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

1. Decision to be taken:

> Fund Lincs Digital to deliver community-based digital support sessions in East Lindsey.

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:

Emily Spicer after consultation with Cllr 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:

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

- 6. Contact Officer and details: Emily Spicer, Assistant Director of Communities & Wellbeing, South & East Lincolnshire Partnership
- 7. List of documents submitted for consideration in relation to the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made:

**East Lindsey District Council Executive Board Decision regarding** revised customer access arrangements (July 2021)



**PSPS** Customer and Digital Service Deliver







**Lincs Digital Proposals for ELDC Community Hubs (June 2022)** 

8. Where the documents are held and where they can be obtained from (except exempt items) when they become available: please contact roxanne.warrick@e-lindsey.gov.uk

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

In July 2021, ELDC decision on revised customer access arrangements included a proposal to develop, co-ordinate and deliver a customer hub model with community partners across the District. Feedback from established community drop-ins and partners has highlighted a need for 'digital inclusion' sessions to help residents become more confident in accessing on-line services.

Lincs Digital are a local charity based in Horncastle (<u>Charity Number: 1183424</u>) whose stated charitable objective is to 'advance the education of the public in Digital Literacy and Skills by providing classes, hands on training, workshops and drop-in sessions'. They have existing relationships with community projects in East Lindsey and deliver a number of projects and pilots locally to support residents.

ELDC could chose to deliver digital inclusion sessions but do not have the experience, skills and equipment. Lincs Digital offer a trusted, reputable and good value service.

- 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: N/A

12. Financial Implications of this Decision:-

Estimated cost:- £8,400

(12 months delivery of sessions; 2 sessions/month

plus project administration costs)

Funded from:- Community Hub Development Budget

(proportion of reinvested savings)

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, Chief Executive Officer

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## Officer

Emily Spicer, Assistant Director of Communities & Wellbeing

## **Portfolio Holder**

Councillor Graham Marsh, Portfolio Holder for Partnerships