

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**REGENERATION
CABINET MEMBER**

SSE KEADBY WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Cabinet Member on the SSE Keadby Wind Farm Community Fund
- 1.2 To approve the establishment of a fixed-term post of SSE Community Fund Support Worker.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Secretary of State approved the wind farm on 28 February 2008, and the SSE Keadby Wind Farm Community Fund was launched in October 2013. The fund has an annual budget of £170,000.
- 2.2 The fund was established in response to the development of the wind farm at Keadby. It aims to provide a community benefit to residents in the North Axholme Ward.
- 2.3 The council will act as the administering body for the fund on behalf of SSE, the wind farm provider. We facilitate the Funding Panel meetings. The Funding Panel considers and approves all applications for funding. The first Funding Panel was held on 10 February 2014.
- 2.4 The Funding Panel has considered the application process and the information required from applicants. It has indicated that they would support the provision of a support worker to advise and help applicants develop their project ideas and complete and submit funding applications.
- 2.5 A job description for a Support Worker is due to go through the council's job evaluation process. The Funding Panel has set a limit on the level of funding available for this post at £10,000. Therefore the number of hours provided will depend on the outcome of the job evaluation process.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1: Approve the establishment of a fixed-term part time post of SSE Community Fund Support Worker on an initial contract of up to 18 months.
- 3.2 Option 2: Do not approve the establishment of the suggested post.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Option 1

Option 1 is the preferred option. It would give applicants the support required to develop their project, receive guidance and advice on application completion and ensure that local schemes are viable and deliverable.

4.2 Option 2

Option 2 would reduce the capacity to access the funding by the local North Axholme communities.

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

- 5.1 The SSE fund will fully fund the post in question at nil cost to the council, for a fixed term period of up to eighteen months.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

- 6.1 An impact assessment has not highlighted any significant adverse issues.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

- 7.1 Consultation has taken place with the SSE Keadby Wind Farm Community Funding Panel. They agree with the proposal.
- 7.2 There are no known conflicts of interests.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 To approve the establishment of a fixed term part-time post of SSE Community Fund Support Officer for up to 18 months.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report - None