



SRB/LAF

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Dear Chief Executive

Reorganisation of Local Access Forums for Lincolnshire County Councils

The Mid Lincolnshire Local Access Forum recently considered a report in connection with alternative options for the organisation of Lincolnshire County Council's two Local Access Forums.

The County Council's officers gave a brief history of the formation of the Forums in 2003, and after fifteen years, the County Council was seeking the views on proposals to consider the organisation of the Forums across the county.

Officers stated that, amongst others, the reasons for the review was that since 2003 the Countryside Service had seen a reduction in the staffing resource available to support the Forums, that membership of the Forums had dwindled over recent years and that it was becoming increasingly difficult to achieve a geographical and membership balance especially also between users, landowners and other interests.

The Forum resolved that a single Local Access Forum which may, or may not include North East Lincolnshire Council Forum according to the wishes of North East Lincolnshire, should be recommended to the Council.

The Forum noted that it was necessary seek the views of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland Local Access Forum and formal responses from Rutland County Council and North East Lincolnshire Council on the proposals. In the meantime, the current administrative arrangements for the Forums would continue to the next AGM to allow the proposals to be examined.

Yours sincerely,

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Local Access Forum