



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

# Officer Delegated Decision

20 May 2024

Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive  
& s151 Officer




## EEM Community Donations

Acceptance of the EEM Community Donation for distribution by SKDC to the voluntary and community sector.

### Contact

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<b>Decision made by:</b>	Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer
<b>Decision:</b>	1) To formally accept the allocation of an EEM Community Donation of £7,687.26. 2) To approve the setting up of a budget to enable the Grant to be allocated and spent.
<b>Public or Exempt:</b>	Public
<b>Reasons for exemption:</b>	N/A
<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	No
<b>Policy compliant:</b>	Yes
<b>Details of delegation:</b>	Directors are authorised by virtue of the Council's Financial Regulations to accept any external funding and make the associated budget virements in line with the authorised limits set out in the regulations.

### 1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's

declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

### ***Finance***

- 1.1 The report confirms a one-off donation will be received from a not for profit organisation. The proposal is to allocate the funding to support those in food poverty and the criteria to be used will be in accordance with existing allocation methodologies.

Completed by: Paul Sutton Interim Head of Finance

### ***Legal and Governance***

- 1.2 The Deputy Chief Executive has the necessary delegated authority to make this decision.

Completed by: Graham Watts Monitoring Officer

## **2. The Purpose of the Report**

- 2.1 EEM is a not-for-profit procurement consortium utilised by SKDC's housing services to enable cost and efficiency savings within the service area.
- 2.2 As a not-for-profit organisation EEM chooses to donate its operating surplus back to its members, of which SKDC is one, in the form of Community Donations.
- 2.3 Under this scheme, in 2023/24 South Kesteven District Council was awarded the sum of £7,687.26. The purpose of this donation is to provide funding to local good causes within the voluntary and community sector.
- 2.4 EEM is not prescriptive about how this donation is allocated within the District. The funding can be provided to one good cause or split between a number of groups.
- 2.5 It is intended that this funding be used to support those who are helping local communities currently in food poverty and will, therefore, following the same criteria as the Council's existing Food Support Scheme.

## **3. Available Options Considered**

- 3.1 The Council could decide not to accept the grant funding, however this decision would not align with the Council's commitment to delivering on its Community Engagement and Development Strategy – Our People, Our Place (2024-2027).

#### **4. Preferred Option**

- 4.1 To accept the grant funding to support the voluntary and community sector of South Kesteven.

#### **5. Reasons for the Decision(s)**

- 5.1 The Council is committed to delivering on its Community Engagement and Development Strategy and its action to: “Continue to support the voluntary and community sector providing food/essentials in times of financial hardship to those in need through ring-fenced funding”.

#### **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 The portfolio holder has been briefed and is supportive of the Council accepting this donation in support of the voluntary and community sector.

Signed by: **Richard Wyles**

Dated: **21.5.24**