



CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 1st April 2026 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 Dawkins, Cracknell, Harness, Shepherd, Shreeve and S. Swinburn.

DN.95 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

DN.96 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

DN.97 MINUTES

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

DN.98 HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT PROCUREMENT

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval to commence procurement of the Housing Related Support offer in North East Lincolnshire.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the intended direction of travel for the new and updated HRS framework be noted.**
- 2. That the Director of Adults, Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing Infrastructure and Transport be authorised to undertake a procurement exercise for the delivery of Housing Related Support in North East Lincolnshire and, thereafter, deal with award, mobilisation and implementation, taking all ancillary actions reasonably arising.**
- 3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute all documentation arising.**

REASON FOR DECISION – The current HRS Framework was commissioned and procured in July 2021 for a period of 3 years with the option to extend for a further 2 x 1 years. The council now needs to commence a full and robust procurement to recommission a future HRS offer. The new offer will be based upon an updated understanding of our community's needs, evidence gathered through our robust discovery project and recent preliminary market engagement activities. Delegating powers to the Director of Adults, Housing and Communities and the Portfolio Holder for Housing Infrastructure and Transport will allow the process to proceed at pace, enabling challenging milestones to be met.

OTHER OPTIONS –

Do not commission a HRS offer:

Not commissioning HRS would result in the offer ceasing. We understand current providers are not in a position to continue delivery of this offer without council funding. This will lead to a significant increase in the number of people approaching the council for housing and homelessness support due to an increase in the loss of tenancies and lack of accommodation options available. This would create a greater demand for temporary accommodation, could lead to more people rough sleeping and will move costs from one element of the council to another with the added potential of these costs being higher, and wider impacts being seen across communities.

Extend the current contract:

The current contract to deliver HRS via the current framework ends in July 2026 and contracts cannot be extended.

Call off new contracts using the current framework's specification:

We know that the current framework has limitations both for providers and customers and is not meeting the needs of our those who access, or should be accessing HRS, meaning we have continuing high numbers of applicants in temporary accommodation. Continuing how we provide HRS without listening to our insights would be a missed opportunity to improve outcomes, maximise opportunities to work with providers and ensure good value for money.

Deliver an in-house HRS programme:

The council does not have the resource, capacity, or skills to deliver an internal programme of HRS. Whilst this could be considered in the longer term, it would not be time or cost effective to do so. There is existing Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) providers with good experiences supporting our communities and commissioning the offer provides funding and employment opportunities within the sector.

DN.99 OUR GREEN FUTURE ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero noting progress on the delivery of the Council's green agenda, including the Natural Assets Plan, Carbon Roadmap and Waste Strategy.

RESOLVED – That the annual updates for each plan as outlined in Appendices 1 to 3 of the report now submitted and its contribution towards delivering net zero by 2030 be received and noted.

REASON FOR DECISION –

This report focuses on the three environmental strategies which alongside the Economic Strategy, make up 'Our Green Future', as set out in the Council's Environmental Vision Statement. This update will support our aspirations for North East Lincolnshire to be:

- A thriving low carbon economy powered by sustainable energy.
- A circular economy, where businesses and residents reject the throw-away society, reducing, re-using and recycling.
- A place where residents live in energy efficient, healthy homes and where it is enjoyable, accessible, and affordable for everyone to travel sustainably every day.
- A nature rich place, where wildlife abounds, and everyone has access to clean air and inspiring green and open spaces to protect health and enhance lives.

OTHER OPTIONS – The option for the Council to not be carbon neutral by 2030 has been considered, however this would unnecessarily delay improvements to the environment for the benefit of our residents.

DN.100 WARM HOMES LOCAL GRANT PROCUREMENT OPTIONS

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval to commence a procurement exercise for year two and year three of the Warm Homes Local Grant scheme for energy efficiency improvements for eligible homes across North East Lincolnshire.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for year two (2) and three (3) of the Warm Homes Local Grant scheme for energy efficiency improvements for eligible homes across North East Lincolnshire be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport be delegated authority , to deal with all matters leading to and including the award of contracts for the provision of professional support with this matter and thereafter deal with implementation and all ancillary matters reasonably arising.**
- 3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.**

REASON FOR DECISION – To enable the Council to progress with the procurement through a framework to award a contract for year two (2) and three (3) of the ‘Warm Homes: Local Grants’ (WH:LG) scheme.

OTHER OPTIONS –

Option 1 - Do Nothing – Is not considered as a viable option as the funding would be unspent and have to be returned to the government and residents will still live in fuel poor homes.

Option 2 - Would be to go through a full procurement process and explore the options in the market . This issue with this option is the arrangement would not be in place for 01 April 2026, and the Council could lose the funding. The time and resources of carrying out a full procurement.

Option 3 – Deliver the three year programme and reprocure through a framework for year 2 and 3, using Fusion 21. Having a streamline

process from year 1. Fully compliant framework with selected suppliers who comply with a pre-agreed set of terms and prices in compliance with the Public Procurement 2015. This would be in place for 01 April 2026. This is the recognised framework and has been benchmarked against other Council's.