

**EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE**

- . Decision to be taken: To commission the Good Homes Alliance to deliver the Healthy Homes Damp and Mould Growth Pilot on behalf of East Lindsey District Council.
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: Jonathan Challen
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: 16th August 2024.
6. Contact Officer and details: Jonathan Challen, Jonathan.challen@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:
On 27th March 2024 the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (now Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)) selected East Lindsey District Council as a Treatment Group for a Healthy Homes Pilot, focusing on reducing the prevalence of damp and mould growth in the private sector. The amount of grant award for a treatment group is £130,000. Under the terms of the grant award the Council is required to evidence how it will:
 - I. Provide additional resource in enforcement teams
 - II. Standardise training across your existing team.
 - III. Improved communications and engagement with landlords and tenants.
 - IV. Improved equipment, i.e., tools to measure damp and mould; and
 - V. Improved data collection tools and support.

All of the above is required to be completed by 31st March 2025, however due to delays in the project caused by the recent general election the key performance indicators that the Council is expected to be reporting against have yet to be published. Within Lincolnshire the Good Homes Alliance has recently been developed to deliver advice and help to residents for a whole range of housing related issues, including damp and mould growth. It is proposed to allocate up to £130,000 of the funding received to the Good Homes Alliance to deliver on the items listed I – V above. The funding would provide dedicated resources specifically for the East Lindsey area, in order to deliver on the pilot. This will provide longevity and a more sustainable approach to the delivery of this work, as the Good Homes Alliance will continue operating beyond the end of the MHCLG Healthy Homes pilot.

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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: - None for East Lindsey District Council as the funding has been generated from an external source

Estimated cost: - Up to £130,000

Funded from: - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

13. This decision has been signed off by:

Head of Paid Service/SLT:

Robert Barlow, Chief Executive

Officer:

Jonathan Challen, Safer Communities Service Manager

Portfolio Holder:

Cllr Thomas Kemp, Portfolio Holder for Finance
Cllr William Gray, Portfolio Holder for Communities and Better Aging
