



CABINET

11th March 2026 at 5.00pm

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

Officers in attendance:

- Carolina Borgstrom (Director Economy, Environment and Infrastructure)
- Katie Brown (Director of Adults Housing and Communities)
- Zoe Campell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law and Governance)
- Diane Lee (Director of Public Health)
- Guy Lonsdale (Interim Section 151 Officer)
- Ann-Marie Matson (Director of Children's Services)
- Liz Marsden (Strategic Communications Lead)
- Sharon Wroot (Interim Chief Executive)

Also in attendance:

There was one member of the press present and no public.

CB.91 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received for this meeting.

CB.92 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

CB.93 MINUTES

RESOLVED – The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 11th February, and 18th February 2026 were approved as a correct record.

CB.94 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE – CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills providing background to the statutory consultation on proposals for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) across Greater Lincolnshire.

RESOLVED –

1. That the contents of this report and annex now submitted be noted.
2. That the principle of participation in the MHCLG statutory consultation on Local Government Reorganisation as laid out in the confidential annex now submitted be supported and that:
 - a. Cabinet refers this report and confidential annex to Full Council for debate, commending the following recommendation to Full Council:
That Full Council supports the proposed responses as laid out in the annex.
3. That, subject to any material variations from Full Council, Cabinet agreed to the submission of the responses (as may be varied or not) and that authority be delegated to the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to submit the responses to MHCLG prior to the close of the statutory consultation at 23:59 on 26th March 2026.

CB.95 FUTURE SECTION 75 ARRANGEMENTS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care seeking approval for the proposed way forward with the lead responsibility for the section 75 arrangements being undertaken by North East Lincolnshire Council.

RESOLVED –

1. That the historical context and positive working relationship between North East Lincolnshire Council and the Integrated Care Board and the commitment of the partnership to preserve this as part of future joint working arrangements be noted.
2. That the proposed way forward with the lead responsibility for the section 75 arrangements being undertaken by North East Lincolnshire Council be approved.
3. That the Interim Chief Executive, and Director of Adults Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care be delegated the responsibility to undertake further due diligence on the financial and other detailed transitional requirements, together with any ancillary matters reasonably arising, with a view to completing the new section 75 agreement.
4. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute documentation arising.

CB.96 HEARTS THE NORTHERN LINCOLNSHIRE DRUG AND ALCOHOL STRATEGY 2026 – 2036

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care asking Cabinet to endorse the strategic vision and key aims and support the implementation of the multi-agency action plan developed through the Combatting Drugs Partnership.

RESOLVED –

1. That the strategic vision and key aims, including the commitment to prevention, early support, harm reduction, effective treatment, and long-term recovery for individuals, families, and communities be endorsed.
2. That the implementation of the multi-agency action plan developed through the Combatting Drugs Partnership, ensuring coordinated delivery across health, social care, education, housing, criminal justice, and the voluntary and community sector be supported.
3. That the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care be delegated authority to finalise and implement the associated multi-agency action plan and oversee delivery arrangements.

4. That the Director of Public Health, in consultation with relevant partners be delegated authority, to manage all operational matters arising from the strategy, including commissioning, mobilisation, coordination of services, and ongoing performance monitoring, together with all ancillary matters reasonably arising.
5. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all necessary legal and governance documentation required to support the implementation of the strategy and any associated commissioning or partnership arrangements.

CB.97 CABINET WORKING PARTY - ENVIRONMENTAL STREET SCENE AND ENFORCEMENT

Cabinet considered a report on the findings of the Environmental Street Scene and Enforcement Cabinet Working Party.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero be delegated authority to review the bulky waste collection service, within the next year, to see if costs can be brought down for residents; and that the results be presented to a relevant Scrutiny Panel meeting.
2. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero be delegated authority to produce an annual update to the relevant Scrutiny Panel on how the education scheme was being executed to support the educational offer within the Green and Clean initiative.
3. That the Assistant Director Policy Strategy and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance Resources and Assets be delegated authority to improve the Self-Service customer portal, by exploring the different options set out in the Environment Street Scene and Enforcement Cabinet Working Parties Findings Reports (Appendix 1, Section 1.9.1.) of the report now submitted.

CB.98 CLEETHORPES DRAFT WAYFINDING STRATEGY AND CONCEPT DESIGN

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy seeking support and approval of the proposed wayfinding strategy, concept design and an allocation of £300K Pride in Place funding to support the delivery of the wayfinding strategy.

RESOLVED –

1. That the proposed wayfinding strategy and concept design provided in Appendix A – Wayfinding Stage 2 Concept of the be approved.
2. That an allocation of £300K Pride in Place Funding to support the delivery of the wayfinding strategy be approved.
3. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy be delegated authority to proceed to technical design and then implement the strategy, dealing with all ancillary matters reasonably arising.

CB.99 BIODIVERSITY DUTY REPORT 2025

The Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero seeking approval of the content of the North East Lincolnshire Council Biodiversity Duty Report 2024-2026.

RESOLVED –

1. That the content of the North East Lincolnshire Council Biodiversity Duty Report 24-26 now submitted be approved.
2. That the Director for Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero be delegated authority to publish the Council's Biodiversity Duty Report prior to the publication deadline of 26 March 2026.

CB.100 RE-PROCUREMENT OF THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES CONTRACT

The Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval for the commencement of a procurement exercise for a new services contract and leases with a specialist Public Conveniences provider.

RESOLVED –

1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for a new services contract and leases with a specialist Public Conveniences provider be approved in relation to facilities at:
 - Boating Lake
 - Kingsway
 - St. Peters Avenue and
 - Grant Street
2. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets be delegated authority to commence the above procurement and carry out all necessary activities, including award, mobilisation and implementation, completion of lease or other arrangements, together with any other ancillary activity reasonably arising, and thereafter monitor and evaluate.
3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

CB.101 ORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROCUREMENT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care seeking approval for the commencement of a procurement exercise for Oral Health Services, using the Provider Selection Regime Most Suitable Provider Process.

RESOLVED –

1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for Oral Health Services, using the Provider Selection Regime Most Suitable Provider Process be approved.
2. That the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care be delegated authority to finalise and award such contracts for Oral Health Services.
3. That the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care be delegated authority to oversee all ancillary matters reasonably arising, including service implementation, mobilisation, and ongoing monitoring.
4. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the contract award and associated contractual arrangements.

CB.102 LOCAL TAXATION AND BENEFITS SHARED SERVICES SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval for the commencement of a joint procurement exercise with North Lincolnshire Council for Local Taxation and Benefits Shared Services systems replacement.

RESOLVED –

1. That the commencement of a joint procurement exercise with North Lincolnshire Council for Local Taxation and Benefits Shared Services systems replacement be approved.
2. That the Interim Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets be delegated authority to commence the above procurement and carry out all necessary activities, including award, mobilisation and implementation, together with any ancillary activity reasonably arising.
3. That the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets (Monitoring officer) be authorised to complete and execute all legal documentation in connection with the award.

CB.103 CENTRAL LIBRARY BUILDING ASBESTOS REMOVAL

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills seeking approval to the commencement of a procurement exercise for removal of the majority of the asbestos containing materials.

This item was considered under the Special Urgency rules of the Constitution, with the agreement of the Leader and the Chair of the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel. It was therefore not subject to the call-in procedure. The item was considered urgent due to the pressing need to commence resolution of the asbestos position and key repairs on this asset in accordance with the urgent concerns expressed by the Library Provision Select Committee, endorsed by the Economy Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel and ultimately shared by Cabinet.

RESOLVED

1. That the report and appendix now submitted and the figures contained therein be noted.
2. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for removal of the majority of the asbestos containing materials be approved.
3. That the Director of Environment, Economy and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holders for Culture, Heritage & Visitor Economy and Finance, Resources & Assets be delegated authority to commence the above procurement and carry out all necessary activities, including award of contract, mobilisation and implementation, together with any other ancillary activity reasonably arising.
4. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters.

CB.104 DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELIVERY OF LOCAL TRANSPORT FUNCTIONS AND S101 AGREEMENT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval for the proposed delegation arrangements that will enable the smooth transition of local transport functions from 1 April 2026 from the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority back to constituent councils in relation to transport functions as set out in the Regulations with a section 101 agreement in support.

This item was considered under the Special Urgency rules of the Constitution, with the agreement of the Leader and the Mayor (in the absence for the Chair of the Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel) it was therefore not subject to the call-in procedure. The item was considered urgent due to the immediacy of the shift of transport functions by operation of law on 1st April 2026 to Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority. The decision sought provided for the re-delegation of such powers back to the constituent councils as an interim measure so as to ensure preparedness and ability to ensure a seamless transition on the fullness of time.

RESOLVED –

1. That the delegation of functions from the Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority in relation to transport functions as set out in the Regulations be accepted and that Cabinet agrees that a s101 agreement be entered into.

2. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport be delegated authority to settle the heads of terms, and approve the s101 agreement and thereafter implement such terms.
3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute documentation arising.

CB.105 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That the press and public be requested to leave on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose exempt information within the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

CB.106 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE – CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Cabinet considered the closed appendix referred to the report at CB.94 on the agenda.

RESOLVED – That appendix to the report, pursuant to the decision at CB.94 above, be noted

CB.107 CENTRAL LIBRARY BUILDING ASBESTOS REMOVAL

The Cabinet considered the closed appendix referred to at CB.103 on the agenda.

RESOLVED – That appendix to the report, pursuant to the decision at CB.103 above, be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.40 p.m.