

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

1. Decision to be taken:

To approve further funds to be made available for the Social Isolation Grant Scheme – this scheme supports the network of Community Hubs and community groups where they are tackling social isolation, responsibility for delivery of this scheme including the awarding of grants is given to the Assistant Director for Wellbeing and Community Leadership.

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 Fry and Cllr Sarah Devereux** on behalf of ELDC Executive Board

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

Extension of this project is part of ELDCs commitment to support residents with significant increases in cost of living

5. The decision was taken on: 29/09/23

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

6. Contact Officer and details:

Nichola Holderness, Community Leadership Manger
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7. List of documents submitted for consideration in relation to the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made :

[230623_EDN - Cost of Living - Social Isolation.pdf \(e-lindsey.gov.uk\)](#) – **Decision Notice regarding initial £40,000 allocation from cost of living support**

[East Lindsey District Council \(e-lindsey.gov.uk\)](#) **Decision - regarding targeted cost of living support for residents**

Community Hub Support application and support documentation :

[Community Hub Small Grant Policy Document March 2023.pdf](#)

[Community Hub Social Isolation Support Scheme ELDC.pdf](#)

8. Where the documents are held and where they can be obtained from (except exempt items) when they become available: Nichola Holderness (nichola.holderness@boston.gov.uk)
9. The reason for the decision and other alternative options considered and rejected:
 - To support the work of community hubs and drop-ins to enable them to continue to reduce social isolation across East Lindsey
 - To support continual development of local community hubs, recognising the valuable contribution of the local third sector partners and ELDC's role in community leadership
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: None
12. Financial Implications of this Decision:-

Estimated cost:- £20,000

This budget was made available by Portfolio Holder for Finance at the Council Budget setting on 1st March 2023: <https://democracy.e-lindsey.gov.uk/mqAi.aspx?ID=33428>

Item 70: Portfolio Holder for Finance proposed that the following sums were made available for use in the following areas with immediate effect: £1m to provide targeted cost of Living Support for residents, including, but not limited to the following initiatives:

- *Extending this fund, will enable East Lindsey District Council to support more community groups who are supporting residents facing social isolation*
- *Extending the Council's partnership with Citizens Advice Lindsey so more residents could access 'financial first aid'*

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13. This decision has been signed off by:

Head of Paid Service/S151 Officer or person presiding
(signatures should be provided overleaf on page 3)

Robert Barlow, Chief Executive Officer

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Sarah Devereux, Portfolio Holder for Partnerships

Finance Portfolio Holder: Councillor Fry, Portfolio Holder for Finance