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**NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

**11<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Present:** Councillor Goodwin (in the Chair)

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

**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.72 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Brookes, Crofts, Farren, Henderson, Jervis, Mickleburgh and Mill.

**NEL.73 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **NEL.74 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION – STATUTORY CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

The Council considered a report from the Leader of the Council providing the background to the Government's consultation on proposals for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) across Greater Lincolnshire, identifying key issues for the Council, and seeking delegated authority for the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree and submit the Council's response.

Councillor Jackson moved the recommendations in the report and noted that the report had been considered by Cabinet at its meeting earlier in the day. Cabinet had agreed the recommendations and referred the report to Council for endorsement. Councillor Clough seconded the recommendation. After a brief debate, upon a show of hands it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** – That the proposed responses, as set out in the closed Annex to the report now submitted, be supported.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.43 p.m.