

## East Lindsey District Council

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Decision Notice From: **Leader Decision**

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Title: *Grant Funding Agreement between ACIS and East Lindsey District Council to support the future sustainability and operation of the Campus for Future Living, Mablethorpe:*

Wards Affected: Mablethorpe

Key Decision: **Yes** Implementation Date: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Urgent Decision: This decision has been exempted from call in by agreement of the Chairman of the Council.

The decision is taken under the Special Urgency Regulations ([The Local Authorities \(Executive Arrangements\) \(Meetings and Access to Information\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)).

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### **DECISION:**

To sign a Grant Funding Agreement between ACIS and East Lindsey District Council to support the future sustainability and operation of the Campus for Future Living – the flagship project of the Mablethorpe Town Deal. While the project is expected to generate future revenue, there is a current financial shortfall, which makes it necessary to potentially access reserve funds to bridge the gap.

In line with the Estimated cost:- Maximum cost if required in Year 3 (27/28 financial year) of £150,000 to be funded from:- ELDC Reserves

The Draft Grant Funding Agreement between ACIS and ELDC has been provided to the Leader of the Council in taking this decision.

The Grant Funding Agreement must be signed by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024. Due to the timeframe, there is not the time to follow the normal Committee and Council process.

The decision is urgent as any delay caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. In accordance with the Council's Constitution the Chairman of the Council has agreed that the

decision proposed is a reasonable in the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.

**Reason for the Decision:**

Maintaining the continuity of the Campus for Future Living is critical to achieving its long-term goals. Securing ACIS as a partner and leaseholder requires support with essential operational costs to ensure the project can continue delivering on its objectives. The business plan, included as a schedule in the Grant Funding Agreement, demonstrates future revenue and sustainability, with a potential future shortfall making it necessary to access reserve funds to bridge the gap. Allowing the Grant Funding Agreement to be signed and utilising reserves, if required, will allow the project to maintain momentum and operational stability, ensuring the Campus for Future Living can continue to develop, innovate, and expand its impact.

Using reserves proactively will mitigate the risk of operational interruptions, which could have a negative impact on stakeholders and East Lindsey District Council's reputation. This planned allocation ensures preparedness and reduces potential risks associated with cash flow constraints.

**Alternative options considered:**

None.

**Conflict of interest declared:**

None.

**Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:**

**None.**