

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
CABINET MEMBER**

**ECONOMIC REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND BID PROPOSAL**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Cabinet Member of a potential bid to the Economic Regeneration Development Fund (ERDF) Yorkshire and Humber.
- 1.2 To gain Cabinet Member support to progress with the bid.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The ERDF programme has four priorities, the focus for Children and Young Peoples Service is priority 3. ***“To target resources at these most deprived communities where continued under performance is a threat to the regions economic growth – focussing on tackling social and economic exclusion and improving territorial cohesion, creating enterprise opportunities within disadvantaged neighbourhoods and extending the social community”***
- 2.2 The EDRF programme has been running since 2007, in April 2012 the department for Communities and Local Government published a call for new funding proposals. The deadline for outline bids is 15 June 2012.
- 2.3 The outputs for the ERDF programme are as follows;
  - Number of businesses that are assisted that are social enterprises
  - New or upgraded floor space
  - Projects that overcome barriers to employment
  - New businesses created
  - New jobs created
  - Jobs safeguarded
- 2.4 Children and Young Peoples Services Placement Sufficiency Strategy 2011-13 has a strategic priority to “Provide an increased range and choice of provision for care leavers and other post 16 provision” working in partnership with North Lincolnshire Homes (NLH).

- 2.5 Initial meetings have taken place between Children and Young Peoples Service (CYPS) and NLH. Both parties have agreed to work in partnership in principle, subject to agreement from Cabinet Member and the Executive Management Team at NLH.
- 2.6 The following provides a very brief overview of the initial proposals, it is anticipated that should the bid go ahead it will cover more activity than is detailed within this report.

Initial proposals for the bid address each of the ERDF outputs as follows:

- NLH are developing a Community Interest Company that will incorporate social enterprises
  - The proposal is for a new build foyer type provision, along with move on accommodation if possible
  - The new build will incorporate provision for employability education and training. Partnerships will be forged with Humber Learning Partnership, colleges etc, all linked into social enterprises
  - New social enterprises will be created
  - New jobs will be created through social enterprises, this will incorporate the apprenticeships programme
  - Jobs will be safeguarded through the transfer to social enterprises
- 2.7 The ERDF bid requires match funding, the minimum bid amount is £500,000. The match funding can be made up of cash and assets such as land and buildings.

Both the council and NLH are in the process of identifying cash and assets for the match funding, progress to date includes;

The council

- Strategic housing will make a bid for cash through the new homes bonus funding
- C&YPS and strategic housing are identifying additional cash funding streams to support social enterprise development
- Strategic Housing are identifying any land that may be suitable for the proposal

NLH

- Identifying land and buildings
- Identifying cash
- Apprentices as job creation

- 2.8 The timetable for initial outline proposal bids are to be submitted on June 15 2012, therefore any land would have to be identified prior to submission. If the outline proposal is accepted there will be a further two months to ensure that any land and cash are secured.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 Option one is to go ahead with the proposed bid in Partnership with North Lincolnshire Homes.
- 3.2 Option two is to not go ahead with the bid

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 The outcome of option one if successful with the bid would enable the Statutory Sufficiency Duty being met with regard to Care Leavers and those aged 16 and 17 on the cusp of care. North Lincolnshire will also have a flagship foyer based provision that supports employability for young people and economic growth for Social Enterprises
- 4.2 In order to submit a viable bid, it is necessary for land and new homes bonus funding to be identified for the project. Further Cabinet member decisions will be required before the submission deadline to approve the gifting of land and allocation of new homes bonus funding to the project.
- 4.3 The outcome for option two would be that Children and Young Peoples Services will lose a opportunity to meet the Statutory Sufficiency requirements and may not achieve the strategic priorities of the Placement Sufficiency Strategy 2011-13. There will be no enhancement of employability options for young people, and no economic growth for Social Enterprises.

### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

- 5.1 The completion and co-ordination of the bid would be done through existing staff.
- 5.3 The anticipated value of the bid is at least £2,000,000.
- 5.2 There would be a requirement for the council to identify suitable land and new homes bonus funding to be used as match funding.

### **6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

- 6.1 Not applicable at this stage.

### **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 Consultation to assess feasibility has been carried out with North Lincolnshire Homes, North Lincolnshire Council Strategic Housing and Economic Development services.
- 7.2 This consultation confirms that it is a viable project on which to work up a more detailed bid.

## 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Member supports the proposal to submit a bid to the ERDF which will include the identification of land and use of Homes Bonus funding and will be in partnership with North Lincolnshire Homes.

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