

East Lindsey District Council – Audit & Governance – 11th September 2024 – Exemptions Register

In the 6-month period from 1st March 2024 – 31st August 2024, there have been 20 exemptions signed off. This is higher than the previous 6-month period, where there were 15 exemptions. Similarly to the 6-month period previous, this is mainly due to National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) funded projects – 14 of the 20 exemptions in this period were related to the NPO.

ELDC have been successful in receiving National Portfolio Organisation status from Arts Council England (ACE), having received c£2,000,000 over a 3-year period from 2023-2026. The funding that ELDC have received is on behalf of Boston Borough Council and South Holland District Council too, with ELDC facilitating the spend of the grant-funded money.

Please see below brief details on each of the exemptions:

Levelling-Up Fund Project (Spilsby Sessions House) – Appointment of an Architect to RIBA Stage 3 (£143,450) – Tim Ronalds Architects were initially commissioned by The Sessions House to prepare a Viability Study Architectural Report. This commission has been limited to RIBA Stage 0-3 (Planning) as it is then a natural point for the Council to properly investigate routes to RIBA Stage 4 and beyond. There have been delays to this project (not the Architects fault) so the decision was made to continue to keep the professional team together and bring the project back on programme.

NPO Funded – “Civas Potentia” activity – additional night (£20,000) – Due to the success of the first day of this event, a decision was made to extend to an additional night, maximising the visitor numbers to Ayscoughfee Hall and Gardens and allowing the community created artworks to be displayed longer.

NPO Funded – Future of the Past II project (£60,000) – The NPO proposed to support the soundLINC'S Future of the Past II project (to do with attracting young people aged 11-25 to attend heritage venues) with an annual contribution for the next 3 years of £20,000 per annum, whilst delivering specific outputs for the NPO.

NPO Funded – Re-development of exhibition materials in Ayscoughfee Hall and Gardens (£26,633.99) – The work has been designed and will be delivered by Dr Frazier Wood. Due to this, market testing was unable to be undertaken.

NPO Funded – Bespoke sand art and seaside related activity for Sutton on Sea (£30,000) – similar to the above, the work has been designed and delivered by Sand in Your Eye, a specialist sand artist organisation.

NPO Funded – Ayscoughfee Hall and Gardens Museum development in partnership with Spalding Gentleman’s Society (£10,550) – same as above – the work has been designed and will be delivered by the Spalding Gentleman’s Society.

NPO Funded – Sound Walk – East Lindsey Coastline (£10,500) – same as above – undertaken by the artist to re-work her ruttier (that was made for a Lincs County Council NPO commission) into a multi-part sound walk.

Bespoke Planning Consultancy (£38,335) - the requirement is to bring together the planning services of SHDC, BBC and ELDC into a single, high-performing planning service. The consultant used was the only available planning transformation specialist that could work to the required timescales.

Pre-Construction Services Agreement (PCSA) for Campus for Future Living (£167,740) – the building works had been completed by Lindum without the fit-out inside due to there being no active interest

in the site at that time. Lindum, the Contractor, were meant to do this as part of the original contract and as the timescales were so close from practical completion of the works to working on the design for the fit-out, it made sense to stay with Lindum. **Note: there will likely be an additional exemption coming for Lindum to undertake the fit-out works.**

NPO Funded – Ayscoughfee Hall Infinite Museums (£110,000) – work to be designed and delivered by Metro Boulot Dodo, who deliver bespoke ‘infinite museums’. This included digital storytelling, helping museums share their collections in a virtual reality environment.

NPO Funded – Creative Youth Engagement Project (£25,000) – supplier to deliver their bespoke “Refresh Youth Engagement Project”, which is a public art project that places the voices of young people at the heart of their community.

NPO Funded – Mark the Marked schools programme (£35,000) – supplier to deliver their school theatre programme “Mark and the Marked” which is an original Box Clever production and workshop series focussing on mental health and wellbeing among children.

NPO Funded – Heritage Associates Programme (Ayscoughfee Hall) (£30,000) - This commission is to work in partnership with Spalding Gentleman’s Society to develop a Heritage Associates Programme. Spalding Gentleman’s Society play a key role in the NPO project due to them co-locating into Ayscoughfee Hall during the funding period as their museum building undergoes essential maintenance. The Heritage Associates Programme (HAP) pilots a new framework for providing high-quality, accessible pathways into the cultural and heritage sectors for young people.

NPO Funded – Creative Hub Site – Storytelling News Desks (£15,000) - This commission is to commission Paradigm Arts to use their bespoke Lincolnshire based Young Journalist Academy programme to offer pupils in the subregion the opportunity to be part of a special programme aimed to develop news desks at each of our creative hub sites.

NPO Funded – Consultancy / Mentoring support for NPO development (£20,000) - This commission is to extend the work Michael Hoar has been providing to the NPO. Michael was commissioned in year one to provide mentoring support.

NPO Funded – Creative Story Capture Project (£90,000) - This commission is to continue to work with Waveform Arts to develop their creative story capture project in Sutton on Sea and along the East Coast.

NPO Funded – East Coast Night Light (£100,000) - This commission is to work with Sessions Arts (creative arm of Spilsby Sessions House CIC) to continue with the development of an East Coast Light Night; building on the Sutton Stories event held in February half term 2024; which was produced by the Sessions Arts team.

Urgent Sotby Flood Scheme (£16,250) – ELDC and Lincs County Council carried out a joint repair scheme to alleviate flooding in Sotby. The initial part of the scheme was commissioned for less than £5,000 (1 quote only required). Further urgent drainage repair works were identified – works needed to continue as the repair was required immediately. This brought the total project to c£16k.

NPO Funded – The Hourglass – We Love this Place (£16,052) - This commission is to bring The Hour Glass to the Sutton on Sea East Coast Light Night in October. This includes community workshops, delivery, installation, running of and removal of EEAs Light Installation of The Hourglass - We Love this place.

Subscription for 2024/2025 with Destination Lincolnshire to provide core activities supporting the ELDC visitor economy (£12,300) - Destination Lincolnshire is the only organisation that represents the tourism and visitor economy sector in Lincolnshire in an active promotional way and therefore there is no other logical organisation that can provide the services outlined above.