

East Lindsey District Council

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The following decision is agreed by the Chief Executive following consultation with Councillors under Urgency Powers:

Date: **22 December 2021**

Title: APPROVAL OF TOWNS FUNDS BUSINESS CASE SUBMISSIONS FOR MABLETHORPE AND SKEGNESS

Link to report document: [Click here](#)

Implementation Date: 22 December 2021

Urgent Decision: **Yes**

DECISION:

1. That the 13 projects listed in sections 2 and 3 of the report for Mablethorpe and Skegness, totalling £48.4m of net Towns Funding, be included within the Capital Programme.
2. That subject to the Business Cases being approved, the Council agrees to be the accountable body for the 9 externally managed projects.
3. That the Council agree to the 4 Business Cases for the 4 internally managed projects of Mablethorpe Leisure and Learning Centre, the Sutton on Sea Colonnade, Mablethorpe Mobi-Hub and the Skegness Foreshore being submitted to Executive Board and the Connected Coast Board for their approval and that once approved, they will be brought back for final sign off by Full Council.
4. Note the potential risk of future flood defence costs around the Sutton on Sea Colonnade as detailed in Section 2.5 of the report published.

Reason for the Decision:

The schemes have so far been part of an initial selection, scoping and design phase. In order for the projects to be progressed to the delivery stage,

approval needs to be given to adjust the Councils Capital Programme to add in each of these projects Each project will then form part of the Councils capital monitoring process going forward.

Alternative options considered:

The Prospectus from DLUHC set out that agreeing a Town Deal with investment from the Towns Fund of up to £25m per place will be dependent on government receiving high-quality proposals that meet the objective of the fund and follow the further guidance published.

The Connected Coast Board and Council has approved the projects for submission following an extensive consultation and selection process.

Failure to meet the agreed deadline or submit proposals or projects of insufficient quality which do not meet the criteria and conditions are likely to be deemed ineligible for this round of funding from the Towns Fund. It would also risk the positive working relationship established with Government departments. Without external funding these projects will not proceed as planned.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.