



## **CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 20th August 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.8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **DN.9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **DN.10 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

### **DN.11 2025/26 Q1 COUNCIL PLAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Cabinet considered a report from Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets providing information and analysis of the Council's financial performance during the first quarter of 2025/26

**RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the content of the report be referred to all Scrutiny Panels for further consideration and oversight appropriate to the scope of the panel.**
- 2. That the re-profiling requests in respect of the 2025/26 capital programme as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted be approved.**
- 3. That the revised Capital Programme for 2026/29 included in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted be approved.**
- 4. That the acceptance of funding as detailed included in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted be approved.**

**REASON FOR DECISION –** This report provides Cabinet important information relating to the Council's performance and financial position at the end of quarter 1, and highlights risks and opportunities in relation to both performance and finance.

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –** Not applicable to monitoring report.

**DN.12 TREASURY OUTTURN REPORT 2024-25**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets to note the treasury management activity during 2024-25; and refers the report to Full Council for information.

**RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the treasury management activity during 2024-25; be noted.**
- 2. Pursuant to adoption by Council of the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statement and supporting appendices, Cabinet refers this report on treasury management activity to Council for information, for noting by Council and for Council to receive assurance from the report in terms of such activity, in accordance with guidance.**

**REASON FOR DECISION** – The Council’s treasury management activity is guided by CIPFA’s Code of Practice on Treasury Management (“the Code”), which requires local authorities to produce annually Prudential Indicators and a Treasury Management Strategy Statement on the likely financing and investment activity. The Code also recommends that members are informed of treasury management activities at least twice a year with interim updates on performance against Prudential Indicators reported quarterly. We therefore report in full after Quarter 2 and year end with Prudential Indicators being reported additionally after Quarters 1 and 3 in the Council Plan Resources and Finance Report.

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED** – These were set out on Page 29 of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

## **DN.13      HOUSEHOLD FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS IN NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero seeking approval for the implementation of mandatory food waste collections from households in North East Lincolnshire.

### **RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the principles as set out below be approved:**
  - a. providing an integrated weekly food waste collection service to households in North East Lincolnshire using a refuse collection vehicle which incorporates a food waste pod enabling the collection of two waste streams simultaneously; and**
  - b. endorses the optimisation of waste collection routes, a process which may necessitate changes to bin collection days for all residents.**
- 2. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero be delegated authority to:**
  - a. Undertake procurement exercises for the resources required to deliver a food waste collection service, as outlined within the report to include fleet and equipment; and**
  - b. To take all ancillary actions reasonably arising, including implementation planning, mobilisation and recruitment of staff.**

- 3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all legal documentation arising.**
- 4. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure presents a detailed delivery plan to the Communities Scrutiny Panel for awareness, once vehicle lead times are determined.**

REASON FOR DECISION – To agree the food waste collection method to satisfy the legal requirement to deliver weekly food waste collections to households in a way that best suits North East Lincolnshire. The decision allows the Council to commence the procurement exercises for fleet and ancillary items required to deliver the service and award the necessary contracts.

The introduction of a separate food waste collection will contribute to North East Lincolnshire's recycling rates somewhere between 8 – 11% and help us achieve government targets and result in long term reduction in residual waste sent for disposal.

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

1. Do nothing. This is not an option as food waste collections are required by law.
2. Integrate with garden waste. This would require garden waste collections to be carried out weekly to all households rather than the current model. It also impacts on the current disposal method for garden waste which would need to change to Anaerobic Digestion or other suitable technology.
3. Separate dedicated food waste collection. This option will increase the number of vehicles on the fleet by eight. This in turn impacts of depot space and operational fleet costs. This option also requires a large number of both new drivers and loaders to operate the new dedicated rounds.
4. A dedicated food waste collection also increases the number of vehicles on the road and the number of miles travelled.

## **DN.14 SELECTIVE LICENSING – PROPOSED SCHEME**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval of the proposed scheme for selective licensing.

## **RESOLVED –**

- 1. Having regard and due consideration to the Selective Licensing Consultation Findings/Evaluation Report as set out in the Appendix to this report:**
  - a. That the principle of the introduction of Selective Licensing of private rented accommodation within parts of the East Marsh ward as detailed in the Appendix now submitted and aligning to the Safer Streets geographical area be supported.**
- 2. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport be authorised to take all requisite actions to implement such a scheme and in particular:**
  - a. Publish a Public Notice of designation under Section 80 and 83 of the Housing Act 2004. This Notice shall allow for the designation of the chosen area for the introduction of a Selective Licensing Scheme.**
  - b. Publicise the Selective Licensing consultation results.**
  - c. Formulate, approve and implement a flexible fee structure for Selective Licensing.**
  - d. Carry out all ancillary activity reasonably arising from the above including recruitment of staff and procurement of delivery partners and schemes to enable and mobilise the resources required to support implementation and enable further review and collation of data to support improving housing conditions within the private rented sector across the area.**
  - e. Report to Cabinet within 12 months of implementation with update.**

REASON FOR DECISION – The Council undertook an evidence-based business analysis exercise that considered East Marsh eligibility for Selective Licensing. In December 2024, Cabinet approved a decision to undertake consultation with stakeholders who may be affected. The subsequent consultation considered the views of those stakeholders. Whilst there was opposition from Landlords, there was broad support from tenants and residents to introduce a Selective Licensing Scheme. Selective Licensing can support a balanced housing market, improve the standards of housing management and address problems affecting residents living in private rented properties.

## **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –**

- 1. Do nothing/continue as we are – the evidence supports that a “do nothing” option i.e. continue with the current approach, will not**

bring about the improvements required.

2. Increase enforcement activity – this is already supported through our Housing Strategy. Increased activity is often thwarted by current legislation only allowing officers to use powers of entry and powers of access. This means that officers have to be invited into a house, unless they have a court warrant. Selective licensing allows officers the opportunity to work proactively with landlords to bring properties up to a good standard, before a licence is issued. Therefore, negating the lengthy enforcement process and problems gaining access to properties and taking action where properties have category one and two hazards.
3. Encourage landlords to join an accreditation scheme on a voluntary basis – this is already supported through our Housing Strategy. It is considered that a voluntary scheme is unlikely to deliver a significant improvement in housing conditions in the proposed designated area. Parts of the East Marsh ward were previously consulted during early 2020 about implementing a Selective Licensing scheme. This was put on hold due to Covid-19 and in the interim we have not seen any sustained improvement in the area.
4. Implement Selective licensing in the area proposed in the consultation including the area south of Durban Road (Cooper Road, Fairmont Road and Columbia Road and interconnecting streets) – Consultation feedback from landlords about the area south of Durban Road prompted the Council to conduct further comparative analysis of both property values and rental incomes in this area and wider ward areas with similar properties. It was evident that this area attracts higher property values and rental incomes and is therefore recommended that it is not included within the Selective Licensing area as it would be difficult to evidence low demand. This would mean Durban Road creates the southern boundary.

## **DN.15      PROCUREMENT OF EXTRA CARE HOUSING SCHEMES**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care seeking approval for the procurement of two Extra Care Schemes.

### **RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the procurement of an Strategic Extra Care Housing Partner to develop the Western Site be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Adult Social Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care**

**be delegated authority to award the contract.**

- 3. That authority of the sale or building lease purchase of the Western Site restricted for Extra Care development in accordance with the council's asset disposal strategy (CB 03/23/08) be delegated to the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Interim Section 151 officer.**
- 4. That the scheme contributes to the delivery of the All-Age Housing with Care Strategy 2025 –2029 and the MTFP be noted.**

REASON FOR DECISION – These approvals increase Extra Care Housing provision in North East Lincolnshire in line with the strategic ambition to double capacity by 2029, enabling more older adults to live independently with support in a suitable home which is safe and affordable. To make use of council owned land and secure capital investment from external partners, thereby supporting financial sustainability.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

1. Direct delivery by the Council. This was discounted due to the financial constraints and delivery risks. The capital receipts would not be achieved. Additionally, there are specialist Extra Care developers in the market who will be able to deliver this faster.
2. Do nothing. This would not address the strategic need for increased Extra Care provision and would forgo the opportunity to utilise Council assets. There would be added pressures on the Residential and Nursing budgets as demand for 24/7 care increases.

## **DN.16 ADOPTION OF THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (2025)**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval to adopt and publish the updated Statement of Community Involvement (2025).

**RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the Statement of Community Involvement (2025) as set out in Appendix A of the report now submitted be approved and adopted.**

- 2. That the Director Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport be delegated authority to publish the statement and ensure reasonable awareness across the borough.**

REASON FOR DECISION – Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2017 require all councils to review their statements of community involvement within five years of adoption. A review of the 2020 version of the SCI identified the need for minor updates and amendments. Changes have been made accordingly, and Council adoption of the document is now required to bring it into effect.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – No other options have been considered. The Council is required by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2017 to review its SCI within five years of its adoption. The current version was adopted in 2020 so must be formally reviewed to meet legal obligations.

## **DN.17 CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE STATUTORY COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education to note the Children's Social Care statutory complaints Annual Report 2024/25.

### **RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the Children's Social Care Statutory Complaints and Compliments Annual Report for 2024/25 be received.**
- 2. That the Children's Social Care Statutory Complaints and Compliments Annual Report for 2024/25 be referred to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel for their consideration.**
- 3. That subsequent to recommendation 2 above, the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People be authorised to publish the annual report.**

REASON FOR DECISION – It is a requirement of The Children Act 1989 Representation Procedure (England) Regulations 2006 to produce an annual report regarding the representations made about social care statutory services. The purpose of the attached report is to inform the general public, elected members, and Council officers about



the effectiveness of the statutory complaint's procedure.

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED** – It is a statutory requirement that an annual report is completed for these complaints and the activities undertaken in responding to the complaints follows current guidance. The current approach is set out in the attached report.