

CABINET

DATE	12 th February 2025
REPORT OF	Councillor Philip Jackson Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Rob Walsh - Chief Executive
SUBJECT	Devolution: Appointment of Members to the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority
STATUS	Open
FORWARD PLAN REF NO.	Not Applicable

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The appointment of members to the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority is an anticipated regulatory requirement and goes to the heart of the devolution agenda.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks to confirm the elected member appointments that will need to be made to the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority ("GLCCA"), once established, pursuant to the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Regulations 2025, ("Regulations") which, at the time of writing, are currently before Parliament.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Having regard to the Leader's prerogative, it is recommended that Cabinet:

1. Appoints the following members to act as members of the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority, subject to the making of The Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Regulations 2025:

Councillor Philip Jackson designated Lead Member and
Councillor Stan Shreeve.

Councillors Stewart Swinburn and Stephen Harness as substitute members
for Councillor Philip Jackson

Councillors Margaret Cracknell and Hayden Dawkins as substitute members
for Councillor Stan Shreeve.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The anticipated approval of the Regulations will see the creation of the GLCCA. The Regulations require that the Council, as a Constituent Council, appoints two of its elected members to the GLCCA, one of whom must be designated as 'Lead

Member.'

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 The draft Regulations laid before Parliament make provision for the establishment of the GLCCA and for the election of a mayor for Greater Lincolnshire on 1 May 2025. The Regulations are expected to be made and come into legal force in February 2025, thereby establishing the GLCCA.
- 1.2 The Regulations require that the Council, as a Constituent Council, appoints two of its elected members to the GLCCA, one of whom must be designated as 'Lead Member.' The 'Lead Member' will be required to consider giving consent on the Council's behalf to certain powers exercisable by the GLCCA.
- 1.3 The Regulations also require that two named substitute members must be appointed for each member appointed to act as substitute members.
- 1.4 As these appointments are not required to be politically balanced, under the Council's Constitution they are appointments for the Executive to determine.
- 1.5 Accordingly, the Executive is invited to confirm the Council's two appointments, as a Constituent Council, to the GLCAA including one designated as 'Lead Member' and the two named substitute members for each appointment.

2. RISKS, OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUALITY ISSUES

- 2.1 The recommendations will ensure that the Council has in place the necessary elected member appointments to support the GLCCA in making the necessary governance and constitutional decisions on its establishment. Such appointments will fulfil the requirements of the Regulations.
- 2.2 Not to appoint the members would mean that the necessary elected member appointments are not in place to support the necessary decisions that will need to be taken by the GLCCA on its establishment.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 Option 1 is to appoint the members reflected in the above recommendation to act as members of the GLCCA, subject to the making of the Regulations.
- 3.2 The alternative option would be to not approve the recommendations.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

The appointment of members to the GLCCA signals the Council's continuing support and ambition for the Greater Lincolnshire devolution deal and agenda.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no such implications.

6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

There are no such implications.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no such implications.

8. CONSULTATION WITH SCRUTINY

There has been no consultation with Scrutiny. The appointment of members in this scenario is purely a matter for the executive (Cabinet) having regard to the prerogative of the Leader of the Council.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. The appointment outlined above, is purely an administrative function, exercisable by the Cabinet (executive) of the Council. The legal implications are largely captured in the above report. The regulatory obligation to so appoint is contained in Schedule 1 (para 1) in the Regulations, a link to which is set out in Background Papers.
- 10.2. As each Constituent Council will be appointing fewer than 3 members to the GLCCA there is no requirement that these appointments reflect the political balance of the Constituent Council. (Para 1(c) Schedule 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989). Further, the appointments are executive to executive.
- 10.3. Constitutionally, appointment to outside bodies is a Local Choice function and underpinned by The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000.
- 10.4. There is no Forward Plan reference as no formal decision making has occurred. Similarly, as the above is purely an executive function, no call in is permitted.
- 10.5. In the fullness of time, there will be further appointments to the GLCCA which will be required to be politically balanced.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

There are no human resource implications arising.

12. WARD IMPLICATIONS

All wards are affected.

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Regulations 2025
[SI 2025 - Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Regulations 2025 - Statutory Instruments - UK Parliament](#)

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