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**NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

**26<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillor McGilligan-Fell (in the Chair)  
Councillors Barber, Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Bramley, Brookes, Brown, Burton, Cairns, Chase, Colquhoun, Cracknell, Darby, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Hyldon-King, Jackson, James, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Oxby, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson, Stockton, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson.

<b>OFFICERS:</b>	Rob Walsh	Chief Executive
	Tony Maione	Monitoring Officer
	Sharon Wroot	Director of Finance
	Iain Lovell	Group Manager Customer and Communications
	Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager

The proceedings were opened with prayers by Reverend Paul Hunter.

**NEL.5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

**NEL.6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Stockton declared a personal interest in any matters relating to his role as Vice Chair of Centre 4.

Councillor Fenty declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in NEL.12 as a member of the interim executive board at the Oasis Academy Wintringham and left the Council Chamber during the consideration of the appointment of the Elected Member representative to the academy's board of governors.

Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest in NEL.14 as he was employed in the further education sector.

NEL.7 **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council noted that Councillor Oxby had been appointed Leader of North East Lincolnshire Council for a four year term in 2015. Since Councillor Oxby had been returned as a Councillor in the Local Elections 2016, his term of office as Leader would therefore continue.

RESOLVED – That the continued service of Councillor Oxby as Leader of North East Lincolnshire Council be noted.

NEL.8 **DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET MEMBERSHIP**

Council noted a paper circulated at the meeting setting out the Leader’s choice of Deputy Leader and the Cabinet. The Leader confirmed his appointments and the Portfolio responsibilities as follows:

Deputy Leader	Councillor Watson	Energy and Environment
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Chase	Safer Communities, Public Protection and the Visitor Economy
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Hyldon-King	Health and Well-being
Portfolio Holder	Councillor James	Children and Young People
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Patrick	Finance, Resources and Inclusion
Portfolio Holder	Councillor P. Wheatley	Regeneration, Skills and Housing

NEL.9 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**

The Council considered a report from the Monitoring Officer, setting out amendments and modifications to the Council’s constitutional and governance arrangements for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

An addendum to Appendix 1 of the report was circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Scheme of Delegation, as currently set out in the Constitution and incorporating the proposed changes as set out in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted (including the additional change as detailed in the addendum), be approved for the Municipal Year 2016/17 subject to any changes required by (i) operation of law or (ii) owing to the direct effect of Cabinet or Committee decisions, in which case authority is delegated to the Monitoring Officer to make such changes, in consultation with the Leader of the Council (in respect of

executive arrangements) and the Chair of any relevant Committee or Panel (non-executive arrangements) as the case may be.

- (2) That the amendments to the Contract Procedure Rules, as set out in Section 3 of the report now submitted, be approved.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to implement and publish the revised format of the Constitution as set out in Section 4 of the report now submitted.

NEL.10      **MEETINGS TIMETABLE 2015/2016**

The Council considered a proposed schedule of meetings of the Council, its Cabinet and Committees and Panels for the Municipal Year 2016-2017.

RESOLVED - That the meetings of the Council and its Committees for the ensuing Municipal Year as set out in the schedule now submitted be approved.

NEL.11      **COMMITTEE AND PANEL MEMBERSHIP**

The Council considered a schedule allocating seats on the Council's Committees and Panels for the Municipal Year 2016-2017. Nominations to the role of Chair (and Deputy Chair where appropriate) for each Committee and Panel were also considered.

Voting took place on contested nominations for the chairmanship of the following Committees and Panels:

**Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel**

It was proposed by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Fenty, that Councillor Shreeve be appointed Chairman of the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel.

Upon a vote, this was carried and therefore it was

RESOLVED – That Councillor Shreeve be appointed Chairman of the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel for the Municipal Year 2016-2017.

**Standards and Adjudication Committee**

It was proposed by Councillor Oxby, seconded by Councillor Watson, that Councillor Walker be appointed Chairman of the Standards and Adjudication Committee.

Upon a vote, this was carried and therefore it was

RESOLVED – That Councillor Walker be appointed Chairman of the Standards and Adjudication Committee for the Municipal Year 2016-2017.

It was proposed by the Leader and seconded by Councillor Jackson that the nominations for the remaining Chairs and Deputy Chairs; and the committee membership as set out in the schedule, including the Leader's appointments to the Health and Wellbeing Board, be agreed. This matter was subsequently debated.

RESOLVED - That appointments to the remaining Chairs and Deputy Chairs and to the seats on the Committees and Panels of the Council be agreed as set out in the schedule now submitted, including the Leader of the Council's appointments to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

NEL.12

### **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Council considered a schedule setting out representation on Outside Bodies for 2016-2017. It was noted that since circulation of the schedule, additional nominations had been received for the Allotments Forum, Shoreline Housing Partnership and the Waltham Windmill Trust. It was further noted that the nominations of Councillor Stockton for the Allotments Forum and Councillor Darby for the NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors had been withdrawn. In addition, it was requested that the Adult and Community Learning Strategic Group be deleted from the schedule as it no longer met.

Where nominations were unopposed, these were moved for approval en bloc.

The Monitoring Officer advised on the procedure to be followed for those Bodies where there were contested nominations. Those nominations were voted upon on an individual basis.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Schedule of Representation on Outside Bodies for 2016-2017 now submitted be approved.
- (2) That the Adult and Community Learning Strategic Group be deleted from the schedule.
- (3) That Councillor Shepherd be appointed to the Allotments Forum.
- (4) That Honorary Alderman Peter Mills be appointed to the Waltham Windmill Trust.
- (5) That Councillor James be appointed to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Advisory Group.
- (6) That Councillor Shreeve be appointed to the Fostering Panel.
- (7) That Councillors Burton, Sutton, Jackson and Shepherd be appointed to the Humberside Fire Authority.

- (8) That Councillor Darby be appointed to the Local Authority Governor Oasis Academy Wintringham.
- (9) That Councillor Dickerson be appointed to the NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors.
- (10) That Councillor K. Wheatley be appointed to the Shoreline Housing Partnership and the remaining position on this body be further considered at the next meeting of Council.

NEL.13

**ANNUAL REVIEW OF SCRUTINY FOR 2015/2016 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2016 - 2017.**

The Council considered a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer reviewing the work undertaken by Scrutiny in 2015-16 and the planned work programme for 2016-17.

RESOLVED - That the Annual Report of Scrutiny be received and noted.

NEL.14

**GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE DEVOLUTION PROPOSAL**

The Council considered a report from the Chief Executive providing an update on the progress made in the Devolution proposal by the ten local authorities in the Greater Lincolnshire area, detailing the process for the next stages in the devolution programme and presenting to Council the latest elements of the devolution proposal.

Following a debate and having been proposed and seconded, the recommendations in the report were put to the vote and it was:

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the signing of the Greater Lincolnshire Devolution Agreement by the Leader be endorsed and authority delegated to the Leader and Chief Executive to engage in negotiations with Government regarding the potential devolution of further powers, responsibilities and resources.
- (2) That the contents of the Greater Lincolnshire Governance Review, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report now submitted, be noted.
- (3) That, on the basis of the Governance Review, it be concluded that the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority for the Greater Lincolnshire area is the option which most fully permits the effective discharge of the functions that Government is prepared to devolve to this area.
- (4) That, accordingly, the preparation and publication of a Scheme for the establishment of a Mayoral Combined Authority for the Greater Lincolnshire area under section 109 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, be supported.

- (5) That the publication of the draft Scheme for a Greater Lincolnshire Mayoral Combined Authority, as attached to this report at Appendix 2, be supported for consultation purposes, subject to such final revisions as may be approved by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, and prior to the commencement of the formal consultation exercise. Such formal consultation to commence once all Greater Lincolnshire Councils have considered the matters in the report now submitted and, in any event, no later than the 4 July 2016.
- (6) That the outcome of the consultation exercise be submitted to the Secretary of the State by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader.
- (7) That council meets by 20 October 2016 to consider giving consent to an Order establishing a Mayoral Combined Authority for Greater Lincolnshire.
- (8) Insofar as any of the matters referred to in the report now submitted concern the discharge of non-executive functions, authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to take all necessary steps and actions to progress the recommendations detailed in the report now submitted.
- (9) That further reports be presented to Council and Cabinet as appropriate as the devolution process develops.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.11 p.m.