

## **EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE**

1. Decision to be taken: To support a request from Chapel St Leonards Parish Council for East Lindsey to act as the Accountable Body for the Parish Council's Coastal Revival Fund application.

2. This is a:

PORTFOLIO HOLDER SUPPORTED OFFICER DECISION

**Note: This form should not to be used for Key Decisions**

3. The following is the decision making body or person:

Robert Barlow, Deputy Chief Executive after consultation with Stuart Davy Chief Executive

4. Financial implications from this decision have been communicated to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Leader? Yes

5. The decision was taken on: 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

6. Contact Officer and details: Sally Topham, Finance Business Partner, [sally.topham@cpbs.com](mailto:sally.topham@cpbs.com)

7. List of documents submitted for consideration in relation to the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made :

Appendix 1 – Coastal Revival Fund 2018 completed application form from Chapel St Leonards Parish Council. Project: The North Sea Diversity Hub

Link to Government Guidance regarding Coastal Revival Fund: An invitation to apply for Funding:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coastal-revival-fund-an-invitation-to-apply-for-funding>

8. Where the documents are held and where they can be obtained from (except exempt items) when they become available:

Contact [sally.topham@cpbs.com](mailto:sally.topham@cpbs.com)

9. The reason for the decision and other alternative options considered and rejected:

### **Background**

a. The Coastal Revival Fund supports projects to help revive heritage assets that are important to local communities but have not yet reached their full potential or are facing neglect. The first Coastal Revival Fund round in 2015 provided £3.7m to support 92 projects in coastal areas.

- b. The Fund is currently inviting bids for a new £1m funding round for grant funding to be spent in 2018 and 2019. Maximum funding per project is £50,000.
- c. The closing date for bids is midnight on Thursday 5 July 2018
- d. Projects must ensure that a local authority is willing to act as their Accountable Body.
- e. Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2013 provides Secretaries of State with wide-ranging powers to pay grants to local authorities in England and Wales towards expenditure incurred or to be incurred by those authorities.
- f. Funding for a successful bid would be paid to the local authority by the Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government, rather than to the parish council. The funding would then be paid to the parish council to undertake the project.

**Chapel St Leonards bid**

- g. Chapel St Leonards Parish Council is making an application to the Coastal Revival Fund for £50,000 to repurpose a dilapidated former seaside café into a multi-purpose activity centre – The North Sea Diversity Hub. This is close to the newly opened North Sea Observatory and would support tourism in the area. A copy of the application form is attached at Appendix 1.
- h. The Parish Council have requested that East Lindsey District Council acts as their Accountable Body and provides a letter to confirm this which will be attached to the application.

**Reason for Decision**

- i. Without the support of East Lindsey District Council, the Parish Council will not be able to make a complete application to the Coastal Revival Fund.
- j. The deadline for applications is midnight on Thursday 5 July 2018 and therefore it will not be possible for a member meeting to consider this request in time. Therefore an Executive Decision is proposed.

**Alternative Options**

- k. East Lindsey not to act as Accountable Body

**Risks and Responsibilities**

- l. Local authorities have responsibility as a public body to satisfy themselves that any funds they are responsible for are spent legitimately
  - m. A request has been made for details of the role of Accountable Body in relation to the Coastal Revival Fund. In the absence of this, it is anticipated that the role will involve:
    - Ensure proper and effective governance is in place re: decision making (open, transparent and effective), financial management (evidence and audit trail) and performance management (evidence of clear reporting and monitoring for outcomes)
10. Declaration of any conflicts of interest of the decision making body or the individual: None
11. Provide a note of any subsequent dispensations granted by the Head of Paid service: None

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**Financial Implications of this Decision:-**

Estimated cost:- If successful the grant of £50k would be paid over to the Parish Council who will then undertake the work. This is likely to be a capital grant which would need to be included in the capital programme.

Additional costs would be associated with support services eg finance to ensure the Accountable Body role is correctly fulfilled.

Funded from:- No additional cost expected

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Signed: (Head of Paid Service/S151 Officer (or person presiding at the Executive Board where appropriate))

 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 13/7/18

Name: Robert Barlow

Signed: (Officer)

 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 13/7/18

Name: Sally Topham

Co-signed (Portfolio Holder ~~/~~ if officer decision)

 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 13/7/18

Name: Cllr Richard Fry

