

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

1. Decision to be taken: That Lincolnshire County Council, on behalf of this Council, re-procure and subsequently award the Lincolnshire DFG Framework.

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 Stuart Horton after

consultation with Cllr William Gray

4. Financial implications from this decision have been communicated to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Leader?

In itself there is no financial element involved in the decision to re-procure the framework. Individual DFGs are approved in accordance with Councils constitutions and scheme of delegation.

5. The decision was taken on: 28/10/22

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

6. Contact Officer and details: Stuart Horton [stuart.horton@boston.gov.uk](mailto:stuart.horton@boston.gov.uk)

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

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

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

- The current framework will come to an end on the 31st March 2023. A new delivery framework for DFG's is therefore required from the 1st April 2023.
- The current framework has been successful at consistently delivering adaptations for residents using standardised processes and costs (despite the challenges of Covid).

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- Lincolnshire County Council, as part of the partnership working to improve the housing health and wellbeing of Lincolnshire's residents, are providing the procurement advice and resources.
- It will continue to provide a legally compliant framework on a county wide basis with contract management and a performance framework monitored by the districts supported by LCC
- It establishes a list of prequalified contractors where works can be directly awarded in accordance with the framework processes and procedure, and the standardised schedule of rates for works.
- The framework means that the process is carefully managed from the receipt of the recommendation of the works required for the benefit of the client from the Occupational Therapist, to approval of the design and completion of the works. This helps improve timescales.
- It meets the strategic objectives of the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board and provides an efficient and consistent service for Lincolnshire residents in line with the South & East Lincolnshire Council Partnership Annual Delivery Plan 2022/2023 corporate priorities.

### Alternative options

Do nothing – this would mean the council would have no way of delivering the mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant works for residents and would therefore have to rely on the process set out in the legislation. That process involves the applicants arranging quotations for the works and managing the works themselves. Many clients are unable to manage this process themselves as are struggling with day-to-day living. It also introduces complications in the process and increases timescales.

To procure contractors through an alternative route – This would be time consuming and costly, in addition there would be no benefit and would mean that consistency across the county was lost which would present difficulties for the occupational therapy service, contractors, clients and districts.

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:

12. Financial Implications of this Decision:-

Estimated cost:- In itself there is no financial element involved in the decision to re-procure the framework. Individual DFGs are approved in accordance with Councils constitutions and scheme of delegation.

Funded from:- The councils cost for delivering the service are funded from the Better Care funding received via Lincolnshire County Council from the government.

The Schedule of Rates allows the authorities to use standardised rates for items of work depending on the requirements of the job.

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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 (**Rob Barlow**)  
**(signatures should be provided overleaf on page 3)**

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Leader/Officer (**Stuart Horton**):

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Portfolio Holder (**Cllr William Gray**):

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