



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## **CABINET**

**12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 5.00pm**

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

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Carolina Borgstrom (Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure)
- Katie Brown (Director of Adult Social Care)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law and Governance)
- Ann- Marie Matson (Director of Children's Services)
- Rob Walsh (Chief Executive)
- Sharon Wroot (Executive Director Place and Resources)

### **Also present:**

- Michelle Lalor (Communications and Marketing Officer)

There were no members of the press or public present.

### **CB.68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received for this meeting.

### **CB.69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **CB.70 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

## **CB.71 BUDGET, FINANCE AND COMMISSIONING PLAN 2025/26-2027/28**

Cabinet considered a report from Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the Budget, Finance and Business Plan 2025/26 – 2027/28 for consideration prior to Full Council.

RESOLVED –

- That Cabinet recommended to full council, approval of:
- That the 2025/26 Budget and summary 2025/26 – 2027/28 Medium Term Financial Plan ('MTFP') be approved.
- That a 1.98% increase in Council Tax in 2025/26 be approved.
- That the application of a 2% Adult Social Care precept in 2025/26 be approved.
- That the business plans be approved
- That the Capital Investment Strategy be approve.
- That the 2025/26 - 2027/28 Capital Programme be approved.
- That the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Policy be approved.
- That, further to the recommendation from formal budget scrutiny, a budget of £150k be apportioned for the next two years from the planned use of flexible capital receipts to the public health budget to support transformational projects, subject to the realisation of appropriate capital receipts and appropriate projects being accompanied by suitable business cases and that the S151 Officer be authorised to make appropriate adjustments to the Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan.

## **CB.72 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY POLICY AND STATEMENT 2025-26**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets to consider this report and refer its contents to Full Council

The Audit and Governance Committee had considered the report and made a recommendation that the high forecast of borrowing over the next 3 years and the cost of servicing that debt be brought to Cabinet's attention.

RESOLVED –

That the report and its contents be referred to Full Council:

- the Treasury Management Policy Statement – Appendix 1
- the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2025/26 - Appendix 2
- the MRP Policy Statement – Annex 2 of Appendix 2

**CB.73      2024/25 Q3 COUNCIL PLAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the Council Plan Performance Report for quarter three of 2024/25.

RESOLVED –

1. That the content of the report was noted and the report be referred to all Scrutiny Panels for further consideration and oversight appropriate to the scope of the panel.
2. That the revised Capital Programme for 2024/27 be approved.

**CB.74      NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ALL AGE HOUSING WITH CARE STRATEGY**

Cabinet received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care seeking approval to adopt the All-Age Housing with Care Strategy for 2025-2029.

RESOLVED –

1. That the adoption of the All-Age Housing with Care Strategy for 2025-2029 be approved.
2. That the Director of Adult Social Services and the Director for Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, be delegated authority to take all action reasonably necessary to implement the actions set out

in the strategy including authority to make such modifications to the strategy that are necessary from time to time.

**CB.75      RECOMMISSIONING OF NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL DEDICATED OUTREACH SUPPORT SERVICE AND OUTREACH PROVISION FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM OR COMMUNICATION AND INTERACTION NEEDS**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education seeking approval to undertake a procurement for dedicated outreach support service and outreach provision for children with autism or communication and interaction needs provision

RESOLVED –

1. That the undertaking of a procurement exercise for dedicated outreach support service and outreach provision for children with autism or communication and interaction needs provision as set out in the report now submitted be approved.
2. That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education be authorised to commence the above procurement exercise.
3. That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education be delegated authority to award, and take all ancillary actions reasonably arising, including implementation and mobilisation.
4. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation arising from the above recommendations.

**CB.76      SCHOOL TERM DATES 2026-2027**

Cabinet received receive a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education to approve the proposed dates for voluntary controlled and community schools for the 2026 –2027 academic year.

RESOLVED –

1. That the proposed dates in Appendix A of the report now submitted for voluntary controlled and community schools for the 2026–2027 academic year be approved.

2. That the Director for Children's Services be authorised to so implement and take all reasonable steps arising in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education.

## **CB.77 SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2026-2027**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education to approve the general admission arrangements, including published admissions numbers, for the local authority's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2026-2027.

RESOLVED –

1. That the position whereby, the general admission arrangements, including published admissions numbers (PANs), for the local authority's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2026-2027 be unchanged.
2. That the position that, no material changes be made to the local authority's co-ordinated school admission arrangements published schemes other than the updating of dates and deadlines, and that locally agreed protocols that support admission arrangements continue to be reviewed on a regular basis be supported.
3. That the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the governing bodies of community and voluntary controlled schools and the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education be delegated authority to increase the published admission number of an individual year group in a school in exceptional circumstances.
4. That that those schools / academies that are their own admission authorities have the ability to consult and determine their own admission arrangements be noted.
5. That with the increasing number of academies within the local authority the number of schools for which the local authority is responsible for in respect of determining admission arrangements is reduced be noted.

## **CB.78 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL CONCESSIONARY FARES SCHEME**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval of the continuation of the current, statutory minimum North East Lincolnshire Concessionary Fares Scheme from 1st April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

## RESOLVED –

1. That the continuation of the current, statutory minimum North East Lincolnshire Concessionary Fares Scheme from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 be approved,
2. That the Director for Environment, Economy, and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport (subject to the agreement of the Section 151 Officer), be authorised to manage and make decisions on the 2025/2026 A1274 Transport budget (secure socially necessary bus services and manage non-statutory Concessionary Fare enhancements including pre 9:30am Concessionary Travel) and ensure decisions are made within the available transport budget.
3. That the Director for Environment, Economy, and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport be authorised to approve 2025/2026 Concessionary Fares Scheme reimbursement arrangements with transport operators.
4. That the Director for Environment, Economy, and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport be authorised to ensure that all actions necessary and ancillary to the above recommendations be completed.
5. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation arising.

## **CB.79 CORPORATE CLEANING CONTRACT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and asset seeking approval to re procure the cleaning services contract.

1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for a new cleaning services contract be approved.
2. That the Executive Director Place and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets, be delegated authority to commence a procurement exercise and thereafter make award, settle all terms, and ensure that all reasonably ancillary actions are carried out to mobilise and implement the contract.
3. That the Assistant Director of Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

**CB.80      DEVOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE  
GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE COMBINED COUNTY  
AUTHORITY**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills seeking confirmation of the elected member appointments that will need to be made to the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority

RESOLVED –

That the following members be appointed 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.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting  
closed at 5.35 p.m.