



## **CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 the following matters were discussed. The decisions of Cabinet are set out below each item along with reasons for the decision and other options considered.

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

### **DN.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillor Dawkins.

### **DN.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **DN.3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

### **DN.4 MARMOT TOWN PROPOSAL**

Cabinet considered a report from Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care seeking support for the principle of the full implementation of the Marmot framework.

## **RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the principle of the full implementation of “Marmot” as set out in this report now submitted be supported.**
- 2. That the Director for Public Health, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, be delegated authority and responsibility to begin to implement and mobilise in accordance with the phased activity set out, and report back to Cabinet in accordance with the expectations laid out in the implementation plan.**

REASON FOR DECISION – Option 3, full implementation of the Marmot framework, is recommended as it represents the most comprehensive and strategic approach to addressing the deep-rooted health inequalities in North East Lincolnshire. This option enables the Council to embed fairness, prevention, and equity across all areas of policy and service delivery, aligning with national priorities and strengthening our ability to attract external funding and partnerships. It builds on existing work but provides the structure, legitimacy, and focus needed to deliver long-term, measurable impact. The proposal has cross-party support, has strategic alignment with existing strategies and plans, and offers a clear framework for engaging communities, improving outcomes, and enhancing the borough’s reputation as a leader in health equity.

## **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –**

### **1. Option 1: Continue as We Are**

Under this option, we maintain our current initiatives and strategies without adopting the Marmot framework. While this approach allows us to proceed with familiar methods and avoid potential disruptions, it may limit our ability to achieve significant and sustainable improvements in health equity. Our current efforts may address some symptoms of health inequalities, but without a comprehensive and systematic approach, the root causes might remain unchallenged.

### **2. Option 2: Middle Ground**

This option proposes a selective and phased approach to embedding health equity principles into local strategies and services. It would involve aligning existing work with elements of the Marmot framework, focusing on priority areas where there is already momentum. The cross-party working group explored this as a potential middle ground recognising the value of the Marmot principles while acknowledging that the Marmot brand itself cannot be used without full implementation. While this approach may offer a more flexible route to progress, it may

not deliver the same level of visibility, coherence, or external recognition as a formal Marmot commitment.

### 3. Option 3: Full Implementation of Marmot (All-In)

By fully embracing the Marmot framework, we commit to a robust and comprehensive strategy aimed at tackling health inequalities at their root. This option aligns with our vision of creating a fairer, healthier North East Lincolnshire and demonstrates our dedication to significant and long-term impact. Full implementation involves systematic data collection, rigorous performance metrics, continuous community feedback, and regular impact assessments. This holistic approach ensures that our initiatives are responsive, effective, and continuously improved. It also sends a powerful message to our residents that we are serious about addressing health inequalities and are willing to invest in transformative change.

## **DN.5      RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON REFORM OF PLANNING COMMITTEES**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport in response to the Government consultation on reform of Planning Committees.

**RESOLVED – That the Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Housing Infrastructure and Transport be delegated responsibility to submit the Council’s response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government before the consultation closing date 23 July 2025.**

REASON FOR DECISION – To enable the Council to respond to the Government’s consultation as set out by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The Council’s response is required by 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – The Council could decide not to respond to the consultation, although doing so would result in the Government not being made aware of its concerns regarding the proposed changes to planning committees.

No other options were considered as the Council will be required to abide by the requirements once the Planning and Infrastructure Bill is enacted and provisions are brought into effect.

## **DN.6 WEED CONTROL**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero in response to a petition received by Full Council requesting the cessation of glyphosate.

### **RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the principle of carrying out a range of low cost or no cost trials, including the cessation of spraying altogether in identified locations in wards across North East Lincolnshire be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero be delegated authority to consult with all ward members to identify any suitable area to conduct a trial, thereafter, implement such trial and carry out appropriate levels of monitoring.**
- 3. That the outcome of the trial be reported back to scrutiny by the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure with an invitation that scrutiny makes recommendations to Cabinet in a further report.**

REASON FOR DECISION – To respond to the recent petition regarding the future use of Glyphosate for weed control in North East Lincolnshire and agree a way forward in the short to medium term following the recent confirmation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) that Glyphosate can continue to be used for weed management until 15th December 2026.

### **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –**

1. Do nothing

Now that the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has extended the approval of glyphosate until 15th December 2026 there is an opportunity to continue with the current application methods until informed that alternative arrangements are legally required to be put in place.

2. Expand the open spaces where Glyphosate is phased out

There are currently lots of areas where the Council does not use

Glyphosate. The Council could identify further areas where this is appropriate and would cease spraying around trees, fence lines and other obstacles. The use of glyphosate would still continue on paths, car parks, hard standings and play areas in these locations.

3. Accept recommendation from Communities Scrutiny Panel.

The panel recommended that the Council *Fully phase out glyphosate in parks and open spaces but retain use on highways and paths until a cost-effective option is available and instigate a trial to phase out in a specific area for highway and report back to scrutiny.*

4. The phasing out of Glyphosate in parks and open spaces including paths, car parks, hard standings and play areas in advance of any trials or public engagement may result in community dissatisfaction and therefore whilst this was the recommendation of Scrutiny it is considered important that the second element of their recommendation regarding trials is initiated first.

## **DN.7      PROCUREMENT OF DESKTOPS, MONITORS, AND LAPTOPS**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval to procure a replacement contract for purchasing desktops, monitors, and laptops.

### **RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for IT Hardware, being Laptops, Monitors and Desktops be approved.**
- 2. That the Assistant Director Policy Strategy and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets and Section 151 Officer be delegated authority to award the contract for the Procurement of IT Hardware and thereafter to deal with all ancillary matters reasonable arising.**
- 3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all legal documentation in connection with the exercise.**

REASON FOR DECISION – To decision allows the Council to commence the procurement exercise for the replacement of IT Hardware and allows the Council to award the contract.

### **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –**

1. Do nothing – The current contracts have ended, so there is a need

to procure a replacement contract in order that the Council are compliant with its Contract Procedure Rules and the Procurement Act 2023 / Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

2. The Council considered conducting its own further competition through the CCS Technology Products & Associated Services 2 (RM6098) Framework, however, this would not enable the Council to take advantage of combining its volumes with other public bodies to achieve a better price.
3. The Council considered running its own tender without accessing a framework, however, in addition to not achieving increased savings through larger volumes, this would put additional pressure on Council resources because of the additional time and resource required to undertake the procurement itself, and develop specific terms and conditions, which have already been pre agreed by suppliers on the CCS Framework.