



**Open Report on behalf of Debbie Barnes OBE, Chief Executive**

Report to:	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Management Board</b>
Date:	<b>12 March 2024</b>
Subject:	<b>Greater Lincolnshire Devolution</b>

**Summary:**

This report invites the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to consider and support a report on:

- the outcomes of the public consultation on devolution proposals for Greater Lincolnshire,
- the response of the constituent councils to the themes from the public consultation and the updated Equality Impact Assessment,
- the amendments made to the Proposal to consider the consultation findings, and
- the next steps, timelines and delegations set out within the report which would support devolution for Greater Lincolnshire.

The report is due to be considered by the Council on 13 March 2024 prior to executive decision making by the Leader of the Council. The views of the Board will be reported to the Council and to the Leader of the Council as part of the consideration of this item.

**Actions Required:**

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is invited to:-

- 1) consider the attached report and to support the recommendation(s) to the Leader of the Council as set out in the report.
- 2) agree any additional comments to be passed on to the Council and the Leader of the Council in relation to this item.

## **1. Background**

The Leader of the Council is due to consider a report that

- Sets out a detailed analysis of the consultation findings to support the leader in making a decision on whether to progress with ambitions for devolution in Greater Lincolnshire
- Details the response of the constituent councils to the consultation findings, along with revisions to the proposal and equality impact assessment
- Sets out that on balance, the consultation findings are supportive of the devolution ambitions
- Details and progresses the steps required to deliver on a historic devolution deal for Greater Lincolnshire and to progress the process for creation of a Combined County Authority covering Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire in accordance with the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Act as the only mechanism for delivering on that deal.

Decision making to submit proposals to the Secretary of State is an executive function of the Council. In accordance with the process set out to Council in December 2022 and December 2023, the report will be considered at the meeting of the County Council on 13 March 2024, prior to any executive decision being taken.

The full report to the Leader of the Council is attached at Appendix A to this report.

## **2. Conclusion**

Following consideration of the attached report, the Board is requested to consider whether it supports the recommendation(s) in the report and whether it wishes to make any additional comments to inform the decision making process. The Board's views will be reported to Council and to the Leader of the Council.

## **3. Consultation**

The Board is being consulted on the proposed decision of the Leader of the Council on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

#### 4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Report to Leader of the Council 13 March 2024 - Greater Lincolnshire Devolution – Consideration of Public Consultation Outcomes and Submission of Final Proposal to the Secretary of State	
A	Report on consultation on the draft proposal
B	Response to the consultation and proposed changes to the proposal
C	Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)
D	Final proposal for a Greater Lincolnshire mayoral combined county authority and for devolution to Greater Lincolnshire

#### 5. Background Papers

The following background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

Background Paper	Where it can be viewed
Report to Council December 2022 A Devolution Deal for Lincolnshire	<a href="#">Agenda for Council on Friday, 9th December, 2022, 10.30 am (modern.gov.co.uk)</a>
Report to Council December 2023 A Devolution Deal for Lincolnshire	<a href="#">Agenda for Council on Friday, 1st December, 2023, 10.30 am (modern.gov.co.uk)</a>
Levelling Up White Paper	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levelling-up-the-united-kingdom">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levelling-up-the-united-kingdom</a>
The Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023	<a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3155">https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3155</a>

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