



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting in July 2024

## **CABINET**

**13th March 2024**

**Present:** Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)  
Councillors Cracknell, Dawkins, Harness, Shepherd, Shreeve and S Swinburn.

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Carolina Borgstrom (Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Helen Isaacs (Assistant Chief Executive)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director of Law and Governance)
- Diane Lee (Director of Public Health)
- Ann-Marie Matson (Director of Children's Services)
- Rob Walsh (Chief Executive)
- Sharon Wroot (Executive Director of Place and Resources)

### **Also present:**

- Liz Marsden (Strategic Communications Lead)

There were no members of the public or press present.

### **CB.95 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

### **CB.96 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests made from Members with regard to items on the agenda for this meeting.

## **CB.97 MINUTES**

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 be approved.

## **CB.98 GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE DEVOLUTION– CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION OUTCOMES AND SUBMISSION OF FINAL PROPOSAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

Cabinet considered a report from Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing seeking to agree further steps to secure devolution to Greater Lincolnshire, including consideration of the results of the recent public consultation, review of the devolution proposal and a decision on further implementation including submission of the final Proposal to the Secretary of State with associated delegations.

### **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL –**

That Cabinet agreed and thereafter recommended to Full Council, support of the following be approved:

1. That the outcomes of the public consultation attached at Appendix A be noted.
2. That due regard to the response to the consultation outcomes attached at Appendix B and the updated Equality Impact Assessment attached at Appendix C.
3. That the amendments that have been made to the Proposal to take account of the results of the consultation and approves the document at Appendix D as the final Proposal relating to Devolution in Greater Lincolnshire be noted.
4. That the submission to the Secretary of State pursuant to section 45(1) of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 of the final Proposal at Appendix D together with relevant associated documents proposing the establishment of a Combined County Authority for Greater Lincolnshire be approved.
5. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executives authority of the other constituent councils, delegated authority to take all decisions and approve all steps necessary to finalise the establishment of a Mayoral Combined County

Authority for Greater Lincolnshire up to and including the giving of consent to its establishment on behalf of the Council for the purposes of section 46(1)(d) of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023.

## **CB.99 HOUSING STRATEGY 2023 - 2028**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing seeking approval of the Housing Strategy 2023-2028

RESOLVED -

1. That the adoption of the Housing Strategy for 2023-28 as set out in Appendix A to this report now submitted be approved.
2. That the to the Director for Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be delegated authority to take all actions reasonably necessary to implement, administer and ensure enforcement of this policy, where necessary.

## **CB.100 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) STRATEGY**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval to adopt the Electric Vehicle Strategy.

Cabinet considered the recommendation from Economy Scrutiny Panel at its meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 agreed for the EV Strategy specifically to capture the on-street parking requirements for residents in terrace or similar properties.

RESOLVED -

1. That the draft EV Strategy be adopted and approves its publication on the Council's website.
2. That the authority be delegated to the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, to:
  - apply for and accept external grant funding that enables the delivery of the EV Strategy.
  - procure measures to allow for the delivery of projects identified in

the EV Strategy.

- award contracts for measures within the allocated budgets for the project and to carry out all activity to mobilise and fully implement.

3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documents in connection with the above.
4. That the EV Strategy specifically captures the on-street parking requirements for residents in terrace or similar properties.

## **CB.101      TRANSPORT FUNDING**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing seeking approval to acknowledge and accept the Local Transport Fund allocation for North East Lincolnshire Council of £119m to be awarded between 2025/26 and 2031/32.

### **RESOLVED**

1. That the Local Transport Fund allocation for North East Lincolnshire Council of £119m to be awarded between 2025/26 and 2031/32 be accepted.
2. That the Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure be delegated authority to begin the process of developing a 2-year plan in conjunction with Lincolnshire County Council and North Lincolnshire Council.
3. That the Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure be instructed to update Cabinet as to progress by way of further report as appropriate.

## **CB.102      OUR GREEN FUTURE ANNUAL REPORT**

Cabinet considered a report from the from the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing to note the annual updates for each plan as outlined in Appendices 1 to 3 and its contribution towards delivering net zero by 2030.

RESOLVED – That the annual updates for each plan as outlined in Appendices 1 to 3 and its contribution towards delivering net zero by 2030 be noted.

**CB.103 SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS, DISABILITY AND ALTERNATIVE PROVISION (SENDAP) STRATEGY , SENDAP SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY AND SENDAP JOINT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education seeking approval of all three strategies.

RESOLVED -

That all three strategies be approved and the Director of Children’s Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education be delegated authority to:

- a. Oversee the delivery of the plans and activities identified.
- b. Carry out all ancillary activity reasonably arising from the above.

**CB.104 GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE GROUNDWATER PROJECT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport seeking approval to accept the funding offer from Lincolnshire County Council made via the Defra Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme and commence the procurement of a contractor to construct a wetland at the Saltings allotments.

RESOLVED –

1. That the funding offer from Lincolnshire County Council made via the Defra Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme be accepted.
2. That the Director for Environment, Economy, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport be authorised to commence the procurement of a contractor to construct a wetland at the Salting’s allotments and thereafter award, mobilise, implement and undertake all other activity reasonably arising.
3. That the Assistant Director of Law and Governance be authorised to execute all documentation arising.

**CB.105 PIONEER BUSINESS PARK FURTHER COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER UNREGISTERED LAND**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing to approve compulsory purchase order (CPO) for Pioneer Business Park.

RESOLVED -

1. That the principle of the use of CPO powers to acquire strips of unregistered land at Pioneer Business Park be approved.
2. That the authority be delegated to the Executive Director Place and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council to finalise, make and publish the North East Lincolnshire (Stallingborough Industrial Development Site) Unregistered Land Compulsory Purchase Order 2024
3. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director Place and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make all consequential arrangements in connection with and arising from the making of the CPO including, but not limited to, the instructing of experts in connection with this matter, dealing with any objections and public inquiry, the making of General Vesting Declarations and agreeing compensation.

**CB.106 PUBLIC SECTOR DECARBONISATION SCHEME**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing seeking approval to accept funding, if successful, from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, through the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) Phase 3c, delivered by Salix.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Director Environment, Economy and Infrastructure in consultation with The Leader of the Council be authorised to accept £4,821,879 grant funding in principle on behalf of the Council, if the application is successful.

2. That the Director Environment, Economy and Infrastructure be authorised in consultation with the Leader of the Council to commit to match fund £657,529, if the application is successful.
3. That the Director Environment, Economy and Infrastructure in consultation with The Leader of the Council be delegated the authority to accept the final grant offer and deal with all matters arising from and ancillary to the above including negotiation with the funder, implementation and award of resultant contracts and works.
4. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documentation arising.

**CB.107      WRITE OFF OF UNCOLLECTABLE NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATES DEBTS**

Cabinet considered a report from the from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval to write off uncollectable National Non-Domestic Rates Debts.

1. That the write off of the uncollectable National Non-Domestic Rates outlined within Appendix A as set out in the report now submitted be approved.
2. That the Executive Director Place and Resources be instructed to formally write off the sum of £117,421.33.

**CB.108      WRITE OFF OF UNCOLLECTABLE COUNCIL TAX DEBTS**

Cabinet considered a report from the from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval to write off uncollectable Council Tax debts as detailed in the report now submitted and closed appendix.

RESOLVED –

1. That the write off of the uncollectable Council Tax outlined within Appendix A of the report now submitted be approved.
2. That the Executive Director Place and Resources be instructed to formally write off the sum of £59,509,07.

**CB.109 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED - That the press and public be requested to leave on the grounds that discussion of the following business was likely to disclose exempt information within paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**CB.110 WRITE OFF OF UNCOLLECTABLE COUNCIL TAX DEBTS**

Cabinet received the closed appendix referred to at item CB.108 on the agenda.

RESOLVED –That appendix to the report, pursuant to the decision at CB.108 above, be noted.

**CB.111 LINCOLNSHIRE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Cabinet considered a report from the report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport in relation to the above.

RESOLVED –

1. That the delivery of grounds maintenance services for an initial 6-month period on behalf of Lincolnshire Housing Partnership be approved.
2. That the Council explore opportunities for delivery of a longer-term integrated approach to grounds maintenance within North East Lincolnshire.
3. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport be delegate authority to implement.
4. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be delegated the authority to execute all documentation arising.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.48 p.m.