

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

1. Decision to be taken: To commence a community orchard project (following consultation with town and parish councils) to be funded from underspend in Environmental Health.

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 Sarah Baker after

consultation with Councillor Graham Marsh

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: 25 September 2020

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

6. Contact Officer and details: Sarah Baker, Climate Change and Environment Manager. sarah.baker@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 :

- Community orchards project outline

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

Via Sarah Baker.

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

East Lindsey District Council has a new corporate priority around the natural environment and this project helps to support that strategic aim. Town and parish councils were invited to register an interest in the establishment of a new community orchard in their area. Following site visits, it has been possible to identify 10 potential sites across the District. Community orchards can provide multiple benefits. Not only contributing to tree planting targets and supporting carbon storage, they also enhance biodiversity, encourage community engagement and have the potential to

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enhance health and wellbeing of residents through interaction with the natural environment. This project will also include a training element to give local communities the skills to undertake the required management of their orchards. A budget underspend has been identified to support the project. The total cost of this project is £4,388 + VAT (where applicable) however actual costs are expected to be lower due to identified match funding opportunities.

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.

12. Financial Implications of this Decision:-

Estimated cost:- £4,388 + VAT (where applicable)

Funded from:- Underspend in Health and Safety Team mileage budget, as agreed by David Dodds and Christian Allen.

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

Rob Barlow

Leader/Officer (**Sarah Baker**):
Climate Change and Environment Manager

Portfolio Holder (**Councillor Graham Marsh**):
