

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

1. Decision to be taken: To renew East Lindsey District Councils membership of: The Wash and North Norfolk Marine Site Project 2021-24

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 Danny Wilson, Neighbourhood Services Manager

in consultation with Cllr Foster, Portfolio Holder for Operational Services

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: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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

6. Contact Officer and details: Danny Wilson

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

The Wash and North Norfolk Coast European Marine Site Management Project - Seventh Memorandum of Agreement

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

Street Scene (Fairfield) Depot, Louth

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

East Lindsey District Council has a statutory obligation to manage areas of ownership within the Natura 2000 series. The annual cost of continuing as a member of the project is: £3,510 per annum. This is an increase from the previous cost of: £2,700 per annum. The justification for the increase is that the membership charge has not increased for over 8 years. The majority of partner organisations agreed that this was a fair increase, when proposed to the existing members.

The option of renewing our membership to the project is recommended as the most cost effective way of meeting our statutory obligation, as the Council does

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not have the relevant specialist knowledge to administer the management obligation in-house. To be able to do this would have to look to external consultation, or appoint an appropriately skilled officer. Both of these options would be a much greater cost to ELDC, than continuing as a member of the project.

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:-

*£810 in increased annual cost will be met from current budget.*

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**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

Adrian Sibley (S151 Officer)

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Portfolio Holder for Finance:

Cllr Richard Fry

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Assistant Director (Operations):

Victoria Burgess

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