EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

Decision to be taken: To approve the release of £73,259 from the Climate Change Reserve. The funding to be used to cover staffing costs for the Council's four Home Energy Advice Officers to enable extension of the Local Energy Advice Demonstrator programme for a six-month period from 1 April 2025 to 30 September 2025.

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: Christine Marshall, Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate Development) and Joint s151

- 4. Financial implications from this decision have been communicated to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Leader? Yes
- 5. The decision was taken on: 9th July 2024
- 6. Contact Officer and details: Sarah Baker sarah.baker@e-lindsey.gov.uk
- 7. List of documents submitted for consideration in relation to the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made: None
- 8. Where the documents are held and where they can be obtained from (except exempt items) when they become available: N/A
- 9. The reason for the decision and other alternative options considered and rejected: The officers are currently externally funded through the Local Energy Advice Demontsrator programme which comes to an end on 31 March 2025. This presents a very real risk that valuable officer resource could be lost during the busy winter period as staff seek alternative roles. Providing a six-month extension will allow for completion of the winter period alongside a period of time for proper evaluation of the project and the opportunity to seek alternative funding models with a view to potentially maintaining a level of service beyond this period given how valuable it has proven.
- 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: N/A

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12. Financial Implications of this Decision:-

Estimated cost:- £73,259

Funded from:- Climate Change Reserve which was topped up by funding from the Local Energy Advice Demonstrator programme in 2023-24 amounting to circa £109,000.

13. This decision has been signed off by:

Deputy Chief Executive Section 151 Officer: Christine Marshall

Officer: Sarah Baker - Group Manager - Climate Change and Environment

Portfolio Holder: Graham Marsh

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