



CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Publication Date: 14th November 2025

At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 12th November 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, Dawkins, Harness, Hudson, Shepherd, Shreeve and S Swinburn.

DN.34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting.

DN.35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

DN.36 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 8th October 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

DN.37 REFERRAL FROM SCRUTINY PANELS

Cabinet received a recommendation from the Joint Communities and Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panels meeting held on Thursday 2nd October 2025 in response to a call in regarding selective licensing.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the scrutiny recommendation be noted.**
- 2. That the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) be revisited, to specifically address the potential effects of the selective licensing scheme on charities and vulnerable people.**

Cabinet received recommendations from the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 2nd October 2025 in relation to tourism across North East Lincolnshire.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the scrutiny recommendations be noted, including the concerns of the lack of resources being put into the Tourism Team, which the panel deemed to be holding back the full economic potential for tourism .**
- 2. That a letter be sent on behalf of Cabinet to the Secretary of State for Transport to support the call for a direct train service between Cleethorpes and London.**

DN.38 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSAL FOR NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE

Cabinet received a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills to note the proposal to government as set out in the appendices.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the contents of this report now submitted, including Appendix A being the proposal to government, be noted.**
- 2. That the proposal be supported and be referred to Full Council for debate and commending the following recommendations:**
 - a. That Full Council supports the proposal as laid out in the report now submitted, and in the event of any material variation, that the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, be responsible for making such variations.**
 - b. That Full Council supports the notion of a three unitary model for Greater Lincolnshire 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.

- 3. That subject to any material variations from Full Council, that Cabinet agrees to the submission of the proposal and that authority be delegated to the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to submit the proposal to government in time to comply with the stated deadline. Such submission to be circulated to all Group Leaders for information, once made.**

REASON FOR DECISION –

The contents of the report to Council dated 20th March 2025 shall not be rehearsed further. A link to that report appears in the Background Papers.

In compliance with the resultant resolution of Council, work has continued in the formulation of the proposal, reflecting a position supporting the mandate that North East Lincolnshire Council should continue to operate within extant boundaries. The timetable laid down by government calls for submission of a proposal by 28th November 2025.

As has been the case, it is a matter for full council to shape and influence the Proposal and the preferred direction to be taken by this Council. The actual submission of the Proposal falls to Cabinet as an executive function, hence the terms of the recommendations sought. In anticipation, this report and the Proposal are brought with a view to Council supporting its content and for subsequent submission to government as provided for in the above recommendations.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

1. At the moment, Council has given a firm steer towards retaining the status quo. This position has been the subject of local engagement and from the 1,400 people who engaged directly with the survey, an overwhelming desire to remain with our existing size of council was demonstrated.
2. The vast majority of people who responded to our engagement, live in the area (88%). Of the total number of respondents, 94% of them said that it was important/very important that council decisions that affect residents and services are made as locally as possible. 78% want the council to continue to cover the same area as now, with only 16% saying that they would prefer a bigger area. When asked what the most important things were for any council for the area “Has a strong connection with local communities and understands their issues” was the most supported.

DN.39 2025/26 QUARTER 2 COUNCIL PLAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT

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

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the content of the report now submitted be noted and the report be referred to all Scrutiny Panels for further consideration and oversight appropriate to the scope of the panel.**
- 2. That the 2025/26 revenue budget movement overview, as detailed in Appendix 1 (Page 10) of the report now submitted, be approved.**
- 3. That the re-profiling requests in respect of the 2025/26 capital programme, as detailed in Appendix 1 (Pages 11-12) of the report now submitted, be approved.**
- 4. That the revised Capital Programme for 2026/29, included in Appendix 1 (Pages 114-117) of the report now submitted, be approved.**
- 5. That the acceptance of funding, as detailed included in Appendix 1 (Page 102) 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 2, and highlights risks and opportunities in relation to both performance and finance.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Not applicable to this monitoring report.