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NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

12th November 2025

Present: Councillor Boyd (in the Chair)

Councillors Aisthorpe, Augusta, Beasant, Bonner, Boyd, Bright, Cairns, Cracknell, Crofts, Dawkins, Downes, Farren, Freeston, Harness, Hasthorpe, Holland, Hudson, Humphrey, Jackson, Kaczmarek, Lindley, Mill, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Shepherd, Shreeve, Shutt, Silvester, K Swinburn, S Swinburn and Wheatley.

Officers in Attendance:

- Sharon Wroot (Interim Chief Executive)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law and Governance - Monitoring Officer)
- Guy Lonsdale (Interim Section 151 Officer)
- Paul Windley (Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager)

NEL.45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Brookes, Clough, Emmerson, Goodwin, Haggis, Henderson, Jervis, Mickleburgh, Morland and Wilson.

NEL.46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to any items on the agenda for this meeting.

NEL.47 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSAL FOR NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE

The Council considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills setting out a proposal to the Government on Local Government Reorganisation.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Local Government Reorganisation Proposal be supported as laid out, and in the event of any material variation, that the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, be responsible for making such variations.
2. That the notion of a three unitary model for Greater Lincolnshire be supported, recognising the proposed unitarisation of Lincolnshire County Council and that the administrative boundaries of North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire Councils remain as they are.

NEL.48 URGENT BUSINESS – CORPORATION ROAD BRIDGE

The Council considered an update from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport on the Corporation Road Bridge refurbishment project. This was at the request of the Independents for North East Lincolnshire Group and was taken as urgent business with the agreement of the Mayor.

Councillor S Swinburn, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport, commented that there was little to add since the meeting of the Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel meeting on 29th October 2025 and the following Cabinet meeting on 30th October 2025. Scrutiny supported, and recommended to Cabinet, the full closure of the bridge whilst works were completed. Cabinet agreed, and on that basis temporarily lifted the expenditure cap it had previously imposed, and directed officers to award the contract to Taziker. He noted that the Cabinet Decision Notice and the minutes of those meetings had been published. Taziker had since begun mobilisation and matters had now commenced.

Councillor Swinburn explained that he did have some further information on financial and contractual matters but that would need to be considered in exempt business. He therefore proposed that the press and public be excluded to receive that update. This was seconded by Councillor Jackson.

Following a brief debate on the motion to exclude the press and public, the matter was put to the vote and it was:

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded for the following business on the grounds that its discussion was likely to disclose exempt information within

paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The Monitoring Officer provided advice on the consideration of this exempt business.

Councillor Swinburn provided an update on exempt financial and contractual matters.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.