

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 17 MAY 2019

Statement from: Councillor E J Poll, Executive Councillor for Commercial and Environmental Management

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Statement of Community Involvement

The Council's Planning Services team are responsible for producing and maintaining an up to date 'Statement of Community Involvement'. This document outlines how the Council will engage and consult the public and stakeholders when producing planning policy documents associated with the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan, and have their say on the determination of planning applications that the Council receives. We are currently updating the document, and consultation on how the public and other stakeholders want to be consulted on planning matters took place earlier this year. Responses have been received, with nearly half of those received not wishing to make any substantive comments or objection. Officers are in the process of assessing all responses and later this year will prepare a final document for Council approval.

Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP)

The Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy has now been formally adopted by all eight councils of the LWP. Over the coming months we will work together on helping residents understand exactly what should and shouldn't go in their recycling, which will hopefully reduce our contamination rates. We will also look to improve the quality of what is recycled, increase the quantity of recycling, find ways of sharing ideas for creating less waste, and reduce our carbon footprint.

Flood Risk and Development Management

The County Council will continue to work towards its annual target of protecting 100 properties from flooding. This will be done in partnership with other risk management authorities, with local, regional and national bodies, which further demonstrates the Council's commitment to partnership working to benefit our most vulnerable communities. Indeed, in recognition of this, the Council has approved a four-year capital settlement for local flood risk management projects.

The Development Management Team is actively involved in discussions with the District Councils in relation to the eight Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUE's) across the County:

- North East Quadrant, Lincoln
- South East Quadrant (Canwick East), Bracebridge Heath
- Western Growth Corridor in Lincoln
- South West Quadrant (Grange Farm) in North Hykeham
- Southern Neighbourhood in Gainsborough
- Southern Quadrant (Spitalgate Heath), Grantham
- Handley Chase in Sleaford (South); and

- Sleaford (West)

Countryside

Works for the Coastal Country Park area are progressing to plan to ensure that all visitors and residents continue to enjoy the amenities of this special part of our coast.

English Coastal Path

In late February the Council welcomed the opening of its first section of the English Coastal Path. Cllr Davie was joined by Lord Gardiner and the Chief Executive of Natural England to open the path at the North Sea Coastal Observatory, which, for the first time provides a continuous off-road pathway between Chapel St Leonards and Skegness. The route is already proving a popular attraction, especially amongst people with mobility challenges for whom the path opens up stretches of coast previously inaccessible.