



## **CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 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.53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting

### **DN.54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **DN.55 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were agreed as a correct record.

### **DN.56 HUMBER STRATEGY**

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills seeking endorsement of the Humber Economic Strategy 2025-2035.

**RESOLVED –**

**That the Humber Economic Strategy 2025-35 be endorsed and that Cabinet notes the intention that following endorsement by each Humber local authority, that the strategy, if required, be approved through the Humber Leaders' Board (pursuant to Regulation 9 of Local Authorities (Arrangement for the discharge of Functions Regulations) (England) 2012), confirming the Strategy at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted including the strategic economic priorities for the Humber region.**

**REASON FOR DECISION** – Through the devolution deals negotiated with Government, North East Lincolnshire Council, Hull City Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council and North Lincolnshire Council recognise that optimising the Humber's economic potential will require the public and private sectors on both banks of the Humber Estuary to continue working together on pan-Humber economic opportunities alongside the Hull and East Riding Combined Authority, the Greater Lincolnshire Combined Authority, the Humber Energy Board and Humber Freeport. The Humber Economic Strategy sets the framework for this to happen.

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED** – Given the approach taken to date, the only realistic alternative option is to not endorse the Humber Economic Strategy. This means there would be no strategy and partnership approach across the Humber region for economic development and growth. This would undermine private sector inward investment and any future bids for external funding that often require a strategic context or fit within applications.

## **DN.57 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO)**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities seeking authority to further develop a borough wide PSPO through full consultation across all stakeholders.

### **RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the commencement of statutory and public consultation, in accordance with Sections 59, 60 and 72 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 on the draft Public Spaces Protection Order in relation to the introduction of a borough wide PSPO for nuisance vehicles be approved.**
- 2. That a further report around Summer 2026 with recommendations based on the findings of the consultation be received.**

#### **REASON FOR DECISION –**

Reducing ASB in public spaces improves the quality of the physical environment, allowing residents the benefits of using the space positively for physical health and wellbeing. This will increase residents' feeling of safety within their own neighbourhoods and improve their quality of life.

Approving the required stakeholder consultation will enable the Council to make an informed decision on whether or not it is appropriate and proportionate to introduce a borough wide PSPO for nuisance motor vehicles. This will provide reassurance to communities that their concerns are being listened to and that appropriate action is being taken.

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED** – The ASB demand in the hot spot areas continues to be managed via a multi-agency approach with all current tools and powers used to best effect. Whilst this has had some impact, it is felt that the additionality of further powers via a proposed PSPO to effectively deal with those individuals engaged in this type of behaviour would enhance the current partnership tasking arrangements and the impact felt in the community.

#### **DN.58 OUTCOMES OF INSPECTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES.**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education giving an update on the outcomes of the inspection of local children's services.

**RESOLVED** – That the content of the report be noted.

#### **DN.59 NEW FRAMEWORK FOR SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education seeking approval to procure a new contract arrangement for Home to School Transport.

**RESOLVED** –

- 1. That the procurement of a new contract arrangement for Home to School Transport be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education be delegated authority to commence the procurement exercise and thereafter to make awards and deal with all ancillary matters reasonably arising.**

- 3. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation arising from the above recommendations.**

**REASON FOR DECISION** – The current Dynamic Purchasing System that is used to purchase bus and taxi routes from independent organisations ends in June 2026 so a new contract arrangement is required to be put in place for June 2026 in order to ensure that all provision can be purchased from companies that have been appropriately vetted.

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –**

1. Discussion was held with North Lincolnshire to consider a joint procurement arrangement for a future contract. It was identified that the work to co-ordinate requirements between the two authorities would create additional work for both authorities and could delay the ability to go out to tender as documents would need to be agreed by both authorities and two separate governance routes would need to be followed. There was no benefit to a joint approach identified that would outweigh the additional work required.
2. The option to allow the current DPS to close and have no ongoing contract arrangements in place for purchase of routes was not considered as this would not be in line with the Procurement Act 2023.
3. The Procurement Act 2023 means that it is no longer possible to use a DPS. Consideration was given to utilising a different procurement mechanisms and legal advice will inform the identification of the most appropriate procurement route to ensure we have in place arrangements for home to school routes.

**DN.60**

**PROCUREMENT OF A FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR UNREGISTERED ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROVISION**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education seeking approval to establish a formal commissioning arrangement for unregistered alternative provision for children and young people with SEND in North East Lincolnshire.

Cabinet considered recommendations from the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel from its meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and agreed that the recommendations be included.

**RESOLVED –**

- 1. That the establishment of a formal commissioning arrangement for unregistered alternative provision for children and young people with SEND in North East Lincolnshire be approved.**
- 2. That the Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education be delegated authority to commence the procurement exercise and thereafter to make awards and deal with all ancillary matters reasonably arising.**
- 3. That the framework terms prohibit subcontracting by providers be approved.**
- 4. That, where possible, the alternative provision placements were made within North East Lincolnshire be approved.**
- 5. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation arising from the above recommendations.**

**REASON FOR DECISION** – The procurement of a new contract arrangement is required to ensure compliance with the Procurement Act 2023. The new arrangement will improve the Quality assurance of provision that is being purchased to meet the learning needs of children with an Education, Health and Care plan for whom we are unable to identify a suitable place in a registered education setting. The new system will increase the focus on children returning to formal education and strengthen work with organisations providing these opportunities to our children.

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –**

**Option 1: Establish a formal commissioning arrangement (Recommended)**

This option introduces a structured approach to commissioning unregistered alternative provision through a competitive contract arrangement with multiple suppliers with defined Lots. It supports legal compliance, improves quality assurance, and enables better financial planning. It aligns with both the Procurement Act 2023 and the SENDAP Sufficiency Strategy.

**Option 2: Continue with spot purchasing (Not recommended)**

Maintaining the current model would retain flexibility but does not address the issues of inconsistent quality, limited oversight, and lack of strategic planning. It also poses risks in terms of procurement compliance and financial accountability.

**Option 3: Cease commissioning unregistered provision (Not viable)**  
This option would significantly reduce the Council's ability to meet the needs of children and young people with complex SEND, particularly where registered provision is unavailable or unsuitable. It would likely result in increased exclusions, out-of-area placements, and unmet needs.

The recommended option provides a balanced and sustainable solution that enables the Council to meet its statutory duties while improving outcomes for children and young people.