

## East Lindsey District Council

Not Confidential

Decision Notice From: Michelle Sacks, Deputy Chief Executive (Growth)

Date: 30.3.23

Title: **AWARD OF UKSPF FUNDING TO OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT (SELCP-BEAM PROJECT)**

Wards Affected: All East Lindsey Wards

Key Decision: **Yes** Implementation Date: 30.3.23

Urgent Decision: **Yes** – This is a cross-SELCP Project that will be funded through Round One of the UKSPF/RPF Programme. A rigorous assessment process has determined that this project represents value for money and will deliver on the fund's outcomes, as set out in the Prospectus and Investment Plan. However, this project requires rapid mobilisation if it is to achieve the intended benefits for residents and any delay caused by the call-in process will prejudice the public's interest by delaying the funding to this project. As it does not meet the criteria for a key decision in Boston and South Holland District, an immediate delegated non-key decision has been made but in order to maximise operational efficiency, we would like this project to be mobilised in East Lindsey simultaneously and for this to be treated as a matter of urgency.

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**DECISION:**  
**To Award £126,250 in funding to the SELCP-led 'Overcoming Barriers to Employment' project through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.**

### Reason for the Decision:

As part of HMG's Levelling Up Agenda and in line with the commitments made by East Lindsey District District in the UKSPF Prospectus and Investment Plan, we have committed to invest in high-impact projects across three core themes:

- Communities and place - Supporting community groups and investment in community facilities; enhancing the cultural and heritage offer; widening the use of community buildings; initiatives to help support our town centres.
- Supporting local business - Helping local businesses invest for future growth; growing the food processing, horticulture and logistics sector; encouraging new businesses to establish; helping the local social and community enterprises to innovate and grow.

- People and skills - Developing skills and employment opportunities within the fresh food, food processing and logistics sectors; creating new training hubs; supporting local residents with skills and access to employment.

Through supporting a cohort of individuals presenting as homeless in accessing private sector tenancies and employment opportunities, we are directly meeting a number of objectives that we have committed to under both the People and Skills and the Communities and Place Themes. This project enables us to use UKSPF funding to support some of our most vulnerable residents in accessing good quality tenancies and employment opportunities. We are confident that they can deliver a significant number of outcomes expected from the Programme quickly and substantively. This has been the basis of the decision

**Alternative options considered:**

These funds were allocated on a competitive basis, based on the first round of submitted EoIs to the UK Shared Prosperity and Rural Prosperity Fund. The alternative would be to not award the funding, which would bring severe reputational risk to the Council both with the public and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

**Conflict of interest declared:** None arising, this matter has been determined by another Directorate.

**Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:**

None arising