



CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 10th December 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 and Shreeve.

DN.43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillor S. Swinburn.

DN.44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

DN.45 MINUTES

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 30th October 2025, 12th November 2025 and 24th November 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

DN.46 REFERRAL FROM SCRUTINY PANELS

Cabinet received a recommendation from the Children and Lifelong Scrutiny Panel at its meeting on the 13th November and was discussed at DN.51.

DN.47 COUNCIL PLAN REFRESH

Cabinet received a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills seeking approval of the refresh of the Council Plan.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the content of the refreshed Council Plan be agreed.**
- 2. That the refreshed Council Plan be referred to all Scrutiny Panels for oversight and feedback.**
- 3. That following Scrutiny, Cabinet to receive a further report capturing feedback, prior to onward transmission to Full Council.**

REASON FOR DECISION – The Council Plan is a North East Lincolnshire Council policy framework document. Amendments to the Plan may only be approved by Full Council following consultation with Scrutiny.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – The Council Plan 2025-28 is already adopted by Council, and therefore Cabinet has an option not to review at this time. However, good practice suggests that an annual review is prudent to ensure that the plan remains active and relevant.

DN.48 COUNCIL TREASURY H1 REPORT 2025-26

Cabinet received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets asking Cabinet to note the treasury management activity during 2025-26 and refer the report to Council for noting in accordance with statutory guidance.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the treasury management activity during 2024/25 be received and noted.**
- 2. That the report be referred to Council for noting such activity and pursuant to adoption by Council of the Treasury Management Policy, for Council to seek assurance from the report 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 30 of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

DN.49 CALCULATION OF THE COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2026/27

Cabinet received a report from Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets seeking approval of the Council Tax Base for 2026/27.

RESOLVED – That Cabinet supported and recommended to Council:

- 1. That the proposal to retain the existing criteria for the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2026/2027 which maintains the maximum discount of 65% for all working age residents be supported.**
- 2. That subject to recommendation 1 above, Cabinet agreed that the Council Tax Base for the Council and other precepting bodies in 2026/2027 be set at 47,214.4 Band D equivalents (as detailed in Appendix A).**

REASON FOR DECISION – Setting the Council Tax Base is a statutory requirement that forms the basis of the calculation of the Council Tax charge for 2026/2027. The tax base needs to be agreed and notified to major precepting bodies by no later than the end of January 2026.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – In relation to the CTSS, any material changes to the scheme require a consultation process to be undertaken and the approval of full Council.

DN.50 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY 2025-2035

Cabinet received a report from the Portfolio for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care seeking approval of the North East Lincolnshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-2035.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the North East Lincolnshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy be received and supported.**
- 2. That the same be referred to Full Council for adoption as part of the Policy Framework.**

REASON FOR DECISION – Cabinet is asked to support the strategy and refer it to Full Council for adoption, as part of the Policy Framework.

North East Lincolnshire faces persistent health challenges, including declining healthy life expectancy and widening inequalities between communities. The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025–2035 is a bold, place-based response to these issues, recognising that health is shaped not only by access to healthcare, but by the wider conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age. The strategy sets out to improve health and wellbeing for everyone in the borough by addressing the social determinants of health, such as housing, education, employment, transport, and social connection through eight building blocks and three foundational principles: supporting children and young people, protecting the environment, and advancing inclusion health.

Its overarching vision is:

“To create a borough where health and wellbeing are built into everyday life, through good work, safe homes, strong communities, and a healthy environment, so that every resident can live a longer, happier life.”

The strategy’s aims are to increase healthy life expectancy, reduce health inequalities, improve mental wellbeing, embed prevention and early intervention, make public health everyone’s business, and create a fairer, greener, and more inclusive borough. By encouraging collaboration across sectors and empowering residents, the strategy seeks to ensure that every individual has the opportunity to thrive, making health and wellbeing a foundation for all.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – Health and Wellbeing Boards were established under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to provide a forum for key leaders from the local health and care system to work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population. There is a statutory duty, shared with Integrated Care Boards (ICBs), to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the local area. As such, the development of a joint health and wellbeing strategy is a legal requirement, and no alternative options have been considered.

DN.51 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION STRATEGY

Cabinet received a report from the Portfolio for Children and Education seeking approval of the North East Lincolnshire Elective Home Education Strategy.

Cabinet considered a recommendation from the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel at its meeting on the 13th November 2025 and agreed that the recommendation be included.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the North East Lincolnshire Elective Home Education Strategy be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, be delegated authority to implement and publish the North East Lincolnshire Elective Home Education Strategy.**
- 3. That the two-year strategy recognises and brings forward anticipated outcomes and metrics so as to assure performance of partnership working.**

REASON FOR DECISION – Identifying and making arrangements to establish the suitability of education for children not on a school roll is a statutory responsibility for the local authority under S436A of the Education Act 1996. For a number of years, there has been an increase in the numbers of children educated at home across the country, with North East Lincolnshire mirroring this trend.

Adoption of this strategy sought to underline the commitment across the Partnership of professionals in North East Lincolnshire to ensure that the children who are educated at home are in receipt of a quality

education, and to collectively recognise the benefits and the risks of EHE whilst working together to promote the best outcomes for our children.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED – The option remains to not adopt the attached strategy, however the risks of this outweigh the benefits in terms of supporting children and families across North East Lincolnshire.

DN.52 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FRAMEWORK

Cabinet received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval for the procurement of a professional services framework for capital works.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the procurement of a Professional Services Framework for capital works as set out in this report 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 commence and conduct such exercise and thereafter to make such awards and carry out all ancillary matters reasonably arising.**
- 3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.**

REASON FOR DECISION – The decision allows the Council to commence the procurement exercise for the Professional Services for Capital Works framework and allows the Council to award the framework

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

1. Status Quo;

2. A decision could be made not to implement additional contracting arrangements; however, this may limit opportunities to achieve better value for money through the aggregation of demand which combines purchasing requirements across various departments, resulting in competitive pricing, greater efficiency and stronger negotiating power.

3. e-Auctions;

4. e-Auctions are best suited to commodity contracts. They are also difficult to design for works requirements and therefore this option is not recommended.

5. Central Purchasing Bodies;

6. The Council could access Government framework arrangements such as the YORcivils3 Highways and Civil Engineering Framework managed by ERYC for Yorkshire and Humber, YPO (Consultancy and specialist services framework). However, Government frameworks do not necessarily consider local supply chain development and there is an associated cost per project to access the call off arrangements. Therefore, this option is not recommended.