

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Environment and Economy

Report to:	Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee
Date:	26 October 2015
Subject:	Lincolnshire County Council's role in the Planning System

Summary:

A presentation will be made to the Committee outlining recent changes to the planning system and how these changes affect the role of a county councillor in relation to planning issues.

Actions Required:

The Committee is invited to consider and comment on the presentation and to reflect on the role of a county councillor in relation to the planning system.

1. Background

Since 2010 the planning system has been subject to constant reform, driven by the desire of Central Government to speed up decision-making through a streamlining of procedures, abolition of the regional tier of plan making and a move towards more local decision making.

This has implications for the role that Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) can play when influencing the development process. Officers think that it would be useful to update Members so that they can gain a better understanding of how changes affect them and thereby focus their concerns on relevant issues.

2. Conclusion

At this meeting Officers will provide a power point presentation covering the main areas of LCC involvement in planning which will include:

- Growth in Lincolnshire
- Plan Making
- Infrastructure and Funding
- Development Management
- Development Management (Flood Risk and Highways)
 - New structure
 - Statutory / consultee role

- Construction and adoption

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

N/A

4. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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