

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

1. Decision to be taken: To continue to work in partnership with DWP to deliver Universal Support for claimants of Universal Credit. This will be funded by the Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) under a new Universal Credit Grant Agreement from 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019.

2. This is a: PORTFOLIO HOLDER SUPPORTED OFFICER DECISION

Note: This form should not be used for Key Decisions

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

OFFICER Alison Penn, Director

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

YES. DWP will pay ELDC £26,143 from 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 to support claimants in the transition to Universal Credit full service.

50% of annual funding allocation will be paid in April 2018, then quarterly payments based on actual take-up above 50% allocation. Case load above 120% of quarterly estimate will be reviewed by DWP on a case by case basis.

5. The decision was taken on: 13th March 2018

6. Contact Officer and details: Alison Penn, Director
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7. List of documents submitted for consideration in relation to the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made:

- Grant Offer Letter
- Forecasted quarterly take-up and funding for Personal Budgeting Support and Assisted Digital Support for your Local Authority (Annex A)
- Payment model (Annex B)
- Grant Offer Letter Signature Page (Annex C)
- The Grant Funding Agreement (Annex D)
- Universal Support Guidance (Annex E)
- Management Information (MI) requirements (Annex F)
- Data Sharing Agreement (Annex G)
- Frequently Asked Questions (Annex H)

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

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

Universal Credit 'live service' has been available for some East Lindsey residents since November 2015. During 2018, Universal Credit 'full service' will become available for all claimants in East Lindsey.

With a change to single monthly payments, some claimants have needed personal budgeting support or help to access the digital service. DWP have funded ELDC to provide this. Those referred are likely to come into contact with ELDC already, providing an opportunity for preventative support for residents.

The grant agreement states ELDC are able to utilise the expertise of third parties provided that agreed Universal Support delivery partners are qualifying persons as detailed in the Social Security Regulations 2015 and that DWP are provided with their details. This allows ELDC to refer or signpost claimants to more suitable organisations where appropriate.

It has also been helpful during the term of the previous DWP Partnership Agreement (1 April 2017 -31 March 2018) to identify clients with complex budgeting needs early before they are at risk of rent arrears and/or eviction to support homelessness prevention.


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

Financial Implications of this Decision:-

Estimated cost:-

Funded from:- Department of Work & Pensions

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


Name: _____

Date: 13/03/18

Signed: (Officer)


Name: _____

Date: 13/03/18

Co-signed (By the Head of Paid Service officer decision)


Name: Councillor Marsh

Date: 13/03/18