

**ACTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2024 AT 2.00 PM.**

63.	REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:	
✓	(a) MHCLG Pilot Fund	
	<p>Clarification to be provided on whether the three-day energy training session for volunteers was part of the pilot fund.</p> <p>Update 17.02.25: <i>The 3-day energy training session is not part of the MHCLG pilot for damp and mould growth, however work is underway to identify whether such training would be beneficial to the Good Homes Alliance case workers who are giving out advice to residents as part of the pilot.</i></p>	CLLR CL/ES/ JC
✓	(b) Social Isolation Grant	
	<p>Clarification to be provided whether a list of grant aid available for people to apply for was still communicated in the Councillor weekly bulletin.</p> <p>Update 24.02.25: <i>Information relating to this grant was included on the 10th January 2025 in the Members' Point Brief in the Grants and Funding section. The officer will speak to the Communications Team to look to add this in on a regular basis.</i></p>	CLLR CL/ES
✓	(c) Household Support Fund (HSF)	
	<p>A Member highlighted that the application section for residents to apply for the HSF was not being delivered until January 2025, it was queried why this was delayed when some other councils had already opened up the application process.</p> <p>Update 11.02.25:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It was only the public application scheme that was not launched in January 2025 (circa. 30% of ELDC's local allocation).</i> • <i>Other strands of the scheme were launched in December 2024 and grants/vouchers made available to Age UK, Carers First, NHS Neighbourhood Teams, Domestic Abuse refuges, Citizens Advice, Wellbeing Lincs.</i> • <i>There were various governance/ processes to work through since the formal notification of ELDC's allocation of Household Support Fund 6 on 07/11/24.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Accepting the local allocation into supplementary budget.</i> ○ <i>Getting grant agreements in place.</i> ○ <i>Transfer of funds.</i> ○ <i>Reviewing eligibility to meet new scheme criteria and national guidance.</i> • <i>Based on experience of previous schemes, if scheme open for applications before Christmas, it is more difficult to manage demand and expectations.</i> 	CLLR CL/ES/ RW

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lincolnshire Community Foundation who are administering the scheme are a charity with a small team and they are not able to assess applications over the Christmas break. 	
✓	(d) East Lindsey Investment Fund (ELIF)	
	<p>(i) Clarification to be provided why the scale of the funding available was an Executive Board level decision rather than one for Full Council.</p> <p>Update 19.02.25: Use of the Corporate Priorities Reserve by the Executive was approved by Council on 28th February 2024 in the budget report. (Minute 88). The principles of the East Lindsey Investment Fund Plan were approved by Executive Board on 18 September 2024 (Minute 20) to guide the allocation of funding and resources.</p>	CLLR CL/JM
✓	<p>(ii) Clarification to be provided on where to access information/apply for funding on the ELDC website and to provide assurance that this was clear to community groups and others applying for funding.</p> <p>Update 24.02.25 – The Senior Programme Manager – Local Growth & Grant Funding circulated an email with the details to all Members on 24 January 2025.</p>	CLLR CL/PP
70 (a).	SCRUTINY PANEL REPORT: REVIEW OF THE CARBON REDUCTION PLAN AND ASSOCIATED CARBON REDUCTION ACTIVITY AT ELDC:	
✓	<p>In relation to social value, clarification was sought as to whether the Council always bought local and whether this was a number one priority.</p> <p>Update 14.02.25: An update is provided at Appendix A to the Action Sheet.</p>	CLLR GM/SB
71.	QUESTIONS:	
✓	(a) Question 7 (Supplementary) - Cllr Horton to Cllr Tom Kemp	CLLR TK/SH
	Criteria for writing off debts	
	<p>Clarification to be provided whether any of the claims reached court and how long before it became a bad debt.</p> <p>Update 24.02.25: In respect of Council Tax and Business Rates there is a statutory process which requires the billing authority to obtain a Liability Order through the Magistrates Court before any enforcement action can be taken. In 2024/25, to date, the Magistrates Court has granted this Council 5,372 Council Tax and 192 Business Rates Liability Orders.</p>	

	<p><i>Court action in respect of sundry debt and Housing Benefit overpayments would be through the County Court, although this would not be the first course of action as budget managers and the debt recovery team would pursue other avenues first, including cessation of service where appropriate.</i></p> <p><i>There is not a set timescale or an order of enforcement actions and attempts to enforce debt can span a number of years. Enforcement options will be considered and exhausted before a debt is presented for write off. There is a mechanism in place to assess the risk of non-collection, recognising the increased risk as debt ages, and this is built into bad debt provisions.</i></p>	
✓	(b) Question 8 (Supplementary) – Cllr Horton to Cllr Foster	CLLR MF/VB
	<u>Reduction of waste refuse collections</u>	
	<p>A query was raised as the acronyms had not been detailed in the response and asked that this information be provided.</p> <p><u>Update 10.02.25:</u> <i>The acronyms referred to are as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>POPs = Persistent Organic Pollutants. They are chemical substances that do not break down in the environment and are found in some waste upholstered seating. We must now collect these separately and ensure they are disposed of by incineration.</i> ▪ <i>WUDS = Waste Upholstered Domestic Seating (and therefore may contain POPS).</i> ▪ <i>SLA = Service Level Agreement.</i> 	
✓	(c) Question 14 (Supplementary) – Cllr Dawson to Cllr Ashton	
	<u>Lessons learned from Briggs Meadow planning application</u>	CLLR TA/PN
	<p>Specifically to the Briggs Meadows application, a response was requested with regards to the specific application process and why it took so long.</p> <p><u>Update 11.02.25:</u> <i>The Assistant Director, Planning and Strategic Infrastructure has advised that there is nothing further to report on this other than already outlined in the last responses provided.</i></p>	
✓	(d) Question 22 (Supplementary) -Councillor Jill Makinson-Sanders to Councillor Gray	CLLRS WG/ JMS/ES
	<u>Explanation of domestic abuse meaning</u>	
	Further to an anecdotal situation highlighted and the response provided, the Member asked for assurance that adequate training was provided to the right people in the right places.	

	<u>Update 13.02.25</u> – <i>The Community Safety Manager has acknowledged this action and is happy to follow up if further instruction/detail is provided from the Members concerned.</i>	
	ACTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2024	
48.	MOTIONS ON NOTICE:	
✓	Further to the Motion 'Winter Fuel Allowance and protecting pensioners from fuel poverty' being supported, the Leader of the Council to write to Government, with the letter countersigned by all Group Leaders. <u>Update 10/02/2015:</u> <i>The letter was sent on 06/02/2025.</i>	CLLR CL