

## East Lindsey District Council

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Decision Notice From: Michelle Sacks

Date: 03/08/2023

Title: **AWARDS UNDER THE UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND (ROUND THREE) AND RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND**

Wards Affected: All Wards in East Lindsey

Key Decision: No Implementation Date: 11/08/2023

Urgent Decision: **No**

### **DECISION:**

**Decision to undertake separate awards to successful applicants in Round Three of the UK Shared Prosperity/Rural Prosperity Fund Programme. Specifically including allocations of funding to the following projects:**

- **Let's Move East Lindsey (£53,975)** – A pilot Programme focussing on signposting and communicating opportunities to be active via a digital platform. The pilot will have a core focus across the coastal regions of East Lindsey. With over 150 known activity providers in East Lindsey, this project will bring awareness of these providers in the area and the opportunities they deliver for residents to be active.
- **Wolds Community Transport (£30,240)** - Investment in a new bus for the Wolds Community Transport project, supported by a long-term business plan to increase the number of affiliate organisations who will use the bus long-term and to expand the reach of the service across the Lincolnshire Wolds area.
- **High Toynton Renewed (£14,662)** - Funding to support the restoration of the Church Tower at High Toynton, alongside a substantial revenue-funded programme to encourage the community use of the heritage asset and diversify audiences. This has achieved very substantial match funding from NLHF (c.£250k).
- **Community Catalyst Care Worker Project (£60,000)** – Working with individuals who are economically inactive or who wish to move into care to become self-employed care workers, or micro-businesses. Based from the new Campus for Future Living in Mablethorpe, this will directly address business start-ups in a priority sector (care), with a target of 60 self-employed start ups drawn from across rural communities in the District.
- **LCF – Supporting Social Enterprise (£49,406)** – Technically a Round Two award, formal notification of which has been deferred to

Round Three. This project will support the creation of small social enterprises and charities in East Lindsey District, including through the provision of a specialist advisor and small amounts of grant funding.

- **Horncastle River Enhancement (£198,900 - £120,000 Capital, £78,900 Revenue)** - A programme of environmental remediation for Horncastle's River, with investments in biodiversity, as well as physical improvements to the riverscape, supported by a programme of engagement with local schools and the local community, focussing on environmental learning.

**It must be noted:** These projects sit separate to the ringfenced funding available to village halls, parish councils and community spaces (administered by LCF), which will be determined by the end of July. These projects are also separate to the monies ringfenced for grants to businesses (Grants 4 Growth II).

### **Reason for the Decision:**

As part of HMG's Levelling Up Agenda and in line with the commitments made by East Lindsey 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.

These allocations principally meet the objectives that we have committed to under the Communities and Place and Supporting Local Businesses Themes and with the projects passing a rigorous assessment process, we are confident that they can deliver the 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 third round of submitted EoIs and Full Applications 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**

**Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest: Not Applicable**