

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

1. Decision to be taken: Approval of the Covid Additional Relief Fund (CARF) scheme

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: Leader of the Council after consultation with

- Councillor Fry, Portfolio Holder for Finance,
- Councillor Kirk, Portfolio Holder for Coastal Economy,
- Councillor Grist, Portfolio Holder for Market Towns and the Rural Economy
- Christine Marshall, Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Development) & Section 151 Officer
- Matthew Hogan, Assistant Director Strategic Growth & Development
- Lydia Rusling, Assistant Director Economic Growth

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: _____1st April 2022 _____

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

6. Contact Officer and details: Sharon Hammond, Head of Revenues and Benefits.

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

Covid Additional Relief Fund (CARF) scheme policy

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

Addendum to the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy. This will be published on the councils website.

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

The ELDC CARF scheme has been developed in line with government guidance, and with regard the importance of this support from an economic perspective.

In March 2021 the government announced a new scheme to support businesses affected by the pandemic but who were ineligible for existing support linked to business rates. Guidance for local authorities about the operation and delivery of the scheme was issued by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities at the end of December 2021, and can be found here: [CARF Guidance.docx \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

The government requires local authorities to use their discretionary relief powers under s47 of LGFA 1988 to create their schemes and deliver this reduction.

Alternative option, not to develop and deliver a scheme – rejected.

This is a national government initiative, which has made £1.5 billion available to local authorities, of which ELDC allocation is £1,599,430, for local authorities to develop local schemes to provide financial support against business rates in 2021/22 financial year for businesses who have been adversely impacted by covid but who have not received any other form of business rates support. To not develop and deliver a scheme that distributes this funding locally would not be in the best interest of ELDC or its business ratepayers.

10. Declaration of any conflicts of interest of the decision making body or the individual:
11. Provide a note of any subsequent dispensations granted by the Head of Paid service:

12. Financial Implications of this Decision:-

Estimated cost:- £1,599,403, being ELDC allocation of the national £1.5 billion fund.

Funded from:- Section 31 Government funding to the full value of ELDC allocation.

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
(Christine Marshall – signatures should be provided overleaf on page 3)

Leader/Officer **(Sharon Hammond)**:

Portfolio Holder **(Councillor Fry)**:
