

## **COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 17 FEBRUARY 2012**

**Statement from: Councillor M J Hill OBE – Leader and Executive Councillor for Policy, Strategy and Communications**

### **Coroners**

Following notification of the impending retirements of the two coroners covering the jurisdictions for Boston/Spalding and Stamford, public consultation has been completed, and a further report was presented to the Communities Scrutiny Committee on 14 December 2011 and to the Executive on 10 January 2012. It was agreed:

“That the option to amalgamate West Lincolnshire with Spilsby & Louth and Stamford with Boston & Spalding to form two jurisdictions within Lincolnshire, renaming the jurisdictions Central Lincolnshire and South Lincolnshire, and authorise the submission of the draft Order attached at Appendix B (Option 1) of the report to the Secretary of State under section 4(2) of the Coroners Act 1988 be supported.”

A further 30-day consultation period will follow with the publication of the Draft Order. Any objections are to be sent to the Ministry of Justice.

### **Registration Offices**

A report was originally presented to the Communities Scrutiny Committee on 14 December 2011 and then to the Executive on 10 January 2012 in relation to Registration Office locations. The following decisions were approved:

1. The closure of the facilities at Caistor and Market Rasen, with the provision of a domiciliary service in cases of hardship if required;
2. The retention of the facility at Bourne, together with consideration by officers of potentially more cost-effective service delivery in this locality;
3. The retention of the facility at Horncastle, together with consideration by officers of more cost-effective service delivery in this locality as options become available;
4. The retention of the facility at Long Sutton for the foreseeable future, exploring other opportunities for improved utilisation of the existing facility;
5. The closure of the facility at Spilsby, with the provision of a domiciliary service in cases of hardship if required.