 December 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

1. That the lease of the asset to North Parade Bowling Green Association at a peppercorn rent and authorisation to the Deputy Chief Executive – Programme Delivery and Assistant Director - General Fund Assets to enter in an appropriate lease that suitably and sufficiently protects the Council's position be agreed.
2. That the £100,000 grant funding provided to North Parade Bowling Green Association on a decreasing term over 5 years be agreed.

Reason for the Decision:

The demand for bowls in Skegness has declined however the English Bowls Federation along with the North Parade Bowling Greens Association have a business plan in place to help support bowls growth and promote future usage.

Alternative options considered:

Option considered to revert the greens to amenity grass.

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: **16 December 2024**

Title: **EAST LINDSEY INVESTMENT FUND: £1M
ALLOCATION TO THE GRASSROOTS GRANT
SCHEME:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **Yes** Implementation Date: **31 December 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

- 1) That £1m from the East Lindsey Investment Fund be allocated to support the expansion of (and administration of) the successful LCF GRASSroots scheme.
- 2) That the s151 in conjunction with the Assistant Director Strategic Growth and Development be delegated authority to agree the final split of resources required as an addition to the budget in respect of revenue and capital.
- 3) That it be noted that the administration of this will be undertaken by the team currently delivering the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural Prosperity Fund Programmes.

Reason for the Decision:

Considerations and conclusions for this investment are made within the text of this report, including the options appraisal below.

Alternative options considered:

Option 1 - Proceed as per the recommendation of this Report.

Under this option there will be an expansion of the successful LCF GRASSroots grant funding scheme, leading to an increased number of projects delivered locally, resulting in greater investment in rural communities and longer term, sustainable support to communities.

Option 2 – Do nothing.

Under this option, the recommendations are not taken forward, with the opportunity to expand the level of support offered not realised 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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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **16 December 2024**

Title: **QUARTER 2 24/25 PERFORMANCE AND RISK REPORT:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **31 December 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: **16 December 2024**

Title: **2024/2025 QUARTER TWO FINANCE UPDATE:**

Wards Affected: **N/A**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **31 December 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

- 1) That the general fund forecast for the full year forecast outturn position for 2024/25 being an underspend of £822k as detailed in Table 1 of Appendix A to the report be noted.
- 2) That the amendment of the Capital Programme for 2024/25 by £263k as shown in Appendix A - Table 4b to the report be approved.
- 3) That a commitment from the Carbon Reduction Reserve of £102k in advance of awaited funding announcements to support this area of work be approved.

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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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **16 December 2024**

Title: **2023/24 OUTTURN REPORT & 2022/23
ABBREVIATED OUTTURN INCLUDING AUDIT
UPDATE:**

Wards Affected: **N/A**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **31 December 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

- 1) That the General Fund outturn position for 2023/24 being an underspend of £914k as detailed in Table 1 of Appendix A to the report be noted and it be recommended to Full Council to consider the transfer of the surplus to the Investment Volatility Reserve.
- 2) That the reserves transactions and balances as set out in Appendix A (Table 3 for 23/24) to the report be recommended to Full Council to consider approval.
- 3) That the Capital Programme for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix A – Table 4c to the report be recommended to Full Council to consider approval of amendments.
- 4) That the outturn for 2022/23, reserve balances, including the final year-end adjustments, and that due to delay with the closure for 2022/23 all revenue, treasury and capital year-end adjustments have been dealt with through the year as part of the Quarterly Monitoring, reporting to Audit and Governance for Treasury matters and as part of the 2024/25 budget setting process be noted.

- 5) That the 2022/23 and 2023/24 year end audits will be impacted upon, due to the “Backstop” dates implemented following the implementation of new regulations be noted.
- 6) That the capital financing adjustments in Appendix B - Table 2, reserve transactions and balances for 2022/23 as set out in Appendix B – Table 3 to the report be recommended to Full Council to consider approval.

Reason for the Decision:

To ensure the Council’s outturn financial position for 2023/23 and 2023/24 is considered and related decisions approved. It is important that the Executive Board 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 revised capital programme, reserve adjustments and financing movements outlined.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A

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Agenda No. 11

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Decision Notice From: **Executive Board**

Date: **16 December 2024**

Title: **LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2025/26:**

Wards Affected: **N/A**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **31 December 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

1. That the Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2025/26 Scheme be revised to include the following modifications:
 - a. Increase the maximum CTS for households with children to 85%.
 - b. Remove the earnings disregard to Universal Credit claims.
 - c. Introduce a standard £10 rate for non-dependent deductions.
 - d. Introduce a minimum award of £1 per week.
 - e. Increase the threshold for changes in Universal Credit to £30 per week, with discretion for flexibility.
 - f. Uprate in line with DWP uprating amounts for 2025/26.
2. That the decision be recommended to Full Council for approval.
3. That for the 2025/26 final scheme policy, approval be delegated to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, including administrative and minor changes.
4. That an Exceptional Hardship Fund to operate alongside the Council Tax Support scheme be introduced.
5. That decision on the fund budget and scheme detail for an Exceptional Hardship Fund be delegated to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance.

Reason for the Decision:

Full Council must make any revision to its scheme, or any replacement, and agree its final scheme no later than 11 March 2025 in respect of the 2025/26 financial year.

Executive Board decision on its recommendation to Full Council for the 2025/26 scheme will reflect on the data and information provided through the fundamental review, and the results of consultation on its proposed modification options.

Alternative options considered:

The do-nothing option would see the current scheme retained. This has been rejected as this would not be consistent with Executive Board's earlier decision for fundamental review.

However, after considering the consultation responses, Executive Board could choose to retain the current scheme if it can justify its decision.

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: **16 December 2024**

Title: **CUSTOMER FEEDBACK POLICY:**

Wards Affected: **All Wards**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **31 December 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

- That the draft Customer Feedback Policy at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make amendments to the Policy to ensure it remains up to date and to reflect Complaint Handling Code guidance and recommendations issued by the Ombudsman.

Reason for the Decision:

To ensure the Council has suitable procedures in place for responding to and dealing with feedback and complaints received.

Alternative options considered:

Keep current Policy – not recommended.

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: **16 December 2024**

Title: **STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING POLICY:**

Wards Affected: **N/A**

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: **31 December 2024**

Urgent Decision: **No**

DECISION:

- That the adoption of the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Street Naming and Numbering Policy be approved by East Lindsey District Council .
- That the Group Manager Building Control and the Assistant Director Regulatory be 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 would be subject to the usual approval process in line with the Constitution.

Reason for the Decision:

To align and harmonise current best practice and procedures across the three Councils.

Alternative options considered:

Do nothing – this wouldn't harmonise SNN across the partnership.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A