

COUNCIL AGENDA

for the special meeting on

Wednesday 19th February 2024

1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	-
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> <p>To record any declarations of interest by any Member in respect of items on this agenda.</p> <p>Members declaring interests must identify the Agenda item and the type and detail of the interest declared.</p>	-
3.	<u>Motion to Council</u> <p>To consider a motion submitted in accordance with the Council's Constitution, and requested by six Members of Council, to be proposed by Councillor Holland and seconded by Councillor Henderson as follows:</p> <p>This Council notes the contents of the letter sent on 9th January 2025 by the Council Leader and the Leaders of North Lincolnshire Council and Lincolnshire County Council to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government with regards to local government reform.</p> <p>This Council believes that proper consultation with Members should have taken place prior to that letter being sent to allow the elected representatives of this Borough a voice on the matter.</p> <p>This Council refuses to endorse the contents of the said letter and will write to the Secretary of State accordingly.</p> <p>This Council believes that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proper time to embrace unitary government and the bringing together of ten authorities is not now, but after due diligence has taken place and the impacts carefully evaluated and understood. 2. Evidence of support and capacity in place to 'move at pace' must be provided at the earliest opportunity to assure Members of the validity of that position. 3. Financial modelling should be conducted prior to assuring Government that moving to a unitary model would deliver considerable financial savings to the public purse. 4. Elections in 2025 should not be deferred other than for a state of emergency. 5. Public confidence in the stated preferred proposal of the Leaders of 2 unitary authorities is at this time unknown. 6. Local elections are the bedrock of our local democracy. The holding of local elections in North East Lincolnshire in 2026 is a priority objective, particularly given that 2025 is a 'fallow year' when residents will not have an opportunity to vote. 7. That the impact on democratic institutions, including the effective functioning of ward councillors must be included in any future consideration of local government reorganisation. 	-

4.	<u>Urgent Business</u> To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.	-
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ROB WALSH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE