

Household Support Fund

We are pleased to confirm that ELDC have accepted grant allocation for Lincolnshire County Council to deliver Household Support Fund locally.

That's £1.3 million this year to help households with significant increase in living costs.

Based on our experience of successfully delivering this funding to residents, we will once again be using this funding to support of community, organisations, faith groups and volunteers at food banks and community larders as well as an application scheme open to other households in need.

Details of costs of living support of all households will be updated at our webpage:

www.e-lindsey.goc.uk/costofliving

RSC Launch

Friday 23 June marked the launch of a new partnership between the Royal Shakespeare Company and the Magna Vitae Embassy Theatre in Skegness. Complimenting East Lindsey's Cultural Framework, the partnership feeds into local plans to use arts and culture as a tool for regeneration and boosting health, well-being and opportunities for young people, using a theatre-based approach to learning to help children unlock their full potential. There were 5 new learning partnerships announced across the UK, with Skegness being home to the national launch attracting nationwide press coverage.

LGA coastal SIG visit (upcoming in September) (NS)

The LGA Coastal SIG champions the collective interests of coastal, estuarine and maritime communities by increasing awareness and debate on environmental, economic and social issues at all levels in relation to the coast. We are delighted that they have chosen Lincolnshire as their destination for this year's annual visit, which is taking place on 12th, 13th and 14th September.

Approximately 30 councillors from all over the UK will be attending the trip. The delegates will be based in Skegness, but we will be showcasing projects along the East Lindsey coastline and Boston including Centre for Future Living, Skegness Foreshore, Cultural Regeneration, Coastal adaptation (Boston Barrier and Wrangle Sea Bank) and the Colonnade.

The visit will also include a celebration supper at the North Sea Observatory on the evening of 13th September, and the SIG AGM on 14th September.

CDF Approval (Cultural Development Fund)

At a meeting of Full Council on the 28th June, East Lindsey Members approved plans to proceed with the delivery of a multi-million project to regenerate two culturally significant assets on the Skegness Foreshore. The programme of works will support our partners Magna Vitae in transforming the Embassy Theatre and Mellor's Group in regenerating areas of the Skegness Pier. The funding will support continuing plans to establish the Embassy Theatre as a new Culture House within Skegness which will connect the Midlands Coast to other national and international arts venues and festivals. The project will also see the enhancement of publicly accessible open space on Scarbrough Esplanade, renovations to the current pier deck and Pier façade, and the refurbishment of 24 former beach chalet units to rejuvenate this area of the Foreshore for holidaymakers, visitors and residents. The investment is being primarily funded by the Council's successful application to secure a grant of £5million from Arts Council England's Cultural Development Fund, with additional private sector match funding being provided by the Mellors Group.

Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival

The Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival took place from 20th May – 11th June, offering over 180 events over the 3 weeks. There were a wide range of different activities, including;- guided walks, gliding, horse riding, dancing, river dipping, den building, fly fishing and much more, most activities were free of charge or available at a greatly reduced cost. Over 3500 people enjoyed taking part in the events, many trying a new activity for the first time and some finding a new hobby as a result.

Sarah Baxter visit

The Partnership area received further positive publicity when travel writer Sarah Baxter visited and was hosted in the County. She wrote a number of articles focused on Spalding, Boston and the Wolds (see attached and below)

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-crowd-free-rival-to-the-cotswolds-qf1737ldp>

LUF events

Two successful LUF launch events have been held. The first event was on 19 May to mark the funding success for Alford Windmill and Alford Manor House. Held at the Corn Exchange in Alford, around 70 people attended to hear more about the project. The second event to mark Spilsby Sessions House receiving funding was held on 6 July. This event was held at the Franklin Hall and attracted around 100 people. Both events included short overviews of the project and the first public showing of two films to mark the occasion, produced by Destination Lincolnshire. These will be available on the LUF project website at <https://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/article/23103/Levelling-Up>

S&ELCP Employee Awards

The S&ELCP Employee Awards was held on Monday 19 June at the Jakemans Community Stadium in Boston. The event was sponsored by the Staff Forum, who also sponsored the 'Collaboration and Working Together' Award and the event itself was organised by a small group from the forum. In attendance on the evening were officers and teams who were shortlisted for awards, along with members of our Corporate Management Team, Leaders from East Lindsey & South Holland, and the Deputy Leader from Boston, representatives from our Trade Unions, the Chief Executive of PSPS, Lewis Duckett, and other colleagues who were recognised as part of the evening, such as members of our Future Leaders Programme.

Whilst this was a face-to-face event it was also streamed live to colleagues in our staff Facebook group. Feedback from colleagues who attended or watched the event live has been overwhelmingly positive.

The winners and highly commended on the evening were:

Innovation and Improvement Award

Winner: Vikki Cherry – Housing Services Manager at South Holland District Council

Highly Commended: Heather Prescott for her work with the South & East Lincolnshire Climate Action Network

Emma Elghoul and Haley King, Cost of Living response officers at South Holland District Council.

Going The Extra Mile (GEM) Award

Winner: The Partnership's CCTV team

Highly Commended: Jo Stock – for the Partnership's Menopause support group

Boston Caretakers team

Rhonda Booth – Democratic Services at South Holland District Council

Rising Star Award

Winner: Adel Gardner – Environmental Services Project Coordinator at South Holland District Council

Highly Commended: Daisy Jones – Sustainable Housing Officer
Nichola Holderness – Community Leadership Manager

Project of the Year Award

Winner: The Public Sector Hub

Highly Commended: The Partnership’s Democratic Services for elections and member induction
Green Homes Grants – Phase 1b

Collaboration and Working Together Award

Winner: The Ukraine Wellbeing Team

Highly Commended: Emma Staff – Communications Lead
The Partnership’s Levelling Up Fund submissions

Operative of the Year Award

Winner: Nathan Stubleby – Shadow Supervisor, Street Cleansing Team at South Holland District Council

Highly Commended: Miles Smith – Apprentice Plumber at South Holland District Council
Colin Parker – Property Assessor at South Holland District Council

Personal Development Award

Winner: Tom Marsters – Homelessness Reduction and Housing Solution Manager at South Holland District Council

Highly Commended: Susan Armour – Environmental Protection Team Leader at South Holland District Council

Cameron Lithgow – Assistant Building Control Surveyor at Boston Borough Council
Louise Upton – Sustainable Housing Officer

Partnership Champion Award

Winner: James Gilbert – Assistant Director Corporate

Highly Commended: Clive Gibbon – Economic Development Manager – Investment and Growth
A list of winners and highly commended was previously shared with Members via the Members Point Brief.

Changing Places Toilets

I am delighted to announce that earlier today, in line with the Changing Places Awareness Day, Councillor Dickinson and I were present to help to open the first of 6 new changing places toilets within the District at Lincolnshire Wildlife Park. Members may recall that we secured £300k of government funding last year to install 6 new toilets. The toilets are part of a £30m national campaign that aims to allow around 1 million more physically impaired individuals to undertake more recreational activities with dignity, confidence, and freedom.

The first of these to be opened is at Lincolnshire Wildlife Park in Friskney and has been installed in partnership with the Council. The remaining 6 facilities at Alford, Sutton on Sea, Woodhall Spa, Skegness and Sandilands will be opened during the remainder of the year.