



CABINET
DECISION NOTICE

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At a special meeting of the Cabinet held on 19th October, 2016 the following matters were discussed. The decisions of Cabinet are set out below each item along with reasons for the decision and other options considered.

PRESENT: Councillor Oxby (in the Chair)
Councillors Hyldon-King, James, Patrick, Watson and Wheatley

DN.58 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies received from Councillor Chase.

DN.59 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in any items on the agenda for this meeting.

DN.60

GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE DEVOLUTION PROPOSAL

Cabinet considered a report setting out the latest position in relation to the implementation of the devolution agreement for Greater Lincolnshire and providing confirmation of the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken by the ten local authorities in the Greater Lincolnshire area with a view to inviting the Council to determine whether to consent on behalf of North East Lincolnshire Council to the creation of a Combined Authority in Greater Lincolnshire.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL –

- (1) That the contents of the consultation report at Appendix 1 ("the Consultation Report") of the report now submitted be noted.**
- (2) That support in principle be given to the giving of consent on behalf of North East Lincolnshire Council, as a constituent council of the proposed combined authority for the Greater Lincolnshire area, to the making by the Secretary of State of an order in accordance with the scheme:-**
 - (a) for the establishment of a combined authority for the Greater Lincolnshire area pursuant to section 110 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (LDEDCA).**
 - (b) for the making of constitutional provisions in relation to the combined authority pursuant to section 104 of LDEDCA.**
 - (c) for the delegation to the combined authority of the transport functions of the Secretary of State and the other functions of public authorities pursuant to sections 104 and 105A of LDEDCA.**
 - (d) for the functions of the Combined Authority as specified to be exercisable only by the mayor subject to the conditions and limitations specified pursuant to S107D of LDEDCA.**
 - (e) for Chapter 1 Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to have effect in relation to the combined authority as it has in effect to a local authority.**

- (f) for the combined authority to be treated as a levying body for the purposes of section 74 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 in respect of expenses of the combined authority that are reasonably attributable to the exercise of any of its functions other than mayoral functions.**
- (g) for the combined authority to be given power to borrow under section 1 of the Local Government Act 2003 for a purpose relevant to any of its functions.**
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to approve the giving of consent to the matters referred to in recommendation 2 when the terms of the Order are known.**
- (4) That the Equalities Impact Analysis at Appendix 2 of the report now submitted, be noted and due regard given to its contents.**

REASONS FOR DECISION – Council consent will enable the appropriate legislation to be passed to establish the Greater Lincolnshire Combined Authority. This would enable effect to be given to the Greater Lincolnshire Devolution Deal which provides for a number of functions currently exercised by the Secretary of State or other public authorities on behalf of central government to be exercised locally. In addition, £15m per year additional funding would be drawn into Greater Lincolnshire to be spent by the combined authority over a 30 year period. The Governance Review undertaken by the Constituent Councils determined that central government functions delegated to Greater Lincolnshire would best be exercised by a combined authority.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – That the proposals not be pursued.