

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 21 MAY 2010

**Statement from: Cllr E J Poll, Executive Councillor for
Economic Development**

ECONOMIC REGENERATION/SPATIAL PLANNING

I am pleased to report progress with key projects as follows:

- Market Town enhancement – at the Economic Development Scrutiny Committee we discussed the work of the council in partnership with districts and others around the market town agenda in Lincolnshire and this generated some positive interest and news engagement via the Lincolnshire Echo. We are running an active programme of enhancements across the County.
- Grantham – our Single Conversation Document with the Homes and Communities Agency has been positively received and we look forward to negotiating a Local Investment Agreement with them in the near future.
- CLG Coastal Regeneration Resources – we have begun detailed discussions with East Lindsey District Council about using the £200,000 coastal regeneration funding arising from in part the work to our Coastal Communities alliance which was awarded to a number of coastal areas in England.

CULTURAL SERVICES

Gainsborough Old Hall Wins The Sandford Award

This is the third year running that Gainsborough Old Hall has received the award for its educational programme. The award is jointly managed by Bishop Grosseteste University College Lincoln and the Heritage Education Trust. It recognises heritage sites which have achieved excellence in heritage education through work with schools.

BBMF Volunteer Guides Recieve Personal Commendation Award

In recognition for outstanding contribution to the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight based at RAF Coningsby, Group Captain Hitchcock, Officer Commanding, gave his Personal Commendation award to the BBMF Visitor Centre volunteer guides. On a recent visit to RAF Coningsby, HRH Prince William, patron of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, presented this award to the four longest serving guides. It was received on behalf of the 43 strong team whose wealth of knowledge, some drawn from personal experiences, help visitors to the BBMF and Visitor Centre gain an insight to the aircraft that flew in our skies during World War II.

Get It Loud In Libraries: Mablethorpe Library

The *Get it Loud* in Libraries project is a fantastic new way of using libraries and making them culturally relevant to young people. The project rethinks the way that libraries are used to educate and entertain; ultimately it aims to give people, especially young people who love music, a good time in a library. On 20 March, Mablethorpe Library was transformed into a music venue to support the main attraction Daisy Dares You. The gig was a sell out with 94 people attending. The

success of the event means the library will look to support more projects like this in the future.