



**Prosperous Communities
Committee**

Tuesday 29th January 2019

**Subject: Bid to the Greater Lincolnshire One Public Estate (GLOPE)
Board for grant funding to support project work arising from the
MOD's announcement regarding the the Closure of RAF
Scampton.**

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Purpose	To advise Members of a bid submitted to the Greater Lincolnshire One Public Estate (GLOPE) Board for grant funding to support project work arising from the MOD's announcement that RAF Scampton is surplus to operational needs and will close in 2022.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Members support and endorse the contents of the attached report, including the proposed projects that can be supported by the grant funding applied for. Note that this report was also considered at the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee (CLJSPC) on 14 January 2019.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None arising from this report

(N.B.) Where there are legal implications the report MUST be seen by the MO

Financial : FIN/204/19

There are no immediate financial implications arising directly from this report.

Grant Funding has been applied for and a number of potential projects identified. The partners are continuing to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalise the partnership working arrangements. No further information on possible future uses or likely timescales involved in the site's closure are available at this time.

(N.B.) All committee reports MUST have a Fin Ref

Staffing : None arising from this report however the grant funding would be used to support the project costs associated with staff resources for this work

(N.B.) Where there are staffing implications the report MUST have a HR Ref

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

None arising from this report

Risk Assessment : n/a

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities : n/a

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

n/a

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

x

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

1.0 Background and Purpose of this report

- 1.1 Members will be aware that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) announced in July 2018 that RAF Scampton is considered to be surplus to operational requirements and will be close in 2022.
- 1.2 The relocation of units from RAF Scampton and the subsequent disposal of the site are being taken forward under the Defence Estate Option Programme (DEOP) which is implementing “A Better Defence Estate”.
- 1.3 Preliminary discussions between the responsible Local Authorities (West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) and Lincolnshire County Council (LCC)) and the Ministry of Defence (MOD) have confirmed that all parties are committed to explore the opportunities for the future of the site after 2022.
- 1.4 There is a desire to work together in innovative ways to maximise revenue savings and capital receipts for the MOD and wider government objectives presently exemplified by the One Public Estate (OPE) outcomes for the site. The first priority is to identify how to stabilise the existing community and ensure it has an independent, sustainable future.
- 1.5 At this time future uses of the site cannot be planned in any detail due to the uncertainties over the exact timescales for the relocation of existing operations, and as a direct result of the very limited information available relating to the land and buildings. Once this is better understood suitable potential future uses can start to be considered.
- 1.6 To begin to understand more about the site, and to mitigate the significant project costs likely to be borne by the local authorities involved, including but not limited to staff resources and project work, a bid has been submitted to the Greater Lincolnshire One Public Estate Board for grant funding.
- 1.7 The attached report summarises the nature of the bid and typical projects that are expected to be funded should the bid succeed. This report was first presented to the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee on 14 January 2019 in the context of the implications on the local plan and spatial strategy should further growth be planned in future (post 2022) at this site.
- 1.8 Successful bids are expected to be announced before the end of the current financial year. In the meantime the lead partners are continuing to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalise the partnership working arrangements. No further information on possible future uses or likely timescales involved in the site’s closure are available at this time.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That Members support and endorse the contents of the attached report, including the proposed projects that can be supported by the grant funding applied for. Note that this report was also considered at the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee (CLJSPC) on 14 January 2019.