



## **CABINET**

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 5.00pm**

**Present:** Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)  
Councillors Cracknell, Harness, Hudson, Shepherd, Shreeve and S.  
Swinburn.

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Carolina Borgstrom (Director Economy, Environment and Infrastructure)
- Katie Brown (Director of Adults Housing and Communities)
- Zoe Campell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law and Governance)
- Guy Lonsdale (Interim Section 151 Officer)
- Ann-Marie Matson (Director of Children's Services)
- Sharon Wroot (Interim Chief Executive)

### **Also in attendance:**

- Councillor Beasant
- Damien Janies -White – Assistant Director Regeneration
- Michelle Lalor – Head of Communications and Customer

There was one member of the public and press present.

### **CB.74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillor Dawkins.

### **CB.75 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**CB.76 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were approved as a correct record.

**CB.77 REFERRAL FROM SCRUTINY PANELS**

Cabinet received a recommendation from the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel, from its meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026 in relation to an interim report from the Library Services Select Committee.

RESOLVED – That Cabinet receive a report to outline the associated costs to enable the central library to be made water tight to allow the appropriate removal of the asbestos.

**CB.78 COUNCIL PLAN REFRESH**

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

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL -

That the refreshed Council Plan be approved and adopted.

**CB.79 2025/26 QUARTER 3 COUNCIL PLAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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

RESOLVED –

1. That the content of the report be noted and 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 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 of the report now submitted, be approved.
4. That the revised Capital Programme for 2025/28, included in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.

5. That the write off of debt, which was fully provided for and considered unrecoverable, including debts >£50,000 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, be approved.

**CB.80 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY POLICY AND STATEMENT 2026-27**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the restated Treasury Policy Statement and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL -

That the Treasury Management Policy Statement (as set out at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted), the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2026/27 (as set out at Appendix 2 of the report now submitted) and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement (as set out at Annex 2 of Appendix 2 of the report now submitted) be approved and adopted.

**CB.81 GRIMSBY TRANSPORT HUB - PROGRESS AND APPROVAL FOR NEXT DESIGN STAGES**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval of the final concept designs for the Transport Hub project.

RESOLVED—

1. That the final concept designs for the Transport Hub project 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:
  - a. progress and approve development of the Transport Hub in a phased approach, including undertaking technical designs for the scheme through to RIBA stage 7 for phase 1, and RIBA Stage 3, for future phases, or if funding allows RIBA Stage 7 for future phases.
  - b. bid for funding to deliver the scheme; and
  - c. procure and appoint contractors to deliver the Transport Hub scheme thereafter to mobilise and implement the scheme.

3. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure, and Transport, be authorised to undertake:
  - a. submission of any planning applications for the Transport Hub scheme that may be required.
  - b. dealing with any land matters that may arise regarding the project.
  - c. commission any enabling surveys and works for the Transport Hub scheme that might be required; and,
  - d. any ancillary action reasonably arising out of the above.

**CB.82 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL CONCESSIONARY FARES SCHEME**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport seeking approval for the continuation of the current, statutory minimum North East Lincolnshire Concessionary Fares Scheme from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.

RESOLVED –

1. That the continuation of the current, statutory minimum North East Lincolnshire Concessionary Fares Scheme from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 be approved.
2. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport (subject to the agreement of the Section 151 Officer), be authorised to manage and make decisions on the 2026/2027 A1274 Transport budget (secure socially necessary bus services and manage non-statutory Concessionary Fare enhancements including pre 9:30am Concessionary Travel) and ensure decisions are made within the available transport budget.
3. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport, be authorised to approve the 2026/2027 Concessionary Fares Scheme reimbursement arrangements with transport operators.
4. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport, be authorised to ensure that all actions necessary and ancillary to the above recommendations be completed.
5. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be

authorised to complete and execute all requisite legal documentation arising.

## **CB.83      REPLACEMENT OF CREMATORS AT GRIMSBY CREMATORIUM**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero seeking approval for the plan to replace the cremators at Grimsby Crematorium.

RESOLVED –

1. That the plan to replace the cremators at Grimsby Crematorium, as set out in the report now submitted, be approved.
2. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero, be delegated authority to:
  - a. recognising the very narrow non-UK market for such equipment and expertise, immediately award and engage DFW Europe Netherlands to manufacture and provide the electric cremators required;
  - b. undertake the final technical designs for building works required to enable replacement of the cremators; and
  - c. procure and appoint contractors to undertake the required works, alongside DFW Europe Netherlands, to deliver the Grimsby Crematorium scheme and thereafter to mobilise and implement the scheme;
3. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero, be authorised to undertake:
  - a. submission of any planning applications for the Grimsby Crematorium scheme that may be required;
  - b. dealing with any land matters that may arise regarding the project; and,
  - c. commission any enabling surveys and works that might be required for the Grimsby Crematorium scheme.
4. That the Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero, be authorised to deal with all matters reasonably arising from or ancillary to

the above recommendations.

5. That the Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to execute and complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the matters outlined above.

**CB.84      SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2027-2028 ACADEMIC YEAR FOR NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education seeking support for the position whereby, the general admission policy for the local authority's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2027-2028 be unchanged.

RESOLVED –

1. That the general admission policy for the local authority's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2027-2028 be unchanged.
2. That the published admissions number (PAN) for Western Primary School be reduced from 45 to 30 for the 2027-2028 year of entry, to reflect continuing trend of change in their allocation and enrolment numbers and that the published admission numbers (PANs) of all other local authority-maintained schools remain the same as for the previous year.
3. That no material changes be made to the local authority's co-ordinated school admission arrangements published schemes other than the updating of dates and deadlines, and that locally agreed protocols that support admission arrangements continue to be reviewed on a regular basis.
4. That the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the governing bodies of community and voluntary controlled schools and the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, be delegated authority to increase the published admission number of an individual year group in a school in exceptional circumstances.
5. That it be noted that those schools / academies that are their own admission authorities have the ability to consult and determine their own admission arrangements (details of known proposed changes were provided at Appendix 1 of the report now submitted).
6. That, with the increasing number of academies within the local authority, it be noted that the number of schools for which the local

authority is responsible for in respect of determining admission arrangements is reduced.

**CB.85 SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE'S COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2027-2028**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education seeking approval for the proposed dates for voluntary controlled and community schools for the 2027–2028 academic year.

RESOLVED –

1. That the proposed dates in Appendix A of the report now submitted, for voluntary controlled and community schools for the 2027–2028 academic year, be approved.
2. That the Director for Children's Services be authorised to implement and take all reasonable steps arising in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education.

**CB.86 SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH FREE SCHOOL AND DfE CAPITAL ANNOUNCEMENT DECISION**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education seeking approval to proceed with the planned Department for Education (DfE) construction of 150 place specialist Social, Emotional and Mental Health free school.

Cabinet considered recommendations from the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel from its meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and agreed to its inclusion.

RESOLVED –

1. That Option 1, to proceed with the planned DfE construction of a 150 place specialist free school for SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) be approved.
2. That the Director for Children's Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, be delegated authority to respond to the DfE on those terms by the stated deadline.
3. That the additional estimated capital costs (estimated at £2.3M) as set out in this report now submitted be approved and the Section 151

Officer be authorised to make such provision in the capital program as appropriate.

4. That the Director for Children's Services, with the support of the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, be instructed to update Cabinet via a further report at an appropriate stage, once matters began to crystallise.
5. That the Director of Children Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education, be authorised to explore safeguards around exposure to risk of increasing costs and for the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel to retain oversight.

## **CB.87      PROCUREMENT: RECOVERY COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care seeking approval for the commencement of a procurement exercise for Community Recovery Services, using the Provider Selection Regime Most Suitable Provider process.

RESOLVED –

1. That the commencement of a procurement exercise for Community Recovery Services, using the Provider Selection Regime Most Suitable Provider process be approved.
2. That the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, be delegated authority to finalise and award such contracts for Community Recovery Services.
3. That the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, be delegated responsibility to oversee all ancillary matters reasonably arising, including service implementation, mobilisation, and ongoing monitoring.
4. That Assistant Director Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) be authorised to complete all requisite legal documentation in relation to the direct award and associated contractual arrangements.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.53 p.m.