



CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held on the 16th September 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 Freeston (in the Chair)
Councillors P. Batson, Callison, Grice, Mayne, N Oliver and Taylor.

DN.26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

DN.27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

DN.28 MINUTES

The minutes of the Special Cabinet on 3rd August 2026 and the Cabinet meeting held on the 19th August 2026 were agreed as a correct record.

DN.29 REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT (RIPA) 2000 UPDATE 2025/26

Cabinet received a verbal update from the Monitoring Officer on activity conducted by the Council under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000 during 2025/26 as required by the Home Office Code of Practice for Covert Surveillance and Property Interference.

The Monitoring Officer confirmed there was no activity during this period.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

DN.30 REFERRAL FROM SCRUTINY PANELS

Cabinet received recommendations from the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel, at its meeting held on 23rd July 2026 in relation to the Council Plan Performance and Finance Quarterly reports.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the recommendation from the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel be accepted being:**
 - a. That a report be requested that detailed the virements, their importance, impact (especially beyond a single portfolio), and for it to be presented to this Scrutiny Panel for review.**

DN.31 YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Children and Education seeking approval of the Youth Justice Plan, in line with statutory requirements, which sets out the shared ambitions and priorities which supports children and young people to be diverted from youth justice services.

Cabinet considered the two recommendations put forward by the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel and approved them. Such recommendations are set out below at paragraphs 3 and 4.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the North East Lincolnshire Youth Justice Plan 2026/27 which sets out the shared ambition and priorities of the North East Lincolnshire Youth Justice Service be endorsed.**
- 2. That the plan be referred to and approved by Full Council.**
- 3. That future iterations of the Youth Justice Plan more clearly identify the links between poverty and deprivation and youth offending, and detail how collaborative strategies were being deployed to combat this issue.**
- 4. That smarter Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and clear operational thresholds be incorporated into the plan particularly concerning repeat offending and clarifying the trigger points for the graduated response with performance data regularly brought back to Scrutiny to monitor effectiveness.**

REASONS FOR DECISION - Endorsement of the Youth Justice Plan 2026/27 to support the Youth Justice Board to provide system-wide leadership and advocate the Child First principle and diversion away from the criminal justice system. This is in keeping with North East Lincolnshire's vision 'Our Children, Our Future' which aims to support children and young people to grow up happy and healthy, safe in their homes and communities, with people that love them.

OTHER OPTIONS – Not to support the Youth Justice Plan 2026/27.

DN.32 PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) - NUISANCE VEHICLES

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities proposing the introduction of a new borough-wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to tackle persistent anti-social behaviour linked to nuisance vehicles.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the introduction of a borough-wide PSPO and the associated prohibitions as set out in the report for a period of three years from implementation be approved.**
- 2. That a fixed penalty notice tariff of £100 for each breach of the PSPO conditions, payable within 14 days of issue, with no early payment discount be approved.**
- 3. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities be authorised to approve any future renewals, variations or extensions to the PSPO where the supporting evidence and legal criteria are satisfied.**

REASONS FOR DECISION - Approval of the proposed PSPO will enable the Council and Humberside Police to respond more effectively to vehicle-related anti-social behaviour (ASB) in parks, open spaces and neighbourhoods. Introducing the PSPO will also demonstrate to communities that their concerns have been heard and that appropriate action is being taken to address the issues raised.

Reducing anti-social behaviour in public spaces will help improve the quality of the local environment and support residents to use these spaces safely and positively for recreation, physical activity and wellbeing. This should help increase feelings of safety within neighbourhoods and contribute to an improved quality of life for residents.

OTHER OPTIONS - Anti-social behaviour demand in identified hotspot areas has previously been managed through a multi-agency approach,

with all available tools and powers considered as part of the response. This approach will continue, however, the proposed PSPO will provide an additional enforcement power to address individuals engaging in behaviour prohibited by the Order. The proposed PSPO will therefore strengthen existing partnership arrangements and support a more targeted response to vehicle-related anti-social behaviour.

DN.33 DOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2026–2030

Cabinet considered a report from the from the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities seeking approval of the Domestic Abuse Partnership Strategy 2026–2030.

Cabinet considered two recommendations put forward by the Communities Scrutiny Panel and approved them. The first being to support the recommendations and the second being as set out at paragraph 4 below..

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the Domestic Abuse Partnership Strategy 2026 to 2030 for North East Lincolnshire and its publication be approved.**
- 2. That the delivery of the strategy through the Domestic Abuse Partnership Board, multi-agency steering groups, nominated system leads, and the Domestic Abuse Coordination and Support Team be supported.**
- 3. That the Director for Public Health in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Stronger and Safer Communities be delegated authority to make minor amendments to the final published strategy and supporting delivery plan where required.**
- 4. That Officers establish a reporting process to provide the Communities Scrutiny Panel with more frequent progress updates on the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2026-2030, including opportunities for the Panel to consider and comment on the associated Action Plan as it is developed.**

REASONS FOR DECISION –

- Domestic abuse is a significant public health, safeguarding and community safety challenge in North East Lincolnshire, with wide-ranging impacts on individuals, families and communities.
- The strategy provides a clear whole-system framework for partnership action over the next four years and aligns local priorities to national legislative and policy requirements.
- The strategy has been developed through an evidence-led, co-developed and outcome-focused process, strengthening shared

ownership across the partnership.

OTHER OPTIONS –

Option 1: Approve, publish and implement the Domestic Abuse Partnership Strategy 2026 to 2030. This is the recommended option because it provides a clear, evidence-led and co-developed framework for collective action and accountability across North East Lincolnshire and meets statutory obligations. *(Recommended)*

Option 2: Do nothing. This option is not recommended. It would not provide the partnership with an agreed strategic framework for preventing domestic abuse, supporting victims, survivors and children, holding perpetrators to account and strengthening the whole-system response. The Council would also not be compliant with statutory requirements.

Option 3: Refresh existing activity without a new partnership strategy. This option is not recommended as it would not fully reflect the findings of the needs assessment, consultation, co-design activity or the agreed four-year partnership priorities. This would also not fulfil statutory requirements.

DN.34 PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport regarding the commencement of regulation 19 consultation on the draft Local Plan.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (2026) set out in Appendix A to this report be received.**
- 2. That the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan (2026) and accompanying documents be referred to Full Council with a request that Full Council considers publication and consultation on the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Local Plan, together with supporting documentation, for the purposes of statutory consultation in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, such consultation period to be no less than six weeks in accordance with regulatory expectations.**
- 3. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing Infrastructure and Transport be delegated authority to make any typographical, grammatical, formatting, mapping or other minor presentational amendments required to the Draft Local Plan,**

together with finalising any supporting documents prior to final publication, provided that such amendments do not materially alter the intent or effect of the Plan.

- 4. That that following completion of the Regulation 19 consultation period, a further report will be submitted to Cabinet be noted.**
- 5. In addition Cabinet made the following recommendations to Full Council:**
 - a. That in considering publication, Full Council carefully considers whether the plan is positively prepared, justified, effective, sound, consistent with national policy, and in alignment with the Council Plan. Should Full Council not be satisfied on these counts, they should support a proposal to pause the process and request an extension from the government**
 - b. That the recommendations from the Transport, Infrastructure and Housing Scrutiny Panel at its meeting on the 8th September 2026 be referred to Full Council.**
 - c. That Cabinet formally supports the removal of the Grimsby West and Weelsby Woods housing allocations from the Local Plan.**
 - d. That the Council writes to the government requesting that brownfield sites be prioritised for development funding, greenfield sites be released from local building requirements, and empty homes brought back into use be counted toward arbitrary housing targets.**
 - e. That officers consult ministerial colleagues regarding a potential pause or delay to the 31st December 2026 deadline. Officers to report back to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport and the Leader of the Council by the end of the current week, and present a formal report on the government's response to Full Council on the 24th September 2026.**
 - f. That the Pre-Submission Draft Local Plan report, recommendations and amendments supported by Cabinet, be referred to full Council for consideration.**

REASONS FOR DECISION –

The Council has a statutory duty, as a local planning authority, to prepare and maintain an up to date 'Development Plan'. Undertaking public consultation is an important and integral element of the plan's preparation.

Undertaking consultation now will enable the Council to meet the timetable, as previously agreed by Cabinet and set out in the adopted Local Development Scheme, to prepare a new Local Plan for the Borough. The Local Development Scheme, approved and brought into effect by Cabinet in March 2025, sets out the timeframe for the remaining stages of the Local Plan review under the Government's 'Legacy' arrangements.

OTHER OPTIONS –

1. It is a legal requirement to prepare and keep local plans up to date. Any alternative decision, that would involve not progressing the consultation as recommended would prevent the Council's ability to meet the December 2026 legacy arrangements for submitting the Plan to examination. As a result of this, the Council would need to restart the process under the new Local Planning system, which would introduce significant delays and result in the risks highlighted above.
2. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), Localism Act 2011, National Planning Policy Framework, associated regulations and guidance, require that a local plan undergoes periods of consultation to gain agreement on the approaches it sets out.
3. How that consultation is undertaken up until the 'Publication' stage is not prescribed by the regulations under the Legacy agreements. However, at the 'Publication' stage (Regulation 19) the regulations are clearly set out, including who should be consulted, the methods of making the documents available, and the period for which the consultation should be undertaken. There is no other option.
4. It is considered appropriate to undertake the statutory Regulation 19 Publication stage consultation now to gain agreement of the soundness of the Plan prior to its submission to the Secretary of State for examination. This needs to be undertaken now to meet the Government's requirement of submission by 31st December 2026 under the legacy arrangements.
5. Where new information becomes available, through the consultation or because of updated evidence becoming available, this will be considered.

DN.35 HOME CHOICE LINGS ALLOCATIONS POLICY

Cabinet considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport on the adoption of the Home Choice Lings (HCL) Housing Allocations Policy.

RESOLVED -

- 1. That the adoption of the revised HCL Housing Allocations Policy be supported.**
- 2. That the Policy is subject to formal approval through the HCL Partnership Board governance arrangements. Should Cabinet identify any elements of the policy that it wishes to be reconsidered, the Director of Adults, Housing and Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing Infrastructure and Transport, is delegated authority to present such representations to the HCL Board for consideration by the partnership. Any amendments would be subject to agreement through HCL partnership governance arrangements be noted.**

REASONS FOR DECISION - Each local authority is legally required to deliver a Social Housing Allocations Policy that is reflective of local needs. This has to be compliant with the government's statutory guidance on social housing allocations for local housing authorities. Allocations policies should be reviewed every 5 years (sooner if there are regulatory/legislation changes) and so the update of this policy is in line with good practice. Without the adoption of an updated policy the HCL Partnership would not be enabled to make best use of local social housing stock and would not be able to prioritise residents most in need of social housing.

OTHER OPTIONS –

- 1.The HCL Board has directed the request for the development of a new policy to ensure alignment with local need and national requirements.
- 2.Due to the age of the current policy and the changes to the understood needs of our community and the changes in demands of social housing, the only option proposed is the adoption of a new policy. It has been through a thorough consultation process and is supported by the other four members of the HCL Board.