

**EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE**

1. Decisions to be taken:

1. **Sign up to "County Wide Pooled Funding for Children's Stair Climbers" Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and;**
2. **Transfer of £6,000 from ELDC Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) budget (19/20) Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) to contribute to a central budget to be held and administered by LCC specifically to facilitate the provision of Children's Stair Climbers in line with the above Memorandum of Understanding**

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 **Michelle Howard** after consultation with **Cllr Bowkett**

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: 12th April 2019

Note: - the above date to be completed by Democratic Services upon publication

6. Contact Officer and details: **Michelle Howard. Assistant Director, People.** 01507 613216 michelle.howard@e-lindsey.gov.uk

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

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

- Memorandum of Understanding
- Communities Portfolio Notes

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

Children's Services work proactively with families who may be waiting for a DFG. Often, children's DFGs are complicated and can take longer to implement than adult DFG' leading to a need to provide interim, temporary solutions to lighten the burden on the family (for example, equipment such

as stair climbers, modular ramps and bath tables). The budget provision for such equipment (LCC) has been subject to a lot of demand and during 2018, funding was exhausted in a matter of months.

To avoid the risk of families being left at risk whilst waiting for a DFG, it is recommended that a central / pooled fund is created to children's OT's to be able to use this funding to buy further equipment that is needed whilst a family is waiting for a DFG; on the basis that:

- o The fund is pooled and managed centrally / administered by LCC
- o The equipment purchased through the pooled fund is allocated to a central store and reallocated as required

It is recommended that this is a non-recurrent contribution.

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: -
12. Financial Implications of this Decision:-

Met within existing DFG budget.

N.B. Please enter names below, signatures will be retained as a hard copy and will not be published therefore should be provided on page 3 of this form:

13. This decision has been signed off by:

Head of Paid Service/S151 Officer or person presiding

(insert name – signatures should be provided overleaf on page 3)

Alison Penn, Deputy Chief Executive

Leader/Officer **(insert name)**:

Michelle Howard, Assistant Director

Portfolio Holder **(insert name)**:

Cllr Bowkett (Portfolio Holder, Communities)
