



County Offices
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4 July 2013

Council Meeting

A meeting of the Council will be held on **Friday, 12 July 2013 in the Council Chamber, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL, commencing at 10.30 am** for the transaction of the business set out on the attached Agenda. The attendance of all Councillors is requested.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tony McArdle', written over a horizontal line.

Tony McArdle
Chief Executive

Membership of the Council (77 Members of the Council)

Councillors R Wootten (Chairman), W J Aron (Vice-Chairman), B Adams, M G Allan, A M Austin, Mrs V C Ayling, J W Beaver, Mrs P A Bradwell, D Brailsford, C J T H Brewis, T Bridges, Mrs J Brockway, M Brookes, J P Churchill, K J Clarke, C J Davie, R G Davies, P M Dilks, S R Dodds, G J Ellis, R G Fairman, I G Fleetwood, A G Hagues, J R Hicks, M J Hill OBE (Leader of the Council), J D Hough, D C Hoyes MBE, D M Hunter-Clarke, R J Hunter-Clarke, N I Jackson, A J Jesson, M S Jones, B W Keimach, Ms T Keywood-Wainwright, S F Kinch, R C Kirk, C E D Mair, C E H Marfleet, J R Marriott, R A H McAuley, D McNally, D C Morgan, N M Murray, Mrs A M Newton, P J O'Connor, Mrs M J Overton, C R Oxby, C Pain, S L W Palmer, R B Parker, N H Pepper, R J Phillips, Mrs H N J Powell, Miss E L Ransome, Miss F E E Ransome, Mrs S Ransome, Mrs S Rawlins, J M Renshaw, R A Renshaw, Mrs A E Reynolds, P A Robinson, R A Shore, Mrs N J Smith, Mrs E J Sneath, C L Strange, Mrs C A Talbot, T M Trollope-Bellew, A H Turner MBE JP, S M Tweedale, C J Underwood-Frost, W S Webb, P Wood, Mrs S Woolley, L Wootten, C N Worth, Mrs S M Wray and B Young

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FRIDAY, 12 JULY 2013**

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**COUNCIL
17 MAY 2013**

PRESENT: MR R J PALMER IN THE CHAIR

Councillors B Adams, M G Allan, W J Aron, A M Austin, Mrs V C Ayling, J W Beaver, Mrs P A Bradwell, D Brailsford, C J T H Brewis, T Bridges, Mrs J Brockway, M Brookes, Mrs J P Churchill, K J Clarke, C J Davie, R G Davies, P M Dilks, S R Dodds, G J Ellis, R G Fairman, I G Fleetwood, A G Hagues, M J Hill OBE, J D Hough, D C Hoyes MBE, D M Hunter-Clarke, R J Hunter-Clarke, N I Jackson, A J Jesson, M S Jones, B W Keimach, Ms T Keywood-Wainwright, S F Kinch, Mrs R C Kirk, C E D Mair, C E H Marfleet, J R Marriott, R A H McAuley, D McNally, Mrs D C Morgan, N M Murray, Mrs A M Newton, P J O'Connor, Mrs M J Overton, C R Oxby, C Pain, S L W Palmer, R B Parker, N H Pepper, R J Phillips, Mrs H N J Powell, Miss E L Ransome, Miss F E E Ransome, Mrs S Ransome, Mrs S Rawlins, Mrs J M Renshaw, R A Renshaw, Mrs A E Reynolds, P A Robinson, R A Shore, Mrs N J Smith, Mrs E J Sneath, C L Strange, Mrs C A Talbot, T M Trollope-Bellew, A H Turner MBE JP, S M Tweedale, C J Underwood-Frost, W S Webb, P Wood, Mrs S Woolley, Mrs L Wootten, R Wootten, C N Worth, Mrs S M Wray and B Young

1 TO ELECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE
ENSUING YEAR

On the nomination of Councillor M J Hill OBE, seconded by Councillor Mrs P A Bradwell, and being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor R Wootten be elected as Chairman of the County Council for the year 2013/14.

Councillor Wootten signed the declaration of acceptance of office, was invested with the Chain of Office by the immediate past Chairman, took the Chair and thanked the Council for electing him.

COUNCILLOR R WOOTTEN IN THE CHAIR

CHAIRMAN'S LADY

Councillor Mrs L Wootten was invested with the Chairman's Lady's Chain of Office.

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IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN

The Chairman presented a past Chairman's Badge to Mr R J Palmer. Members of the County Council paid tribute to Mr Palmer's service to the County Council.

2 TO ELECT THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

On the nomination of Councillor M J Hill OBE, seconded by Councillor Mrs P A Bradwell, and there being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor W J Aron be elected Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the year 2013/14.

Councillor Aron signed the declaration of acceptance of office, was invested with the Vice-Chairman's Chain of Office and thanked the Council for electing him.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J R Hicks.

4 DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests at this point in the meeting.

5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 12 APRIL 2013

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on 12 April 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6 TO RECEIVE THE RETURN OF PERSONS ELECTED AS COUNTY COUNCILLORS FOR THE SEVERAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF THE COUNTY

The Council received the return of persons elected on 2 May 2013 as County Councillors for the several Electoral Divisions of the County.

7 CHAIRMAN TO SIGNIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN'S CHAPLAIN

The Chairman informed the Council that the Canon Alex Whitehead had kindly agreed to act as Chaplain during his term of office.

8 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of the Council were reminded that this year's Lincolnshire Show would be held at the Lincolnshire Showground on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 June 2013 and that the County Service of Dedication would be held in Lincoln Cathedral on Sunday, 14 July 2013 commencing at 3.30 p.m.

9 ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

On the nomination of Councillor Mrs P A Bradwell, seconded by Councillor Mrs C A Talbot, and there being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor M J Hill OBE be elected Leader of the County Council until the day of the next post-election annual meeting or such earlier date in accordance with Article 5.03 of the constitution.

Councillor M J Hill OBE indicated his acceptance of office as Leader of the County Council.

10 THE LEADER TO REPORT ON EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIOS AND
APPOINTMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE AND EXECUTIVE SUPPORT
COUNCILLORS

In accordance with Article 5.02 of the Council's Constitution the Leader notified the Council of the following appointments to the Executive and indicated that for the purposes of Part 3 (Responsibilities for Functions) the responsibilities of each Executive Councillor. The Leader also notified the Council of the Executive Support Councillors he had appointed in accordance with Article 5.07, as set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

11 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE LEADER AND MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE

Councillor P A Robinson reminded the Council that Exercise Georgiana was taking place on 21 and 22 May, and that all Councillors had been invited to this event. It was recommended that as many councillors as possible should take the opportunity to attend this event. Councillors were requested to inform Emergency Planning if they were planning to attend.

12 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN, THE LEADER, EXECUTIVE
COUNCILLORS, CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Questions pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10.3 were asked and answered as follows:-

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<u>Questions By</u>	<u>Answered By</u>	<u>Subject</u>
(a) Mrs V C Ayling	M J Hill OBE	Lincolnshire Procurement
(b) P M Dilks	Mrs P A Bradwell	County Council contributions to Stamford Endowed School
(c) C J T H Brewis	R G Davies	Use of experimental systems for repairing pot holes
(d) P Wood	R G Davies	Review of procedures to ensure that better value of money was obtained for maintenance of the road network
(e) C Pain	M J Hill OBE	Translation services
(f) J D Hough	M J Hill OBE	Ensuring that decision making becomes more inclusive
(g) Mrs M J Overton	R G Davies	Review of speed limit policies
(h) J R Marriott	M J Hill OBE	Governance of policing in Lincolnshire
(i) R J Hunter-Clarke	M J Hill OBE	Health and Safety policies relating to animals in Council buildings
(j) S R Dodds	Mrs P A Bradwell	Provision of early years services by local businesses in Louth
(k) Mrs A M Austin	Mrs P A Bradwell	Ensuring the needs of Boston's newly arrived residents continue to be met

(l) C L Strange	Mrs C A Talbot	Update on the progress of the review of the EMAS 'Be the Best' consultation by the Secretary of State for Health
(m) A J Jesson	M J Hill OBE	Use of staff time
(n) R B Parker	R G Davies	Introduction of a Park and Ride system for Lincoln
(o) Mrs H N J Powell	C J Davie	Maximising the economic potential of the outlying villages and rural communities
(p) K J Clarke	R G Davies	Out of hours emergency contacts for roadworks
(q) N I Jackson	R G Davies	Routes which had more than one bus operator
(r) C D Morgan	P A Robinson	Protection of Fire and Rescue services for communities in Lincolnshire

13 REVIEW OF SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

A report by the Executive Director Performance and Governance had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the amendments to Article 6 of the Constitution as set out in Appendix C of the report be approved, save for those relating to Economic Scrutiny Committee and those services under the "culture" heading which should rest with the Community and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee.

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**14 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE, POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES
AND SUB-COMMITTEES AND ALLOCATION OF PLACES TO POLITICAL
GROUPS**

A report by the Executive Director Performance and Governance had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded, and

RESOLVED

1. That the allocation of seats on committees, sub-committees and other bodies between political groups, as set out in the appendix to the Order of Proceedings be approved;
2. That the making of appointments to committees, sub-committees and those other bodies be carried out by the Chief Executive, in accordance with the wishes of Group Leaders, Deputy Group Leaders and Group Whips, pursuant to his delegated powers, be approved.

**15 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES
AND SUB-COMMITTEES (EXCEPT THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING
BOARD AND THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE)**

A report by the Executive Director Performance and Governance had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees and Sub-Committees be considered and approved.

16 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

A report by the Executive Director Performance and Governance had been circulated.

It was noted that the Lincolnshire Independents had appointed Councillor S L W Palmer to the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Member Joint Advisory Committee.

It was moved, seconded, and

RESOLVED

That the Council appoint to the organisations as detailed in Appendix A of the report.

17 NEW CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES FOR 2013/14

A report by the Executive Director Performance and Governance had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded, and

RESOLVED

That the calendar of meeting dates for 2013/14, as shown in Appendix A of the report, be approved, with the addition of a full Council meeting on Friday, 12 July 2013 commencing at 10.30am.

18 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

A report by the Executive Director Performance and Governance had been circulated.

It was moved, seconded, and

RESOLVED

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2012-13 be approved.

19 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE'S AS FOLLOWS:

(a) Planning and Regulation - 8 April 2013

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Planning and Regulation Committee held on 8 April 2013 be received.

(b) Pensions - 11 April 2013

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Pensions Committee held on 11 April 2013 be received.

(c) Audit - 22 April 2013

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 22 April 2013 be received.

20 MOTIONS FOR DEBATE (IF ANY)

Motion by Councillor R B Parker

It was moved, and seconded that:-

'On 9 March 2007 Lincolnshire County Council meeting in Full Council resolved unanimously the motion set out below:

'That this Council condemns extremism and racist behaviour in all its forms and asks all Group Leaders to sign the following declaration, as community leaders:

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARATION

We, in Lincolnshire, are proud of our diverse and multi-racial heritage, which we regard as a source of cultural, social and economic strength. We will work vigorously to combat all forms of racism to rid Lincolnshire of racial discrimination and to enshrine the principle that individuality and universality are the foundations of justice and peace.

We declare that:

- *We value the contribution that all communities make to the quality of life in Lincolnshire and recognise ethnic and cultural diversity as a source of cultural, social and economic enrichment.*
- *We endorse the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and are opposed to racism in all its forms.*
- *We will encourage a changing culture within the public services and the wider community that recognises the unacceptability of all forms of racism and takes action to combat it.*
- *We acknowledge that progress towards a more just society may not always be smooth, but as partners we are committed to maintaining dialogue and resolving our differences.*
- *We accept that without transparency and openness in the public services, progress towards a successful multi-cultural community will be hampered.*
- *We believe that the composition of the public services workforce should reflect that of the wider community, and will work to break down perceptions and barriers that prevent equal access to employment.*
- *We believe that all citizens should have the right to expect equal protection and equal treatment from all public services.*

- *We believe that children from all backgrounds are entitled to an education free from discrimination and harassment.*
- *We understand the essential role of the education system in Lincolnshire in developing the future of our multi-cultural community and commit ourselves to supporting and enhancing this work.*
- *We believe that our success will properly be measured not by our policies but by our actions in promoting equality for all the people of Lincolnshire.*
- *We call upon the residents of Lincolnshire to support us in this by respecting the dignity of all people and by constant vigilance for any expression of racism or racial discrimination'.*

Six years on with a new council in place made up of six political groups rather than four, it is felt that the time is right to renew that declaration.

Accordingly this council agrees to re-affirm the Lincolnshire County Council Declaration of 9th March 2007 which stated that this Council condemns extremism and racist behaviour in all its forms and asks all Group Leaders to sign the declaration, as community leaders.'

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15(f) a recorded vote took place, the result of which was:

In favour – 60
Against – 0
Abstain – 16

The motion was carried.

RESOLVED

That the Council agreed to re-affirm the Lincolnshire County Council Declaration of 9th March 2007 which stated that this Council condemns extremism and racist behaviour in all its forms and asked all Group Leaders to sign the declaration, as community leaders'

Motion by Councillor C Pain

It was moved, and seconded that:-

'I propose that the council cancels all self-advertisement of itself, its councillors in the Lincolnshire County News altogether or reduce the county to one copy as a worst case scenario.'

The motion was then revised to read as follows and was moved and seconded:

'I propose that the council cancels all self-advertisement of itself, its councillors in the Lincolnshire County News and reduce the county news to one issue per year'

The revised motion upon being put to the vote, was lost.

The meeting closed at 1.05 pm

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 12 JULY 2013

Statement from: Councillor M J Hill OBE– Leader and Executive Councillor for Policy, Finance, Property, Communications, Procurement and Commissioning

Finance Matters

Financial Performance 2012/13

The Executive considered a report at its meeting on 2 July 2013 which reviewed the financial performance of the Council over the 2012/13 financial year. The report also considered a number of issues relating to the use of underspends at the year end and requests to carry forward unspent monies into the new financial year. The report will now go to the Value for Money Scrutiny Committee on 30 July for their comments. Thereafter the recommendations of the Executive together with the related scrutiny comments will come to the September full Council meeting for approval.

The headline underspend for the year is £55.9m of which £26.1m relates to schools and is not available for general use by the Council. The actual underspend on day to day Council services was only £7.5m or 1.9% of spending on these services. Full details of the position and recommendations for use of the available underspend will be considered by the next meeting of the Council. These recommendations will be framed in the context of the difficult financial climate that will continue to exist for local government services over the medium term.

Financial Performance 2013/14

We are still very early in the current financial year but at present revenue spending on services is in line with budgets and there is a small (£4.6m) projected overspend on capital which is related to the timing of spending on certain schemes. However, there is £1.7m in additional Government grant income now projected for the year. This relates to a number of announcements of funding that have been made since the Council set its budget in February this year. The majority this grant is of a one-off nature and includes such items as adoption reform grant, additional council tax support grant and a higher allocation of council tax freeze grant than was predicted for this year. Budget monitoring reports will be considered regularly during the year by both the Value for Money Scrutiny Committee and the Executive.

Spending Review 2015/16

The Chancellor announced the outcome of a one year Spending Review relating to Government Spending for 2015/16 on 26 June 2013. This review covers what will be the first year of a new Parliament given a General Election will take place in May 2015. The review sets spending totals for government departments and not for their individual services. The key issues for this Council arising from the Review are as follows:

- Government funding for local government will reduce by 10% in 2015/16 and the sector again receives the largest cut in support of any central government spending department. This is estimated to imply a £12m reduction for this authority.
- The Government will fund a further two years of council tax freezing in 2014/15 and 2015/16 by offering a freeze grant, the value of which is yet to be announced but likely to be 1%. There will continue to be a referendum ceiling of 2% on any increase in council tax should the freeze grant offer not be accepted by any authority.
- Funding for the two freeze grants presently on-going (i.e. for the year 2011/12 and 2013/14) is set to continue into 2015/16. This is worth around £9m to this authority.
- The troubled families programme will extend from 2015/16 covering more families for which £200m will be allocated.
- The Education Services Grant which funds council provided support services in maintained schools will reduce by around 20% in 2015/16 which could equate to a loss of around £1.5m to the County Council.
- A range of additional funding measures for health and social care were announced. Detail on the nature and conditions relating to these funding streams is awaited but they appear to be a positive development.

The impact of these announcements will be factored into the fundamental review of service priorities and budgets that was trailed in the budget report approved by full Council in February 2013 and needs to be completed by April 2015.

Corporate Property Rationalisation Programme

Property area reviews and rationalisation have taken place and are continuing around the county.

Eleven Rationalisation Projects have been completed to date which has resulted in 15 properties being returned to the landlords. Two freeholds have been sold and ten more are ready for disposal. Ten thousand square metres of floor space (13%) has been released since the beginning of the programme

Recent examples of projects that have been completed include the co-location of Council employees with South Kesteven District Council in Bourne, the closure of the Old Courthouse in Horncastle, with staff relocated to other County Council premises. Ida Road in Skegness will close at the end of July and the current services will be delivered from other locations in Skegness. This will include a joint customer access point with East Lindsey District Council at the Skegness Town Hall.

The Property Rationalisation Programme is on target to achieve the £1 million savings target by 2015, with £760,850 saved by the end of the financial year 2012/13.

Procurement Lincolnshire

Following the implementation of the Public Services Social Value Act in January 2013, Procurement Lincolnshire has been working with the voluntary and community sector and Lincolnshire businesses to look at how we can maximise social value through the procurement process. Examples include increasing opportunities for young carers to gain employment and for more apprenticeships in key sectors, including construction.

Procurement Lincolnshire is leading on one of three national category work streams (energy, ICT and construction) that are supported through the Local Government Association (LGA). Lincolnshire has taken a lead on the construction work stream and the Head of Procurement Lincolnshire will be working with experts in construction from across local government and other influential bodies including the Government Procurement Service, Pro5 (the big public buying organisations) and the Business and Skills Council to agree and implement a number of projects that will drive better value through the supply chain. The role of local suppliers is a key consideration in this work

The role of procurement in supporting economic growth and continually getting better value from our suppliers through more competitive costs and service improvements is increasingly recognised in Central and Local Government. The role of Procurement Lincolnshire as the shared service, working on behalf of all eight Lincolnshire Councils, is recognised as a model of best practice across the country. The service continues to deliver a wide range of benefits on behalf of the Councils and, since it was established in 2008/09, it has helped the Councils to realise almost £18 million in cashable savings.

Strategic Communications

The new digital engagement team have already started to make big improvements to how we communicate with residents online.

The area of our website containing key council news has seen a 43% increase in visitors in the last three months. These pages have been restructured and promoted more effectively in order to make information easier to find and help keep Lincolnshire people informed.

Increasing and improving our video content has also seen an increase from 320 views a month to 2,367 over the same time period. The team are continuing to make changes to the council's website to make it more user-friendly.

As well as saving £10,000 on print and design in the last month, the expertise of the digital engagement team is enabling us to reduce expenditure on external sites and council microsites. By hosting this content on the council's main website, it will save tens of thousands of pounds in set-up and maintenance costs every year. The team will also be making it easier for customers to access services and information online while driving down costs via self-service and channel shifting. As well as being more cost-effective for the authority, it will meet the ever-increasing demands of the public and provide them with an improved service.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 12 JULY 2013

Statement from: Cllr Mrs P A Bradwell, Deputy Leader and Executive Councillor for Adult Care and Health Services, Children's Services

ADULT CARE

Budget Update

The previous Statement in February 2013 concerning Adult Care indicated a predicted budget pressure of £4.83M. I am pleased to report that Adult Care achieved a small underspend at the end of 2012/13 of £1.196M. This can be set against a backcloth in which Adult Care delivered £8.981M savings in 2012/13. The combined savings in Adult Care over the last two financial years is £21M. Notwithstanding what has been achieved to-date the use of short term DoH funds to help underpin Adult Care budget pressures continues.

There are still significant budget pressures for 2014/15 which we are working on at present.

DOH - Expression of Interest for Integration Pioneers Pilot

In May the DoH invited expressions of interest from local areas to become Integration Pioneers as a means of driving forward change at a scale and pace from which residents would benefit from integrated health and social care services. The pioneers will work across the whole of their local health, public health, social care and voluntary organisations. A joint bid was submitted on 21 June.

Sustainability Review of Services

In parallel the health and social care community in Lincolnshire have commissioned a 'Sustainability Review' of services. This recognises that health and social care in Lincolnshire must build on what works well and, change what doesn't in order to better meet the needs of local communities and address predicted financial pressures. This work will be completed by October 2013 and will provide a template for action, irrespective of whether Lincolnshire becomes an 'Integration Pioneer'.

Independent Living Team

This team has been in place since mid-October 2012 which brings together health and social care staff providing a shared approach to helping people regain their independence. This pilot combines the current Lincolnshire Community Health NHS Trust (LCHS) Community Response and Rehab Teams and our Lincolnshire Assessment and Reablement Teams (LARS). The teams are based in Louth, Skegness, Horncastle, Boston and Spalding. The outcome being that it has reduced the number of 'inappropriate' admissions, or attendances, at Pilgrim Hospital A&E department. To date, the team has supported over 2,000 people, an average of 91 new people every week with a wide range of referrals from health and social care professionals. This represents over a 50% increase in the number of people supported in the community compared to when the two services were operating separately. Combining the two services is producing a much more flexible system to

support residents of Lincolnshire. Feedback from GPs who have made referrals has been very positive as ILT has worked to support people remain in their own home. More recently, the pilot has expanded to include direct referrals from the East Midlands Ambulance Service and the early signs are that this is reducing the need for people to be taken to A&E. We will be reviewing this pilot later in the year to ascertain whether this model should be rolled out across the county.

Intermediate Care

These care services in Lincolnshire support residents in maintaining their independence and preventing unnecessary hospital admissions and supporting people to return home after medical episodes, the Independent Living Team come under this service umbrella. The funding for these services are spread across the NHS and County Council and can be based in residential or nursing homes or in peoples own homes. Adult Care and NHS commissioners need to be sure that the resources available are best managed, including where money is spent, and to do this we have commissioned a review of what we currently do and how we could be doing things better. This review report will be used to agree a joint commissioning strategy between Health and Adult Care and will be significant in managing the resources within Lincolnshire and making sure that we are supporting vulnerable adults by preventing hospital admissions, facilitate discharge and reduce their dependence on more costly services.

Dementia Strategy

The number of people in Lincolnshire with a dementia is rising and is one of the most significant influences on the resources available across the health and social care economy. Adult Care and partner organisations are currently developing a new Joint Dementia Strategy for Lincolnshire. The current strategy expires in 2014 and due to significant changes in national and local policy we are seeking to develop a new strategy. As part of the development of a new strategy we are running a public consultation to seek people's views on the current system, and potential improvements to the customer journey. The consultation opened in May and runs until 19 July. People can contribute to the consultation through a questionnaire – accessible through the Council website or in paper form on request – or through one of the workshops run by Council Officers or by one of our partners. The information from the consultation will be used to build the strategy and resulting changes to services and pathways.

Autism Strategy

Adult Care is also finalising a Joint Strategy for Adults with Autism in Lincolnshire, and are putting the finishing touches to a comprehensive Action Plan to support its implementation. The Autism Strategy has been developed in co-production with the support of the Lincolnshire Autism Partnership, a board facilitated by the Council and made up of people with Autism, Carers, providers and statutory organisations. The strategy has been developed as a result of the national Autism Strategy 'Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives', and a local consultation carried out between December 2012 and March 2013. The consultation drew 214 responses from local people and these have been analysed to draw out a number of key themes and actions which centre around improving information, advice and awareness. We will be seeking to ensure that the

Adult Strategy and Action Plan becomes integrated with Children's Services to ensure an all age pathway is in place across Lincolnshire by April 2014.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Birth to Five

Ofsted Outcomes

During the last Ofsted inspection framework cycle (1st September 2008 - 31st August 2012), 82% of Lincolnshire early years providers on non-domestic premises were judged good or outstanding at their first inspection following their registration with Ofsted. This is 4% above the national average. The number of Lincolnshire early years providers on non-domestic premises judged good and outstanding as at 7 June 2013 is 84%. Over a third of early years providers on non-domestic premises have improved their Ofsted outcome under the new framework. This confirms that Lincolnshire's early years settings are continuing to build on their good practice and are successfully implementing the reformed Early Years Foundation Stage.

Primary

OfSTED Update

90 primary schools and academies have been inspected since September 2012, with the majority (67) previously being graded satisfactory. Of these 67 schools, 41 (61%) are now graded good and 1 was graded outstanding. 79% of Lincolnshire primary schools and academies are now good or better; this has increased by 14% (37 schools) since September 2012. No primary schools or academies have gone into a category this academic year and no maintained schools are currently in a category.

Secondary

OfSTED Update

20 secondary schools and academies have been inspected since September 2012. Overall, the proportions of good or better schools (72%) and of outstanding schools (28%) remain above the national average for all secondary schools inspected. No Local Authority maintained schools are in a category, but unfortunately two academies were judged to be inadequate overall at their inspections this year.

30% of the schools inspected retained their good or outstanding status and a further 15% improved to either good or outstanding. Disappointingly, three academies were downgraded from outstanding to good.

East Lincolnshire Graduate Teacher Programme – Initial Teacher Training

East Lincs GTP has successfully migrated to become a school-centred provider of School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) and in doing this has been approved to accept new trainees as part of the DfE's new School Direct Programme. The new provision has involved schools taking a more active lead in what is provided for the training of school-based trainees. 38 primary trainees and 45 secondary trainees have been recruited for September 2013. CfBT is working with 21 primary schools and 21 secondary schools, including a grammar school group and a special school group.

CfBT has now trained approximately 325 trainees across Lincolnshire since 2003, the majority of whom remain in Lincolnshire schools and have gained posts of responsibility, including one secondary Vice Principal and one primary Headteacher who is starting in September 2013.

2012-13 has been a successful year with 30 primary trainees and 34 secondary trainees being successfully trained, the majority have jobs and are remaining in Lincolnshire schools.

Recruitment into shortage subjects and under-represented groups in 2012-13 remains positive with 8 Men into Primary (MiP) and 9 secondary shortage subject teachers (Mathematics, Science and Modern Foreign Languages).

School Admissions

This year 98% of parents applied online for their child's primary school place. 92.3% of parents gained a place at their first preference primary school on offer day, 16 April.

The provision planning team and schools have worked effectively with the admissions team to identify areas where primary school places are in short supply, to find ways of meeting as many parental first preferences as possible and to make sure children received offers of places in alternative local schools where the first preference was not available. The admissions team was able to work closely and effectively with Boston Pioneers Free School in its first year of operation.

96% of parents applying for their child's secondary school place used the online system with 94% of parents receiving an offer of a place at their first preference school on offer day, 1st March.

The most common reason for the refusal of a first preference application remains non-qualification for a grammar school; our advice to parents of children who do not qualify in the 11+ selection tests is to make a non-selective school their first preference and include the grammar school lower down the list if they wish to appeal to an independent school admission appeals panel against the test result.

Oversubscribed schools received more applications than last year, this pattern applied for primary and secondary despite both cohorts being slightly smaller. The number of parents offered none of their preferences fell from 169 to 132 for primary schools and from 39 to 24 for secondary schools.

Music Service

Last week Lincolnshire's Music Service was reviewed by Richard Hallam MBE – the DfE consultant on the National Plan for Music Education. The report by such an eminent professional is a great testament to the work taking place in Lincolnshire by the Music service.

Richard Hallam's Main Findings statement sums everything up:

'Lincolnshire Music Service (LMS) is an **outstanding music service**.

LMS provides outstanding music leadership, achieves excellent standards and delivers high quality activities through a diverse range of opportunities for all. LMS achieves this through excellent teaching and a wide range of musical projects and programmes for the young people of Lincolnshire that complement and enhance school provision. As the lead organisation for the Lincolnshire Music and Arts Education Hub and the largest delivery partner, LMS provides outstanding leadership and both co-ordinates and delivers high quality strategic opportunities for children and young people in schools, clusters, areas and across the whole county.'

Families Working Together

In Lincolnshire we want to ensure that we create a sustainable response to the Government's Troubled Families Programme. We have been working closely with partner organisations to form a multi-agency team made up of Key Workers from a number of organisations – District Councils, Youth Offending, Educational Welfare, Police, and Voluntary Sector as well as the county council. This will ensure the right expertise to meet the challenges laid down by central Government. The Director General of the Troubled Families Unit, Louise Casey CB, visited Lincolnshire herself on 15 April 2013 and declared herself satisfied that Families Working Together has the right foundations in place to meet the programme's ambitions.

We are now more than halfway to identifying the target given to us by the DCLG in relation to the number of families we need to work with. As of now Lincolnshire has identified over 800 of the families we need to work with. We are confident we will meet our targets on schedule. Our priority is to make sure that we work with the right families – those that are struggling to overcome a multitude of issues or have complex needs; those that are proving the most troublesome to their communities; and those that are costing the most money to the public purse – not just those that meet the criteria set out by DCLG. We are now working with 500 families that meet the criteria.

Looked After Children's participation

The BIG Conversation programme is devised and led by young people from the Voices for Choices executive group (V4C) which is our Looked After Children Council. The BIG Conversation is *collaborative*, with adults and children and young people working together on issues that all agree are important. The aim of the BIG Conversation is to improve services for looked after children and care-leavers. To quote one young person, "*it's a place where change happens.*"

BIG Conversation 4 took place at Horncastle College on 21 February 2013. This regular event brings together looked after children, young people and care-leavers to work with practitioners, managers, Assistant Director from Children's Services, including Barnardo's Leaving Care Service and Elected Members.

This event saw three BIG Conversation projects being completed.

- Finalising the design of the new Care Pledge
- Agreeing the text for the new Care Leavers Charter
- Agreeing the final design and wording for the new Social Worker Agreement

People attending also voted on the best designs for new Private Fostering information leaflets and posters.

Two young people and Lincolnshire's Participation Officer will be attending the Who Cares Trust "Listen up Event" at Westminster on 10 July. The group are presenting the Coming into Care web based app, which they are hoping will be selected as one of the most innovative project in England

Foster Carer Long Service Awards

Over 75% of children looked after within Lincolnshire are placed within foster placements provided by Lincolnshire registered foster carers. This has been a trend for many years and compares favourably with the experience of other statutory neighbours where there is a far greater use of external fostering providers, Independent Fostering Agencies.

Active recruitment throughout the year has continued to maintain the number of approved foster families above 300. Foster carers are attracted to the role for a range of reasons and the County provides resources ranging from short breaks for children with disabilities to remand carers for children who might otherwise be remanded to custody and placements for parents and children together. The age profile of Lincolnshire carers reveals that carers come forward at different stages in their lives and for a host of different motivations. Although some Foster Carers remain with the service for a short period, we are fortunate to have a significant number for whom fostering becomes a way of life.

At the FAB awards held at the Lincolnshire Showground in March, over 30 Fostering awards were presented to carers who had completed a minimum of 15 years' service. The awards for Foster Carers complemented the well-established event that showcases the achievements of children looked after, recognising that these achievements are influenced by the encouragement and support of foster carers and their families. Introduced by Councillor Brailsford the presentation ceremony was a fitting tribute to those who have dedicated a considerable amount of their lives to supporting vulnerable children in a practical and often most fulfilling way

Duke of Edinburgh Award - Gold Award Presentation at St James' Palace – 13 March 2013

Forty-six young people collected their certificates on 13 March at St James's Palace in the presence of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. They were joined by Debbie Barnes, Executive Director of Children's Services, and Stuart Carlton, Assistant Director of Children's Services. This Award reflects the hours of training, volunteering and dedication these young people have given towards achieving their Gold - not forgetting the many hours that the volunteers give each year supporting hundreds of young people to achieve their goals. A total of 3458 volunteer days were given supporting young people through their Expedition section alone in 2012. The 2013 Expedition season is looking very positive so early in the year; already 1054 Volunteer days have been recorded involving 1640 young people.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Skills for Work

I represent the council on the Lincolnshire and Rutland Employment and Skills Board. As part of that board's work, we have been looking into why businesses sometimes struggle to recruit young people. In order to help bridge the gap between learning and the world of work, we recently brought together a number of local employers and pupils in Market Rasen. The results were encouraging and we want to help more schools and employers work together to learn from each other.

Last year we recognised that our small businesses need support to recruit new Apprentices so we helped start up a county-wide Apprenticeship Agency (ATA). In particular, they are often concerned about taking on a new employee like an apprentice when they don't know how full their order book will be in twelve months' time. Eleven young people have now been recruited to Apprenticeship jobs who otherwise wouldn't have been without the support of the ATA.

Adult Learning

We receive around £1.8m from the Skills Funding Agency to deliver adult learning. There have been significant changes within the Skills Funding Agency as they move their objectives and funding towards local communities' priorities. We already work through a network of local training providers, and therefore I anticipate that Lincolnshire County Council is very well placed to continue to work with partners in delivering training opportunities in the right place at the right time.

One of Adult Learning's aims is around widening participation, reaching members of the community who are less likely to engage in learning new skills and working with them to build their confidence to enable them to live a more fulfilled life. One of our courses, called "Boost your esteem", has helped many learners, some of which couldn't leave their own home and start living again. We heard some very positive stories at the recent Learner of the Year awards about how this sort of course has made a real and practical change to people's lives.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Responders to Warmth June 2013

Between November 2012 and April 2013, The Responders to Warmth call centre helped over 4,000 mainly older, isolated people with energy advice, aids and repairs, connections to gas mains, help to join bulk oil schemes, emergency heating, even replacement systems. Over the last two years the scheme has provided more than £330,000 worth of repairs and installations.

We have now allocated funding to run the Responders to Warmth programme in Lincolnshire again this winter.

Helping people keep warm in winter is essential to good health. Not only does it help avoid unnecessary illness, it reduces the number of people living in miserable and uncomfortable circumstances. The people we helped in previous years said they felt

healthier and more cared for. In previous years we have applied for one-off government funding for this scheme. Work is also being done to make it more sustainable into the future, including joining up other schemes across the county with Responders to Warmth.

Lincolnshire Community Assistance Scheme

Following a national decision to ask top tier local authorities to re-provide a system of crisis loans and community care grants currently delivered by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) Lincolnshire County Council set an agenda for officers to develop a proposal for the Lincolnshire scheme.

The Lincolnshire Community Assistance Scheme (LCAS) has the overall purpose and scope to:

1. To provide assistance to Lincolnshire residents to manage unexpected problems that will affect their health and wellbeing if they are not urgently addressed.
2. To put Lincolnshire residents who request assistance from the Scheme into contact with on-going support organisations to improve their resilience to unexpected problems in future.

Working closely with partners including: Learning Communities, Department of Works and Pension, Citizens Advice Bureau and Lincolnshire Credit Union, the scheme has received a total of 3421 applications to date.

These include:

- 1990 successful claims for items including: food parcels, white goods, furniture and clothing
- 44 people have received assistance to pay a week's rent to prevent homelessness
- 20 people have been assisted with travel arrangements including attending family funerals
- During April 9% of applicants engaged with CAB for resilience work and in May this figure increased to 20%

Child Safety Week

Events have been held jointly across the county with NHS colleagues and the British Red Cross as part of Child Safety Week.

Seventeen children in Lincolnshire aged under four are taken to A&E every day following an accident in the home. Accidents including falls, poisoning and burns are the most common reason for hospital admissions for children and young people. Many of these accidents could be prevented, so the events showed how simple safety measures can help avoid serious injuries and even death. More than 90% of parents who visited the stands in supermarkets and hospitals found the information helpful.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 12 JULY 2013

**Statement from: Cllr C J Davie, Executive Councillor for
Economic Development, Environment, Planning, Tourism**

Economic Regeneration

The Government's Comprehensive Spending Review placed extra importance on the role of local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships in economic growth. The Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (GLLEP) is very important and as a county council we support it strongly. The importance of this sort of relationship, which I intend to promote in my new role, can be no better evidenced than in the recent announcement of EU funding. I am very pleased that Greater Lincolnshire has been allocated £110m and I will be working with the GLLEP and officers to make sure that fantastic projects come forward and that this money is spent to best effect.

We continue to support small businesses. Shortly before the election we established a scheme to help small businesses to raise equity finance. I am pleased to say that we are already actively working with 30 businesses on this scheme.

The planning application for the Southern Relief road in Grantham is now lodged and should be ready for consideration by the planning committee at SKDC later this summer. In addition to this we have also secured the display of the Mallard Steam Locomotive in Grantham later this year as part of the 75th anniversary celebration of its record breaking run. A series of major events are being organised to coincide with its display which are designed to showcase Grantham's offer to investment audiences.

The official opening of the Wyvern House office development on the former coal yard in Lincoln will take place at the end of this month. Further development proposals for the East West Link Road Corridor are now being developed with partners. By 2016, we hope not only to have a major new road running through this area to improve cross city links but also a thriving business zone of mixed use developments.

Elsewhere, developments of new eco-workspace at Long Sutton and the coastal observatory are progressing whilst officers have also invested significant time in the initiation of a regeneration feasibility study for RAF Scampton designed to develop a masterplan for joint RAF heritage and business use.

Overlaying this we continue to operate our portfolio of commercial premises, which give small businesses the opportunity to 'give it a go' in a supportive environment. Our levels of occupancy remain high in most market areas of Lincolnshire, including the coastal strip where we have just taken over management responsibility for the Skegness Business centre from ELDC and quickly found occupiers for previously vacant space.

We continue to promote Lincolnshire as a place for Investment, business and growth, through a full programme of business to business and investment promotion events such as the Lincolnshire property Show, Belton Horse Trials and the Lincolnshire Show.

Environment

The Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service has continued to punch above its weight with:

- nearly 5,000 enjoying this year's Walking Wolds Festival;
- co-hosting the national AONB conference including winning the highly regarded national Bowland Award for the Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Project - for its innovative restoration and habitat improvements;
- co-ordinating the production of the new statutory AONB Management Plan on behalf of all relevant local authorities and the Joint Advisory Committee partnership;
- securing nearly £100,000 of lottery funding for the new Down Your Wold community heritage project.

Work continues to develop the Coastal Country Park, with the next major project to develop several 'gateways' at primary visitor attractions, encouraging visitors to explore the area.

We are working closely with Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust to ensure that LCC-owned nature reserves at Gibraltar Point and Snipe Dales provide a high quality environment for visitors, while forming focal points in a network of sites and areas that encourage biodiversity and boost the county's tourist economy. Other areas contributing to this network include the Coastal Country Park, Coastal Grazing Marshes, Limewoods and numerous National/Local Nature Reserves.

LCC has adopted a second Carbon Management Plan which covers 2013-18. This plan has established a 2011/12 baseline for emissions and sets a target to reduce them by 22% which is equivalent to some 83,000 tonnes of CO₂. We will be working within and outside of the council with our partners to achieve this.

The statutory Local Flood Risk Management Strategy is complete and available on the Council's website. It is one of the first in the country to be completed, and is unique in the extent to which it represents a partnership approach, covering all sources of flooding and seeking to maximise efficient use of existing resources, while maximising resources brought into the county from national and regional sources. 2013-14 will see the implementation of the first co-ordinated flood risk action plan, including the work of all flood risk management authorities in the county, along with a simple performance framework which will clearly demonstrate progress in delivering the action plan and, more broadly, our strategic objectives.

The Council continues to work with neighbouring Local Authorities, the Local Government Association and the Environment Agency, to raise maintenance of our coastal flood defences as a priority for Defra and this Authority remains the highest-funded of all Lead Local Flood Authorities. This reflects the level of flood risk that we need to manage and our position as a nationally-regarded exemplar for the way in which we have undertaken our responsibilities in this area. However we cannot make any assumptions about future levels of central resourcing and we are proactively exploring long-term means of resourcing our role.

We are now planning for the introduction of new duties on the Council from April 2014 as a sustainable drainage approving body and for the development of the

statutory Flood Risk Management Plan by 2015. This is a requirement under the 2009 Flood Risk Regulations and we will work closely with the Environment Agency and other partners to ensure that it functions as a delivery plan in line with our Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

Planning

Andy Gutherson has been appointed to the post of Head of Planning Services and will start with us in early/mid September.

We continue to work with our partners on the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee and with our partners at South East Lincolnshire in developing these strategic high level plans, both of which are due for public consultation later this year.

We will continue to maintain, develop and enhance the County Historic Environment Record for which the council has a legal remit. We are striving to make as much of this information publicly accessible by different websites and manage community projects as capacity allows. We review and maintain the 'Every Street Matters' Handbook. We also host a British Museum funded post for the national Portable antiquities Scheme and advise and assist the police in matters of Heritage Crime.

Tourism

Tourism is an important part of our economy, and it is one of the areas where Lincolnshire is particularly strong. In order to make sure that we retain strength and create growth in the sector, we need to make sure that our tourism offer is fully co-ordinated. Visitors to Lincoln or the coast, say, should be encouraged to visit other attractions and locations across the county. I am pleased to say that officers are working with counterparts in tourism businesses and in other authorities to prepare a plan which will do just that.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 12 JULY 2013

**Statement from: Councillor R G Davies, Executive Councillor for
Highways, Transport, IT**

East/West Link

The East/West link is progressing well. The design phase is on track including highway design, structures, traffic signals, drainage and the replacement to the heritage property on the High street/Tentercroft St junction.

Property acquisition is also on plan and the authority now own 347 High St, 1-9 Tentercroft St, 11-13 Tentercroft St, 46 Tentercroft St, 47 Tentercroft St, 120 Portland St and the former Coal Yard and also the long leases to 6 of 7 Central Lincolnshire Industrial. Terms have been agreed on a number of the remaining key properties. Offers have been made on all other properties and major parcels of land required. We are working to acquire as much property and land required for the scheme by negotiation but there are a number of small unregistered parcels that will need to be acquired through compulsory purchase powers as well as the extinguishment of historic covenants. Executive papers to publish Compulsory Purchase and Side Road Orders were approved the Executive on 2 July. Publication is expected later this month.

We aim to commence construction work on site during 2014.

Newark Road Junction improvements

A scheme to reduce congestion on Newark Road at its junctions with Brant Road, Rookery Lane and Hykeham Road started on 8 July. This is one of a number of similar schemes that form part of the Lincoln Transport Strategy designed to ease congestion at key points in the city and its environs, facilitating growth. The scheme cost is approximately £2m and has received a grant of £1.3m Local Pinch Point funding from the Department for Transport.

The scheme will be completed by the end of November in time for the Christmas Market.

Whisby Road Improvements

The scheme to improve Whisby Road between Doddington Road and the new Teal Park Development will start towards the end of July. The scheme includes widening the road to current standards together with the provision of new footway/cycleways. Due to the large number of utility companies' infrastructure that has to be diverted and the programme complexity this work will take 12 months to complete.

Lincoln Eastern Bypass

A new planning application for a single carriageway scheme was submitted in December 2012 and received planning permission on 10 June 2012. Orders to acquire land, amend existing highways and allow navigation under the Witham crossing are currently being prepared. They are expected to be published later this month, following endorsement by the Executive on July 2. The scheme is still on

programme to start in late 2014/early 2015, with an expected opening by the end of 2016.

Spalding Western Relief Road

The County Council is continuing to investigate the possible route options for phases 2 and 3 of the relief road to highlight the various challenges and opportunities following consultation. The County Council, working in partnership with South Holland District Council, intend to hold public consultation on the potential route options for phases 2 and 3 of the relief road in autumn this year. Furthermore, the County Council is keen to help facilitate the planned housing growth and to this end is working with the District Council, Network Rail and the developer of Holland Park to identify how we can best support early delivery of phase 1 of the relief road.

Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership

The number of people killed or seriously injured on Lincolnshire's roads up to the end of April 2013 is 101. This is 26 less than for the same period in 2012 and represents a reduction of about 20%. The number of fatal casualties that have occurred to date is 16, which is one less than for the corresponding period last year. These reductions are welcome and mean that the downward trend in killed and serious casualties is continuing.

I accompanied Lincoln's Member of Parliament, Karl McCartney on a tour of the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership on 7 June. Mr McCartney visited the Life Skills Academy at North Kyme and then the LRSP Headquarters in Lincoln. I am pleased to inform Councillors that Mr McCartney was very impressed with the multi-agency approach to road safety and intends to invite the other Lincolnshire MPs to visit LRSP. Any councillors who also wish to visit the LRSP would be very welcome and should contact me in the first instance.

Many councillors will be aware of the '2 Fast 2 Soon' theatre in education programme. In order to make the programme more accessible, the programme is being revamped and future programmes will be delivered in schools rather than transporting children to theatres. A new script is currently being prepared which will have the same impact as the original production. It is hoped to pilot the new production in September at the Epic centre and councillors will be invited nearer the time. Following the pilot, the new programme will commence in schools October.

Road Maintenance

Surface dressing continues to remain ahead of programme. We have completed over 1.3 million square metres and have around 1.0 million square metres left to complete. Dressing has been completed in East Division ahead of the summer season and has now started in South Division so that all areas have had work delivered, which will be highly visible to the public. The programme throughout all Divisions should be completed by the end of August.

Recycling works have commenced in West Division, offering a very cost effective treatment solution and we will complete around 21km of network also by the end of August. This is the first time a major programme of this type of work has been delivered. Work is now ongoing to identify sites for various treatments next year so that patching and preparation can be undertaken and these programmes are likely to

increase significantly over the next few years following our asset management plan. Other works are seeing the teams approach one of their busiest times of the year with the programme of carriageway and footway works through the summer.

Information Management & Technology

Arrangements for future services from 2015 are progressing through the Future Delivery of Support Services Programme (FDSS). Competitive dialogue is underway with three suppliers.

A revised operating model under the current contract is currently being implemented to deliver £1.3 million savings this year and in future years from base budgets that have been underwritten by our current supplier Mouchel.

Procurement of an improved case management system for social care is underway and has just passed Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) stage.

Summary

Across the highways, transport and IT portfolio further work is underway to find financial savings and service improvements, particularly around response and communications.

Finally I would like to thank the officers across the county who have not only supported me through the 'deep end' but also continue to do such an important job for the people of Lincolnshire.

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 12 JULY 2013

**Statement from: Councillor P A Robinson, Executive Councillor for
Fire & Rescue, Emergency Planning, Trading Standards,
Equality and Diversity**

Fire & Rescue

Joint working with East Midlands Ambulance Service (Emas)

Exploratory talks between our FRS, Public Health and EMAS are continuing to examine ways in which ambulance response times across the county can be improved by closer co-operation between 'blue light' services in accordance with the Government's Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Programme (JESIP). Our current 'co-responder' service, with firefighters providing emergency first aid when they can reach a 999 caller more quickly than the ambulance, is aimed at stabilising the situation until EMAS reaches the scene.

Whilst Government funding may be available under the JESIP initiative, it will be important to avoid over-loading the availability of Retained Duty firefighters in the rural areas where a new scheme is likely to be needed most.

Continuing move to 'spine' of whole-time manned fire stations

In order to exploit the value of whole-time firefighters with their faster response times and higher level of training, Lincolnshire FRS plans to have a 'spine' of nine whole-time manned fire stations by 2015: in the last two years the number has increased to six. When completed, the spine will enable to first or second fire appliance arriving at an incident will be whole-time manned.

Progress of new fire control

Many Fire & Rescue Services have been left with fire control systems which would have been upgraded or replaced were it not for the expectation that the Regional Fire Control project would make them no longer necessary. When the regional scheme was abandoned, the Government encouraged fire services to form 'clusters' of fire controls to preserve some of the resilience it had promised. Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Humberside and Hertfordshire formed a cluster and received funding from DCLG to establish a joint control system. The new system is planned to become operational in 2015: it will retain a control room in each county with two data centres (Humberside and Hertfordshire) to provide resilience. Response times and cross border co-operation will be enhanced by 'dynamic' systems which will enable fire controllers to see on their screens the location of all appliances and communicate more effectively with them than at present.

Emergency Planning

Exercise Georgiana

Exercise Georgiana was held in Lincolnshire on 21 to 23 May to test planning and procedures to deal with a major rail crash. The exercise was run successfully in three locations – Claypole as the notional site of the crash itself, the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) facility at Waddington, and the grounds of the Epic Centre where an emergency mortuary was set up. Exercise Control was based at FRS HQ. More details of the exercise are available on the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum website at <http://www.lincolnshireprepared.co.uk/>. The Emergency Planning staff

were extremely grateful for the whole-hearted participation of so many volunteer 'victims', which contributed greatly to the success of the exercise.

Trading Standards

Trading Standards, working in partnership with the Police and HMRC, has continued to take steps to tackle the sale of illicit tobacco and alcohol across Lincolnshire. In the last 12 months over 30,000 illicit cigarettes, 15 kilos of hand rolling tobacco and 190 litres of alcohol have been seized and destroyed. These actions have also resulted in 15 premises having their licence to sell alcohol removed, and currently 6 criminal prosecutions are underway. This area of work will remain a priority in the next 12 months for the Trading Standards Service.

Following an intensive enforcement programme to tackle the sale of counterfeit products on sale at Eastgate Market in Ingoldmells, a number of the cases have now been heard. The sale of counterfeit products such as sportswear, make-up, clothing and electrical goods seriously undermines local businesses and puts consumers at risk.

The poor weather in the run up to Christmas has again meant that Trading Standards have been supporting and advising the farming community, ensuring animal welfare standards are upheld. This work, along with the detailed audits of Lincolnshire's animal feed producers, helps to ensure that Lincolnshire's farming economy retains its strong reputation for quality.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 12 JULY 2013

Statement from: Councillor R A Shore, Executive Councillor for Waste, Recycling

The contract to design, build and operate the Energy from Waste (EfW) facility with our contractor FCC at North Hykeham is nearing completion. The EfW facility is starting commissioning with a view to be fully operational in December 2013.

The new facility will be processing up to 150,000 tonnes of non-recyclable municipal rubbish from Lincolnshire's 700,000 residents – reducing the requirement for landfilling, and making significant savings on the landfill tax incurred. Over the course of the 25 year contract, the Authority will save over £30m when compared to landfill. This £30m figure takes into account all EfW/Waste Transfer Stations land purchase, project, construction and financing costs. The end product from the facility will be electricity for the grid, and the potential to provide heat locally in the form of a District Heating Scheme.

The Waste Transfer Stations (WTSs) which are required to service the EfW facility have been completed on programme and within budget. The District Councils will use these as their disposal locations as we divert the waste from landfill to the EfW facility. Recruitment of staff has taken place to operate the WTSs and wheeled loading shovels are currently being delivered to each site.

A new haulage contract has also been procured and these measures will allow the WTSs to be ready to send waste to EfW when hot commissioning starts in July. Additionally, solar panels are being installed at these WTSs to allow these buildings to be carbon neutral and save running costs from increasingly expensive electricity bills.

Work is currently under way for the design of a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) adjacent to the Sleaford WTS due to the operational problems associated with the existing HWRC facility. The intention is to submit for planning permission in August and be able to start construction in December. Hopefully the HWRC should be operational in April 2014.

We continue to support schemes to reduce waste at source with the Real Nappy Network, Love Food Hate Waste and Swishing (fashion swap shops).

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 12 JULY 2013

**Statement from: Cllr Mrs S Woolley, Executive Councillor for
NHS Liaison, Community Engagement**

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

LCC continues to build relationships with Clinical Commissioning Groups and other organisations in the NHS so that it can fully exercise its community leadership role around health and health services. To ensure the long term viability of the NHS in Lincolnshire and to maintain a Lincolnshire-centric approach, it has been agreed that a Sustainability Review will be undertaken. This will start immediately and Price Waterhouse Coopers have been selected as a strategic partner in this review.

Linked to this was an invitation from the Department of Health to express an interest in being 'Pioneer' for the integration of health and social care. The Government has already indicated that this will be required to happen by 2017 but Pioneers will be expected to make faster progress than this. As one of the recommendations of a sustainability review is likely to be some level of integration between health and social care, an expression of interest has been submitted.

Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board

The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board has met in its substantive form for the first time and I was elected as Chairman with Dr Sunil Hindocha, a GP and Chief Clinical Officer of Lincolnshire West CCG, being elected as Vice Chairman. The Board has signed up to the Disabled Children's Charter that has been developed by the organisation 'Every Disabled Child Matters'.

Health and Wellbeing Fund Board

The Health and Wellbeing Fund Board is now a joint arrangement between Lincolnshire County Council and the four CCGs. The first meeting under the new agreement took place earlier this week. The Fund Board is now aligning its spend with the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities.

Councillor Big Society Fund

A proposal to continue the Big Society Fund for the financial year 2013-14 was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee at its meeting on 27 June. The Committee fully supported the continuation of the fund and recommended this approach to today's meeting of the County Council.

Lincolnshire Armed Forces Covenant

RAF Scampton was awarded £70,000 for a Skate Park project. The application was the first to be endorsed by the Lincolnshire Armed Forces Community Covenant partnership, which LCC has the lead facilitation and administration role.

The park is the brainchild of pupils at Pollyplatt Primary School who wanted somewhere to play on the base, without having to ask their parents to drive them to other villages.

The grant of £70,000 funded the replacement of the previous play park facility, and the creation of a new skate park area, giving children and young people from forces and civilian families somewhere they can meet and play. Additional funding was also secured from the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund Youth Programme.

RAF Scampton's Station Commander, Wg Cdr Richard Turner declared the new park officially open on Tuesday 18th June, and the new facilities were an instant hit with children and families.

Lincolnshire Sports Partnership

LSP supported the Lincoln 10k across both days of the Great Sporting Weekend on 6/7 April. On the Saturday a Sports Zone was held for the children taking part in the primary and secondary school races. Our staff also supported Yarborough Leisure Centre in organising their Discovery Day which was held in conjunction with the schools races. On the Sunday an economic impact survey was undertaken revealing that the race raised £280,000 for the local economy.

Sportivate (2012 Legacy programme)

For year 2 (2012) we had 2,306 Young People engaged in sessions with 2,037 of these attending 6/7 weeks of the 8 week sessions. We have nearly 100 projects running from April 2013 to March 2014 at the moment with 26 different sports receiving funding. Next deadline - 2 August for projects to run in October to December and January to March.

School Games (2012 Legacy programme)

2013 has seen two Sainsbury's School Games Multi-Sport Festivals in Lincolnshire with a Winter and a Summer Games. The Winter Games were held on 6 March at Grantham Mere's Leisure Centre and included 76 school teams participating with approx. 600 athletes from across all 8 Lincolnshire SSPs. The Summer Games held on 10 July at Yarborough Leisure Centre/Lincoln Castle Academy included 116 school teams participating with approx. 1,000 athletes from across all 8 Lincolnshire SSPs.

LN6 Project

The LN6 Active grant scheme was launched on 2 May, with £10,000 available for community groups to apply for (£1,000 max each) to encourage more people to be active in any way they choose.

Public Health

NHS Lincolnshire contracts have now ceased and been replaced by equal contracts from Public Health from LCC. £46,400 secured for managing the network and coordinating physical activity programmes including Exercise Referral, Health Walks and Fit Kids. All programmes performed well last year, with record numbers attending Health Walks and Exercise Referral, with some areas now at capacity.

The Sports Partnerships are working with Local Authorities to build and submit applications to the Sport England Community Activation Fund. As a county, we have already received £187,000 in round 1 to develop and deploy coaches in the Boston area. We continue to support applications to the Inspired Communities fund in the last 2 rounds of that process; we currently have £1.2 million of successful applications.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 12 JULY 2013

**Statement from: Cllr C N Worth, Executive Councillor for
Libraries, Heritage, Culture**

Library Needs Assessment

The way in which libraries are used is changing, not just in Lincolnshire, but across the country. In Lincolnshire, 82% of the population are not active borrowers, and book stock issued in the county in the last 10 years has dropped from 5 million to under 3 million items a year.

Smart phones, tablets, Kindles and new technology are changing the way we do things. The library service is changing, like it or not, and our vision for the future of the service is a comprehensive one, but one that remains both affordable and efficient.

Despite the need for change, our ambition is to keep all of Lincolnshire's libraries open. However, this is only going to work with the support of our local communities. We will support residents and organisations that step forward and lend a hand and by getting them more involved we think we can actually create a library service that's better tailored to each community's individual needs.

Successful changes have already taken place at a number of libraries, such as Saxilby and Waddington, improving services and getting better value for money. There is no reason why this will not work elsewhere – providing that's what local people want

Summer Reading Challenge

The library service has been successful in securing a £71,100 grant from Arts Council England to work with Dance4, the regional dance agency, the University of Lincoln, local people and delivery partners to commission a choreographer to create a spectacular piece of dance and digital artwork developed in libraries across the county to be performed at the Frequency Festival in October 2013. This work links to the Summer Reading Challenge theme for 2013 which is *Creepy House*.

Reading Well: Books on Prescription

On 11 July Reading Well: Books on Prescription, a new health and wellbeing initiative from The Reading Agency, is being re-launched in Lincoln. We have run a Books on Prescription service for the last eight years and this event is part of a nationwide celebration of the scheme which is now being rolled out across the country. The scheme uses reading to help the 6 million people in England who suffer from conditions such as depression and anxiety.

Renaissance at the Museum of Lincolnshire Life

A £535k scheme to reduce energy consumption and improve the visitor experience at the Museum of Lincolnshire Life is nearing completion with the installation of a new outdoor play area in the courtyard. Other works have included the installation of more energy efficient lighting, a new CCTV system and redeveloped shop. Solar

panels are also due to be installed on one of the roofs of the Agricultural Gallery shortly.

Most of this scheme has been paid for by the Arts Council England's Renaissance programme, and a further £223k has been secured from the same programme for the *Bringing the Barracks to Life* project to introduce augmented reality technology to the galleries and to develop an interactive electronic guide to the museum, similar to those recently introduced at Gainsborough Old Hall and The Collection. Military history will be the key theme for this work since the museum is located in the 1857 Militia Barracks and it is the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War in 2014.

Usher Gallery Commended

The new pavilion entrance building to the Usher Gallery was commended by the Royal Society of Chartered Surveyors at their regional awards ceremony on April 2013.

Lincoln Castle

It is now just under two years until the redevelopments at Lincoln Castle will be opened to coincide with the 800th anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta. Work continues apace, but as well as being committed to carrying out the work professionally we are also committed to keeping the public up to date with what is happening on the project. To that end, we have recently held two very successful events: an evening where local businesses could be the first to experience the new walk along the south wall and the 1000 Years of Traditional Crafts event which showcases the traditional skills that are available in the county and beyond.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 12 JULY 2013

**Statement from: Councillor B Young, Executive Councillor for
Crime Reduction, People Management, Legal**

Crime Reduction

The Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) has agreed to work together to tackle the following priorities; Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Domestic Abuse (DA), Road Safety (through the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership), Drug and Alcohol Harm.

Lincolnshire County Council along with the District Councils, Police, Public Health, Fire and Probation will focus on working together to tackle these issues across Lincolnshire. A new addition to the partnership is the first Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire: Mr Alan Hardwick.

Last year saw the production of a joint Strategic Assessment (SA) by the LCSP and Lincs Police – evidence of a strong commitment by partners to work together towards shared goals. The SA will be renewed for 2013/4 and developed further.

A number of joint initiatives were agreed by the Leader and Police & Crime Commissioner in February and progress on each of these is being made. I have met the Commissioner to underline my own commitment to partnership working and we will be meeting regularly to explore other ways of working together.

The commissioning of Domestic Abuse Support Services is on-going, with solutions identified for most areas. Provision of support for “High Risk” victims continues to be of a high standard (though we look for opportunities to develop further). This commissioning work has been to provide better support to “Standard” and “Medium” risk DA victims. The service will ensure that victims of domestic abuse are able to access services in their local area in order to support early intervention and enable victims to live their lives free of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour – the challenge in commissioning has been identifying providers who can meet the standard we require, but we are confident that this will be in place across most of the County by October 2013 (as planned) and the whole County shortly after.

An ASB Coordinator for the County has been appointed. We noted the value of having an effective DA Manager and have used the same principles to coordinate District and County partners and provide a consistently good approach to preventing and responding to ASB, focussing on repeat (victims and offenders) and vulnerable victims.

Agreed new initiatives with the PCC total £342,000 to LCC – the majority of projects delivering over 2 years. In most cases the work is “pump priming”, with evaluation and “main streaming” being the objective beyond the life of this funding. Joint projects funded by the PCC total £165,000, these all being 1 year pieces of work, a figure that does not include the PCC contribution towards the Youth Offending Service.

The Council continues to play an active part in the Prison Development Group (PDG) with the LCC Leader chairing. We are confident that the efforts of all local partners in late 2012 lead to a “reprieve” for HMP Lincoln, allowing its continued use as Local Remand Prison (rather than an immigration removal centre), and progress is being made to integrate the prison into work with Community Safety and Criminal Justice partners, so that we can evidence reduced re-offending, providing a better service to victims and improving the security and quality of life of all Lincolnshire communities.

People Management

Public Health employees joined the Council in April. Our workforce at the end of May was 4,560 full time equivalent staff (including Public Health), showing a sustained reduction of 20% since preparations for the economic downturn started in July 2009 and 16% since the Managing Workforce Change programme started in January 2011.

Preparations for future provision of the People Management Service are developing on time within the Future Delivery of Support Services Programme (FDSS) and competitive dialogue is currently underway.

I have opened discussion with officers about the Council's pay and reward strategy and will be meeting regularly with them on this and other subjects.

Legal Services

Legal Services Lincolnshire continues to provide services to a range of public bodies and will shortly be distributing £600,000 in surpluses for 2012/13 to the partner authorities on the basis of their use of the service.

As portfolio holder, I will be holding monthly meetings with officers to review how the services can be improved and developed and the opportunities which exist for increasing external income

Open Report on behalf of David O'Connor, Executive Director Performance and Governance

Report to:	County Council
Date:	12 July 2013
Subject:	Continuation of the Big Society Fund

Summary:

At the meeting of the County Council on 16 September 2011 it was agreed to launch a Big Society Fund which would allow all 77 county councillors to make awards of funding to local groups and organisations. This scheme was approved for a period up until the end of the last Council term. This report invites the County Council to approve a continuation of the Big Society Fund for the financial year 2013/14.

Recommendation(s):

1. To approve the continuation of the Big Society Fund for the financial year 2013-14.

1. Background

The Big Society Fund was launched in September 2011 and provided the opportunity for all 77 county councillors to make awards of funding to local groups and organisations to benefit the local community. Each councillor was allocated £2,000 per financial year and could award this amount as one single award or could choose to make multiple awards in total amounting to no more than £2,000. Between September 2011 and March 2013 a total of 607 awards were made amounting to an overall sum of £291,583.75.

A series of guidance notes were prepared to accompany the Big Society Fund and an updated version of these notes is attached at Appendix A to this report. These guidance notes provide advice to councillors, officers and members of the public regarding the purpose and administration of the Fund.

Feedback from all those involved with the Fund including councillors, officers and local groups and organisations has been overwhelmingly positive. The Fund has allowed councillors to provide focussed, meaningful support to their local communities and to use their local knowledge to target funds where they can make most impact.

It is proposed that the Big Society Fund should be approved for the current financial year 2013-14 and that each councillor should be allocated a maximum of £2,000 for this year to award to local groups and organisations. Proposed improvements to the administration of the scheme are included within the attached guidance notes and are as follows;

- All award applications for the financial year should be received by the fund administrator no later than the last day of February within the financial year. This will allow all awards to be processed and made before the financial year end.
- Any part of the annual £2,000 funding allocation not awarded by the agreed application end date will not be rolled over to the following financial year but will instead be returned to the Council's overall budget.

2. Conclusion

The Big Society Fund proved to be a popular innovation during the latter part of the last Council term and provided all Lincolnshire County Councillors with the opportunity to support local community projects and good causes. This report invites the County Council to approve its continuation.

3. Legal Comments:

The legal issues to be taken into account in the making of this decision by Council are fully set out in the report.

4. Resource Comments:

Funding of £154k is required in the current year to continue this initiative of which £24k is available from the unallocated budget carried forward from last year. It is proposed to allocate £130k from the corporate contingency fund in the current year with any on-going funding requirements for the scheme beyond 2013/14 being dealt with through the next budget cycle.

5. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

Yes

c) Scrutiny Comments

The continuation of the Big Society Fund was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee at its meeting on 27 June 2013 and was fully supported. A number of councillors spoke of the benefits that having access to the fund had brought to their local communities during the last Council term.

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

This report does not require Policy Proofing.

6. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Big Society Fund Guidance Notes

7. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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Grant Guidance Notes

Big Society Fund

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BIG SOCIETY FUND

Funding for County Councillors to award to community projects and local good causes that promote a Bigger Society in Lincolnshire



Guidance Notes

1. Introduction to this grant scheme

'Big Society Fund' allows all 77 County Councillors within Lincolnshire to make awards of funding to a range of local groups/organisations.

It enhances the ability of Councillors, as democratically elected representatives, to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of their local communities.

Funding is awarded by individual County Councillors at their discretion and must be to groups/organisations that will use the award to make a positive change in the local area and/or benefit the wider community.

2. Closing Dates for applications

Completed forms should be returned by e-mail or post.

PLEASE REMEMBER: The award form must be signed or have a valid e-mail address

E-mail: bigsocietyfund@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Post: Lincolnshire County Council
Big Society Fund
Community Engagement Team
Room 3a Orchard House
Orchard Street
Lincoln
LN1 1BA

This is a rolling grant scheme. This means awards can be made at any time during its annual period. For financial reasons the fund will close before the end of the financial year.

Final Closing Date: Friday 28th February 2014

3. Criteria for this grant

The following are the key criteria for this grant scheme:

- All awards will be a one off donation of funding only
- The award must be used by a group/organisation to make a positive change in the local area and/or benefit the wider community

Any group/organisation receiving an award must have the following:

- Constitution or other similar document (excluding Parish/Town Councils)
- Bank account in the same name as the group/organisation
- Relevant policies/safeguards to be used in relation to children, young people or vulnerable adults
- Any additional supporting documents requested by the Councillor or Council

All groups/organisations must be able to agree and comply with the '**Grant Funding Agreement**' used with this scheme. This is the standard Terms and Conditions that apply to both the group/organisation and the Council when grants are paid. A copy is available to view online at: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/big society fund

All groups/organisations receiving an award must ensure they can comply with applicable financial regulations. Lincolnshire County Council has a set of financial and contract procedure rules that explain how all goods, works and services must be procured. When considering making an award, Councillors and groups must adhere to the basic principles of these rules which include:

- Achieving best value
- Ensuring compliance with all legal requirements
- Supporting the Council's corporate and departmental aims
- Demonstrating probity, consistency, accountability and integrity
- Ensuring transparency, openness, non-discrimination and fair competition

Freedom of Information Act

All awards made by Councillors are subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and any subsequent amendments. Therefore any information regarding the awards made by individual Councillors may be provided to any individuals or organisations requesting information under the requirement of this Act.

4. What this grant would cover

- ✓ Equipment hire or purchase
- ✓ Start-up costs for groups or activities
- ✓ Improvements to community facilities
- ✓ Environmental improvements to the area
- ✓ Revenue costs such as transport or expenses
- ✓ Team clothing or kits
- ✓ Capital works or expenditure
- ✓ Community events or activities
- ✓ Training or capacity building events
- ✓ Material/equipment for a local project

The above are examples and are not an exhaustive list of what the grant would cover.

5. What this grant WOULD NOT cover

- ✗ Anything illegal
- ✗ Loans or interest payments
- ✗ Support to lobbying groups
- ✗ Anything that will bring the Council into disrepute
- ✗ Anything party political, including supporting political organisations
- ✗ Anything contrary to the Council's financial regulations or Council policies
- ✗ Match funding against other Lincolnshire County Council funding or grants
- ✗ Anything that an organisation or local authority has a statutory obligation to deliver
- ✗ Anything that is the core responsibility of a public sector organisation or local authority
- ✗ Projects based/operating outside of Lincolnshire unless they provide significant benefit to communities within Lincolnshire

The above are examples and are not an exhaustive list of what the grant would not cover.

6. Who can apply?

This grant scheme is open to applications from the following:

- ✓ Registered charities
- ✓ Voluntary organisations
- ✓ Parish Councils
- ✓ Youth groups/organisations
- ✓ Faith or Belief groups/organisations*
- ✓ Community groups
- ✓ Social Enterprise (*i.e. Community Interest Company*)
- ✓ Town Councils
- ✓ Schools or Academies*

- * Awards can only be made to these groups/organisations if the funds will be used to benefit the wider community. Awards must not be used to support normal school activity or projects to promote a faith or religion.

7. Grant amount available

Each County Councillor has £2,000 to award in a financial year. It is at the discretion of the individual Councillor as to how much they award from this amount and how they split the funds amongst groups/organisations.

Groups/organisations can approach County Councillors for funding from this scheme. Whilst they can request a certain amount, the decision on whether an award will be made and for how much will be made by the County Councillor.

This grant scheme does not have any match funding requirements.

8. Monitoring and evaluation

All grant awards are monitored by an Officer of Lincolnshire County Council. Organisations that receive a grant are expected to have appropriate systems in place for monitoring and evaluating their projects and activities, including obtaining users' views.

Lincolnshire County Council will ensure that selective monitoring of grant awards will be undertaken to:

- Approve that the project or activities have actually happened in the way described in the award form.
- Collect feedback, including publicity, user comments, survey information etc...
- Highlight project successes and identify the outcomes and impacts the grant and the project have made.

9. Application process

Below is the process used for this grant scheme:

Step 1 – Read the Guidance Notes and online information

Take time to read all the Guidance Notes and other information on our website to ensure your group/organisation is eligible for this scheme.

Step 2 – Contact your local County Councillor

Contact your local County Councillor directly to enquire about this scheme. You can phone, e-mail or write to them. Tell them about your project and why you are looking for funding. You can find your County Councillor details online: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/findyourcouncillor

Step 3 – Decision made by your local County Councillor

Your local County Councillor will make a decision on whether to make an award or not. When making their decision they will follow the Guidance Notes to ensure your project meets the scheme's criteria.

Application Unsuccessful

You will be contacted by your local County Councillor or an Officer from Lincolnshire County Council to inform you if an award is not going to be made to your group/organisation. *

Step 4 – Application successful

You will be asked to provide information or complete an 'Award Form'. This gives us your contact details, bank details and information on how you will use the award to support your project.

Step 5 – Submit Award Form and any other required information

You can submit your Award Form by e-mail or post. Make sure it has a signature from your local County Councillor before submitting. Once we receive your completed form the award will normally be paid within 7 to 14 working days.

Step 6 – Receive the award and deliver your project

All awards will be paid by a BACS Transfer directly into your group/organisations bank account. You can then start to use the funds for your project.

** If the decision is made not to make an award to your group/organisation, we will provide you with information about other possible sources of funding for your project.*

10. Additional conditions for this grant scheme

Please note the following conditions that apply to this grant scheme:

- Award Forms that arrive after the final closing date of 28 February 2014 will not be processed.
- Successful projects must be completed and LCC grant funding spent by the end of March 2014.
- If for any reason the grant cannot be spent for the purposes awarded, the grant will be liable to be repaid. Grant recipients must inform the grant scheme provider as quickly as possible of any situations likely to lead to the need to recover the grant.
- If you do not receive a confirmation that your award is being paid within 14 working days, please contact us to confirm the Award Form has been received for processing.
- LCC will only accept awards submitted on the official Award Form

11. Declarations of Interest

When completing an 'Award Form', Councillors are requested to declare any personal interest they may have in the group/organisation.

Councillors should follow the National Code of Conduct in relation to declarations of interest. Not only should impropriety be avoided, but also any appearance or grounds for suspicion of improper conduct.

In particular, Councillors should not favour any individual person, company or group or put themselves in the position where they appear to do so. They should carefully consider the need to declare an interest in any proposal by an outside body in which the Councillor is closely involved.

12. Referrals and Disputes

The following process will be applied in the event of a dispute or concern to protect the Councillors, the Council and the group/organisation being awarded.

In the event of concerns being raised regarding the eligibility or appropriateness of an award, the issue will be referred to the Director or Assistant Director of LCC Public Health Directorate. Although the decision to make an award is made by individual Councillors, any final decision to make an award that is considered to be ineligible or contrary to these Guidance Notes will rest solely with the Director or Assistant Director of LCC Public Health.

13. End of Year Arrangements

Councillors must award their funds before the final closing date in each financial year. Any funds remaining after the final closing date will not be carried forward into the next year. Any remaining funds will be centrally re-distributed within the Council's core finances.

14. Help and advice

For any queries about this grant scheme please contact:

Grant White (Community Engagement Team)

Tel: 01522 550522

E-mail: big societyfund@lincolnshire.gov.uk

15. Updates to these Guidance Notes

These Guidance Notes were adopted on XX XXXX 2013.

They will expire/be replaced with a new version on 1st April 2014 unless replaced sooner.

Updated versions of Guidance Notes will not apply to awards already made.

The document in use as the time of an award being made will continue to be used.

The Lincolnshire Funding Portal

The Lincolnshire Funding Portal is a free to use grant search website for charities, community groups, religious organisations, Parish or Town Councils and social enterprises.

You can search through thousands of grant schemes both locally and nationally.

To begin your search just visit: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fundingportal

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Open Report on behalf of David O'Connor, Executive Director Performance and Governance

Report to:	County Council
Date:	12 July 2013
Subject:	Appointment Changes to Outside Bodies – Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood Defence Committee and the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee

Summary:

This report requests the Council to make appointment changes to the Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood Defence Committee and the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee.

Recommendation(s):

1. That Councillor C Davie be appointed to the Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood Defence Committee.
2. That Councillor C E H Marfleet's previous appointment to the Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood Defence be changed to the joint appointment position.
3. That Councillor Mrs M J Overton be appointed to the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee as the reserve member.

1. Background

At the Annual General meeting held on 17 May 2013, the Council appointed member representation to outside bodies under Part 3 of the Constitution that were the responsibility of the Council.

The appointments made in respect of the Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood Defence Committee and the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee were as follows:-

Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood Defence Committee – Councillors I G Fleetwood, D C Hoyes, C E H Marfleet and R G Phillips (Joint Appointment).

Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee – Councillors C J Davie, J R Marriott, R B Parker and Mrs A M Austin (reserve member).

Since the meeting the following changes have been received:-

Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood Defence Committee

- Councillor R J Phillips is to come off as the representative jointly appointed with North Lincolnshire Council;
- Councillor C E H Marfleet is to change his position to the jointly appointed representative; and
- Councillor C J Davie is to become one of the three representatives on the Committee.

Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee

- Councillor Mrs A M Austin is to come off as the reserve member; and
- Councillor Mrs M J Overton is to become the reserve member of the Committee

2. Conclusion

Appointments to these outside bodies will assist Councillors participating strategically and in the wider community; and provide them with additional knowledge and expertise.

3. Legal Comments:

The making of appointments to bodies as detailed is within the remit of the Council.

4. Resource Comments:

There are no direct financial implications arising from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

5. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

Yes

c) Scrutiny Comments

n/a

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

6. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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**PLANNING AND REGULATION
COMMITTEE
10 JUNE 2013**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR I G FLEETWOOD (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors Mrs H N J Powell (Vice-Chairman), D Brailsford, D C Hoyes MBE, D M Hunter-Clarke, Ms T Keywood-Wainwright, D McNally, D C Morgan, J M Renshaw, C L Strange, T M Trollope-Bellew and W S Webb

Councillors: Mrs C A Talbot, C J Davie and M S Jones attended the meeting as observers

Officers in attendance:-

Neil McBride (Development Manager), Stuart Tym (Solicitor), Steve Blagg (Democratic Services Officer), Paul Coathup (Assistant Director Highways and Transportation) and Marc Willis (Principal Planning Officer (Development Management))

1 APOLOGIES/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs V C Ayling and C J Underwood-Frost.

2 DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

Councillor D Brailsford requested that a note should be made in the minutes that he was the Executive Support Councillor for Children Services.

Councillor D C Hoyes MBE requested that a note should be made in the minutes that he was a member of the Witham Drainage Board and the Northern Area Flood and Coastal Committee.

Councillor I G Fleetwood requested that a note should be made in the minutes that he was a member of the Witham Drainage Board, the Northern Area Flood and Coastal Committee and that he was a member of West Lindsey District Council.

Councillor J M Renshaw requested that a note should be made in the minutes that her daughter in law was employed by the Environment Agency (Waste Team) (minutes 5 and 21).

Councillor C D Morgan requested that a note should be made in the minutes that she was a member of the Environment Agency and a member of South Kesteven District Council.

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Councillor W S Webb requested that a note should be made in the minutes that he was the former Executive Councillor for Highways and Transport and that his views on minute 21 were predetermined and therefore he would neither participate in the discussion nor voting thereon. Given that this was not a Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest, Councillor W S Webb stayed on the room as an observer only.

Councillor C L Strange requested that a note should be made in the minutes that a relative worked in the Communities Directorate and stated that he would neither speak nor vote thereon (minute 6).

Councillor Mrs H N J Powell requested that a note should be made in the minutes that she was a member of the Council's Adult Scrutiny Committee, South Kesteven's Development Control Committee and Bourne Town Council.

3 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE HELD
ON 8 APRIL 2013

RESOLVED (Note: Only Councillors I G Fleetwood, D C Hoyes MBE and T M Trollope-Bellew voted as they had been in attendance at the meeting)

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 8 April 2013, be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 TRAFFIC MATTERS

5 MONKS ROAD, LINCOLN, PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSING AND
CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO SHARED USE CYCLE/FOOTWAY
FACILITY

Paul Coathup presented a report on objections received to the proposed siting of a Toucan crossing facility and shared use cycleway/footways at the eastern end of Monks Road, Lincoln.

The report detailed the proposals, objections received and the comments of the Executive Director for Communities on the objections received.

Paul Coathup responded to comments made by the Committee including details about the type of crossing being provided, access provision for vehicles owned by local residents and the dimensions of the shared use footway/cycleway.

On a motion by Councillor D Brailsford, seconded by Councillor I G Fleetwood, it was
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RESOLVED (12 votes for and 0 votes against)

That the objections be overruled and the order and crossing as advertised be implemented.

6 NEWARK ROAD/HYKEHAM ROAD/ROOKERY LANE/BRANT ROAD,
LINCOLN - PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, CONVERSION OF
FOOTWAYS TO SHARED USE CYCLE/FOOTWAY FACILITIES AND
REVOCATION OF PROHIBITION OF CYCLING ORDERS

Paul Coathup presented a report on objections received to traffic regulation orders proposed to support junction improvement works designed to ease congestion on Newark Road and the surrounding highway network.

The report detailed the consultations, the objections received and the comments of the Executive Director for Communities on the objections received.

On a motion by Councillor T M Trollope-Bellew, seconded by Councillor W S Webb, it was –

RESOLVED (12 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention)

That the objections be overruled and the orders as advertised be implemented.

7 CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Chairman, with the agreement of the Committee, agreed to consider agenda items No's 6.1, 5.7 and 6.3, in this order, to release the public speakers.

8 TO CONSTRUCT A SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY BYPASS TO THE EASTERN
SIDE OF LINCOLN KNOWN AS THE LINCOLN EASTERN BYPASS. THE
BYPASS WOULD LINK THE EXISTING NORTHERN RELIEF ROAD AT
THE JUNCTION OF THE A15/A158 (WRAGBY ROAD) TO THE A15
(SLEAFORD ROAD) WITH NEW JUNCTIONS/BRIDGE CROSSINGS AT
HAWTHORN ROAD, GREETWELL ROAD, LINCOLN-MARKET RASEN
RAILWAY LINE, RIVER WITHAM, WASHINGTON ROAD (B1190),
HEIGHINGTON ROAD AND LINCOLN ROAD (B1188) - L/0110/13

Since the publication of the report responses to consultation had been received as follows:-

Applicant - the applicant has now submitted copies of the Great Crested Newt survey (conducted in May 2013) which confirms no such species were identified within the development footprint. Natural England and Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust have both confirmed that the survey and findings are acceptable.

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust – has now responded and welcomes the additional information submitted by the applicant in particular the Habitat Balance Sheet which shows the habitats that would be lost and created as a result of the scheme. The Trust note that this sheet shows potential for a gain in species-rich habitat area following completion of the proposals but that the detailed design of the planting measures has not yet been fully specified. The Trust agrees that details should be submitted to discharge a pre-commencement

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condition and would welcome the opportunity to comment on the landscaping/ecological enhancement scheme for the road to ensure that biodiversity benefits are maximised and that they incorporate significant areas of calcareous grassland habitat. The Trust also agrees that appropriate management for the created habitats should be set out as part of the enhancement scheme proposals. The Trust is also satisfied with the mitigation proposed for giant bellflower and welcome the intention to include an ecological clerk of works within the construction team.

Head of Planning – conditions already proposed to secure details of landscaping and method statements and timetable of works associated with SSSI. As the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust has now withdrawn their objection the Officers recommendation as set out in the report can be revised so that the Planning & Regulation Committee can now grant planning permission without the need to grant delegated powers to the Executive Director.

Mrs H Seelig, an objector, commented as follows:-

1. Had a small holding on Washingborough Road.
2. Had a run off pond and the opening proposed for the run off of water proved hazardous.
3. Once the road was built the ability of the water to run off would be curtailed. Therefore, how would the run off water escape? On present proposals it would run through the rail track and cause flooding. The water would also run through a site comprising ancient monuments.
4. Suggested an alternative route to overcome this problem.

Paul Coathup, representing the applicant, commented:-

1. Was unable to respond immediately to the objector's concerns about drainage and archaeology but the Highways Authority consulted all affected landowners. He would speak to the objector about her concerns to try and find a solution.
2. Explained that the Lincoln Eastern Bypass had a long history, adding that the original planning permission for a dual carriageway was now not affordable because of reductions in public expenditure by central government.
3. A single carriageway was now proposed and this would be built to account for any future increase in traffic demand.
4. The scheme would support economic development on the eastern part of Lincoln.

Questions asked by the Committee included:-

1. Had any survey had been undertaken in connection with the benefits for traffic movement if the scheme proceeded?
2. The ability of the Council to accommodate any change if it was decided to proceed with a dual carriageway.

Marc Willis answered as follows:-

1. The conditions in the report addressed Mrs Seelig's comments regarding drainage and archaeology.
2. With regard to the comments made by the Committee the benefits of the scheme for traffic movement had been addressed in the Lincoln Transport Strategy and gave statistics of the benefits of the scheme.
3. The Council had the ability to react quickly should there be any change in the proposals to go for a dual carriageway but it was important to receive this advice before any start was made on the single dual scheme.

Councillor Mrs C A Talbot, the local Member for Bracebridge Heath and Waddington, commented as follows:-

1. Stated that she was the Chairman of the Lincoln Area Committee of the Cathedral Fabric Fund Council and was a family friend of one of the Directors of Eastfield Investments Limited who owned Canwick Hall Wood.
2. Explained that Bracebridge was built on soakaways.
3. Residents were concerned about "rat running" in the Waddington area.
4. Welcomed the proposals for a bridge/roundabout and if the money could be found, a dual carriageway.
5. The current single dual carriageway to the west of Lincoln was inadequate.
6. The presence of wildlife in Canwick Hall Wood.
7. The need for suitable signage especially at the junction with the A15.
8. The presence of aircraft going to and from RAF Waddington.
9. Flood risks needed to be addressed.
10. Supported the application.

Marc Willis responded to the comments made by Councillor Mrs C A Talbot. He stated that drainage issues had been considered, that landscaping would be examined and the RAF had not responded to consultation.

Comments made by the Committee included:-

1. Problems of HGVs turning off the bypass on to the A607.
2. The need to clear dykes on a regular basis.
3. The need to find an alternative location for the access to Mrs Seelig's property.
4. The need to ensure that flora and fauna were considered as recommended by Natural England and the Wildlife Trust.

Marc Willis stated that an additional condition could be added to consider the relocation of flora and fauna and that this would be monitored by the Clerk of Works who would be a suitably qualified ecologist.

On a motion by Councillor C D Morgan, seconded by Councillor I G Fleetwood, it was
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RESOLVED (11 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention)

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That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report and the additional condition approved at the meeting to secure the translocation of the Giant Bellflower as part of the development.

- 9 TO: EXTEND THE EXISTING QUARRY (PART-RETROSPECTIVE); TO ALLOW FOR THE IMPORTATION OF INERT RESTORATION MATERIALS TO FACILITATE THE RESTORATION OF PART OF THE QUARRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED WITHIN THE FIRST PERIODIC REVIEW APPLICATION (S24/1726/11) AND; APPLICATION FOR THE DETERMINATION OF NEW (UPDATED) CONDITIONS TO WHICH CREETON QUARRY IS TO BE SUBJECT (ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995: FIRST PERIODIC REVIEW) AT CREETON QUARRY - CREETON QUARRY LTD - S24/1741/11, S24/1752/11, S24/1726/11

(Note: Councillor W S Webb stated that he would abstain from voting as he knew the Director of Creeton Quarry. Councillor C L Strange left the meeting)

Since the publication of the report Marc Willis stated that a letter had been received from the applicant, dated 7 June 2013, challenging the views stated in the report. Details of the letter were read out to the Committee by Marc Willis. Issues highlighted in the letter included:-

1. Concern about the delay in considering the applications.
2. Reasons for the proposed amendments to the hours of operation.
3. Reasons for the importation of inert restoration materials.
4. Proposed changes to the ROMP application.

Comments made by the Committee included:-

1. Metalled passing places needed to be installed particularly between the site and the villages of Little Bytham and Swinstead.
2. The applicant should be asked to clean the road.
3. The issues raised were complex and a site visit would be advantageous.

Marc Willis stated that the applicant had stated that he was content for the Committee to agree to the recommendation to extend the existing quarry and determine the new (updated) conditions if the Committee resolved to defer a decision on the application for landfill so as to allow further discussions to take place between the applicant and officers. If the Committee was not prepared to accept the applicant's request then the applicant would ask for consideration of all three applications to be deferred.

Councillor T M Trollope-Bellew moved the recommendations in the report and the need for passing places to be deferred for consideration by the Divisional Highways Officer.

Marc Willis stated that the installation of new passing places did not form part of this application and would require a Section 278 Agreement.

Should the Committee approve Councillor M T Trollope-Bellew's motion then it would be necessary to defer consideration of the extension of the quarry and the determination of new conditions. The landfill application could be determined separately.

(Councillor C L Strange returned to the meeting)

On a motion moved by Councillor Mrs H N J Powell, seconded by Councillor J M Renshaw, it was –

RESOLVED (10 votes for, 0 votes against and 2 abstentions)

That consideration of all three planning application be deferred pending a site visit. (Post meeting Note: The Committee agreed the opportunity should be taken to visit a restored quarry site when the site visit was arranged to Creeton Quarry. This would help the new Members and was a training point for Members not specific to this application. Care would be taken to ensure that this was not a quarry with an application pending to be determined by the Committee in the next few months).

10 TO CONSTRUCT A SINGLE STOREY ONE FORM ENTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL AT LAND AT WYGATE PARK, SPALDING - H16/0321/13

Since the publication of the report a response to consultation had been received as follows:-

Highways - The Highway Authority does not wish to restrict the grant of consent for the development proposed in this Application. The site of the proposed school is a highly sustainable location, at the very heart of the residential area it is intended to serve. As such, it is not un-reasonable to expect that a significant proportion of pupils would travel to and from school by means other than motorised transport and accordingly, it is considered that there is no case here for justifying that the car parking space provision within the site should be any greater than prescribed standard. Furthermore, car parking provided specifically for pupil drop-off and pick-up, could actually serve to encourage car journeys un-necessarily and would also take up valuable space within the site that would be un-used for the vast majority of the school day. The site is adjacent to a large area designated as Public Open Space (POS) which also has a frontage to the highway. In the event that vehicle parking at the beginning and end of the school day did become an issue, then the 'undeveloped' frontage of the POS could provide a degree of on-street space where parked vehicles would be less likely to obstruct domestic driveways.

Michelle Andrews, representing the applicant, commented as follows:-

1. Project developed as local school and part funded by the developers.
2. School ideally located to support community.
3. The design of the school allowed local input.
4. School had provision for parking and encouraged cycling which would reduce the impact on local residents.

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5. A School Travel Plan would be produced.
6. There would be a phased implementation which would allow a gradual pupil intake from the local area.

The applicant in response to questions from the Committee commented as follows:-

1. Detailed plans were available for inspection by the Committee.
2. The playground was not capable of taking cars as it did not have the same specification as a car park and would mean an increase in costs if it was upgraded.
3. Explained the proposals for the intake of pupils which when finally completed could take two years and which would allow an examination of the issues raised by the Committee.
4. Any delay in the scheme would cause problems.
5. Relocation of the site would impact on the dedicated outdoor children's area.

Comments made by the Committee included:-

1. The school's location was welcomed. However, concern expressed about parking places for parents particularly when collecting children at the end of the school day. To allow for this parking an extra condition was required for additional parking to be provided on the school site.
2. Seventeen parking spaces was totally inadequate and it was quite common nowadays for children to be dropped off and picked up by parents using cars.
3. The access to the school were inadequate.
4. "Walking Bus" was impractical as most pupils did not walk to school.
5. Details of the road layout were required.
6. The school did not have a provider and therefore there was no traffic plan in place. But one would be provided in the future and the successful bidder for the school would need to address.

Neil McBride responded to comments made by the Committee as follows:-

1. Parking provision was limited as the number of cars was not significant at this stage but this could be examined in the future.
2. The Master Plan which had been approved by South Holland District Council made provision for access roads, car parking provision for school staff exceeded provision and future parking would be addressed in the School Travel Plan. Also, the justification for the parking provision was detailed in the report.

On a motion by Councillor Mrs H N J Powell, seconded by Councillor T M Trollope-Bellew, it was –

RESOLVED (10 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention)

That consideration of the application be deferred pending the submission of more information including the School Travel Plan, detailed plans showing the location and allocated site of the school.

The Committee at this stage of the meeting reverted to the order as detailed on the agenda.

11 PLANNING MATTERS RELATING TO COUNTY MATTER DEVELOPMENTS

The Executive Director for Communities submitted reports in connection with County Matter applications. The responses to consultations were detailed in the reports.

12 TO DEPOSIT CONCRETE AND MORTAR WASTE CURRENTLY STORED AT THE QUARRY WITHIN PART OF THE BORROW PIT AND SECTION 73 APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITION 16 OF PLANNING PERMISSION REF. N47/0959/01 TO ALLOW AN EXTENDED PERIOD FOR THE PROGRESSIVE RESTORATION OF THE SITE TO AGRICULTURE AT NORTON BOTTOMS QUARRY, NORTON DISNEY - BREEDON AGGREGATES LTD - N47/0114/13 AND N47/0127/13

(Note:- Councillors T M Trollope-Bellew and D Brailsford left the meeting)

On a motion by Councillor D C Hoyes MBE, seconded by Councillor W S Webb, it was –

RESOLVED (11 votes for and 0 against)

(a) That application N47/0127/13 be granted to carry out development without complying with condition 16 of planning permission N47/0959 subject to the conditions detailed in the report (that replace all previous conditions).

(b) That application N47/0114/13 be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

13 TO DEVELOP AN EXISTING SITE USED FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES/DEMOLITION BUSINESS TO A MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY (COMPRISING THE RECYCLING, PROCESSING AND STORAGE OF METAL AND DISMANTLING AND DE-POLLUTION OF END OF LIFE VEHICLES) INCLUDING A NEW SITE ACCESS POINT, NEW BOUNDARY TREATMENTS, EXTENSIONS TO THE EXISTING WORKSHOP BUILDING, NEW PRE-FABRICATED WEIGHBRIDGE KIOSK AND PROPOSED PRE-FABRICATED WELFARE BUILDING AT BOLINGBROKE ROAD, FAIRFIELD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, LOUTH - GBM WASTE MANAGEMENT LTD - (E)N105/0363/13

(Note:- Councillor T M Trollope-Bellew returned to the meeting).

Comments made by the Committee included the following:-

1. Was the figure of 50k tonnes for waste for this application only for this application or all of the site?

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2. There were technology industries on the industrial estate which could be disrupted by this application.
3. What height was it proposed to stack the vehicles?
4. There was an adjacent Holiday Homes site to the application site but no comments had been received from the adjoining landowner.
5. It was noted that East Lindsey District Council had requested landscaping.
6. HGVs visiting the site should be requested to switch off their reverse warning to silence to mitigate noise.
7. It was noted that this site had been the subject of a number of applications in the past and that the Committee had visited the site.
8. Use of water from the roof.

Marc Willis responded to the comments made by the Committee:-

1. The 50k tonnes covered waste associated with this application and excluded that already permitted in association with the existing and adjoining waste management facility.
2. The height for the storage of stacked vehicles was 4m.
3. The application would help to meet demand from the commercial/industrial market.
4. All adjoining landowners, including the adjacent Holiday Homes, had been consulted.
5. A noise assessment had been done and additional acoustic fencing was proposed.
6. Applications for the site had been submitted to the Committee on numerous occasions. The applicant was required to submit a noise assessment every year and had conformed with this request. The noise assessment could be extended to cover this application.
7. The landscape footprint for the site was explained.
8. The beepers on reversing HGVs was explained and that conditions have been recommended to ensure that all equipment is fitted with effective silencers.
9. The harvesting of water from the roof could potentially be adopted, if required.
10. This site was in a designated industrial location and was considered suitable distance from its neighbours.
11. Landscaping around the site or adjacent to the Holiday Homes had not been deemed necessary as it already existed.

The Committee agreed that the noise assessment should be extended to this application site, that the applicant should be encouraged to harvest rain water from the building and that the Committee could take the opportunity to visit the site in the future if it was in the area.

RESOLVED (9 votes for and 2 against. Councillor T M Trollope-Bellew did not vote as he had been out of the room)

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

14 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The Committee adjourned from 1.15pm to 1.45pm having considered agenda items 1, 2, 4, 5.1, 5.2, 5.7, 6.1 and 6.3 with the following Councillors in attendance on its

return – Councillors B Adams, D Brailsford, I G Fleetwood D C Hoyes MBE, D M Hunter-Clarke, Ms T Keywood-Wainwright, D McNally, Mrs D C Morgan, Mrs H N J Powell Mrs J M Renshaw, C L Strange, T M Trollope-Bellew and W S Webb.

- 15 TO VARY CONDITIONS 8 AND 11 OF PLANNING PERMISSION (E)N171/1803/07 SO AS TO ALLOW THE DELIVERY OF WASTES ON BANK AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND TO INCREASE THE SITE'S ANNUAL THROUGHPUT FROM 3,000 TO 7,000 TONNES PER ANNUM AND THE LAYING OF A NEW IMPERMEABLE SURFACE WITHIN THE SITE AT GREENAWAY, LONG ACRES, THE GREEN, STRUBBY - GREENAWAY GREEN WASTE SERVICES - (E)N171/0768/13

(Note:- At this stage of the meeting there were six Members present. Councillors C D Morgan, J M Renshaw, D Hunter Clarke and D McNally arrived during the discussion of this application)

RESOLVED (5 votes for, 0 against and 1 abstention)

That planning permission be granted for the variation of conditions 8 and 11 as set out in the Council's Decision Notice reference E(N)171/180307 dated 18 January 2008 and subject to all other conditions so far as the same are still subsisting and capable of taking effect, and subject to the following new conditions to replace conditions 8 and 11 and a new condition relating to the need to submit a revised Odour Management Plan as detailed in the report.

- 16 RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING PERMISSION SOUGHT TO RETAIN AN OPEN FRONTED STEEL PORTAL FRAMED BUILDING USED FOR THE BAGGING AND STORAGE OF COMPOST PRODUCT AND OTHER ASSOCIATED PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT AT THE EXISTING COMPOSTING FACILITY AT GREENAWAY, LONG ACRES, THE GREEN, STRUBBY - GREENAWAY GREEN WASTE SERVICES - (E)N171/ /13

(Note:- Councillor C L Strange arrived in the meeting during discussion of this application).

Since the publication of the report Neil McBride reported that the statutory planning application number received was E(N)171/0990/13.

On a motion by Councillor T M Trollope-Bellew, seconded by Councillor Mrs H N J Powell, it was –

RESOLVED (10 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention)

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

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- 17 TO CREATE A NEW SEWAGE PUMPING STATION INCLUDING NEW ACCESS, FENCED COMPOUND, UNDERGROUND PLANT AND MACHINERY AND TWO ABOVE GROUND CONTROL KIOSKS AT LAND OPPOSITE PARK FARM COTTAGE, KETTLETHORPE - SEVERN TRENT WATER LTD - W52/129958/13

(Note:- Councillor T Keywood-Wainwright arrived in the meeting and Councillor D C Hoyes MBE left the meeting).

Since the publication of the report a response to consultation had been received as follows:-

Built Environment Officer – no archaeological input required for this application.

On a motion by Councillor T M Trollope-Bellew, seconded by Councillor Mrs H N J Powell, it was –

RESOLVED (9 votes for, 0 against and 1 abstention)

That provided that upon receipt of a flood risk assessment and following consultation with the Environment Agency any comments received which in the view of the Executive Director in consultation with the Chairman do not warrant further consideration of the application then the Executive Director be authorised to grant planning permission with any further conditions arising from the assessment of the flood risk assessment and subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

- 18 TO VARY CONDITIONS 2 AND 6 OF PLANNING PERMISSION W33/771/96 TO REVISE THE FINAL LEVELS OF THE RESTORED SITE REFLECTING A REDUCTION IN VOID SPACE CAPACITY AND REVISIONS TO THE FINAL RESTORATION/AFTERCARE SCHEME AT GAINSBOROUGH LANDFILL SITE, LEA ROAD, GAINSBOROUGH - FCC ENVIRONMENT UK LTD - W33/129848/13

On a motion by Councillor T M Trollope-Bellew, seconded by Councillor C D Morgan, it was –

RESOLVED (10 votes for and 0 votes against)

That planning permission be granted for the site to continue to be used for the landfilling of controlled wastes and restoration with adjoining land to landscaped agricultural use without complying with Conditions 2 and 6 of the Council's Decision Notice reference W33/771/96 subject to all the other conditions set out in that Decision Notice, so far as the same are still conditions which replace conditions 2 and 6 as detailed in the report.

- 19 TO EXTEND THE TIME LIMIT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXTANT PLANNING PERMISSION S43/2746/09 WHICH RELATES TO A SMALL-SCALE EXTENSION AT ANCASTER QUARRY, KING STREET, HEYDOUR - BLOCK STONE LTD - S43/0870/13

In response to an enquiry from a Member, Marc Willis stated that the application site was quite small and conditions had been proposed to prevent any work undertaken taking place during the bird nesting season.

On a motion by Councillor T M Trollope-Bellew, seconded by Councillor Mrs H N J Powell, it was –

RESOLVED (10 votes for and 0 votes against)

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

- 20 RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING PERMISSION IS SOUGHT TO RETAIN A LEACHATE HOLDING TANK, COMPRESSOR SHED, OIL STORE AND GENERAL STORE SHED AT MIDDLEMARSH LANDFILL SITE, BURGH LE MARSH - FCC ENVIRONMENTAL LTD - (E)S23/0505/13

On a motion by Councillor I G Fleetwood, seconded by Councillor T M Trollope-Bellew, it was –

RESOLVED (10 votes for and 0 votes against)

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

- 21 APPLICATION FOR PRIOR APPROVAL TO REPOSITION TWO STONE PROCESSING BUILDINGS TOGETHER WITH FOUR ANCILLARY STORAGE CONTAINERS AND TO ERECT THREE ADDITIONAL STONE PROCESSING SHEDS AT GREAT PONTON QUARRY, DALLYGATE LANE, GREAT PONTON - HANBECK NATURAL STONE LTD - S38/0590/13

On a motion by Councillor B Adams, seconded by Councillor Mrs H N Powell, it was –

RESOLVED (10 votes for and 0 votes against)

That prior approval and the informative as detailed in the report be approved.

- 22 TO CONSTRUCT AN EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING RETAINING WALL AND PALISADE FENCING AT THE EXISTING MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY AT SPRATT CLOSE, ABIGATE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, HORNCastle - A RIDDLE AND SONS - E(S)86/0512/13

On a motion by Councillor C L Strange , seconded by Councillor T M Trollope-Bellew, it was –

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Councillor C D Morgan, supported by Councillor Mrs H N J Powell, suggested an extra condition should be imposed to preventing the removal of flora during the bird nesting season. The Committee agreed to this suggestion.

RESOLVED (10 votes for and 0 votes against)

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report and an additional condition approved at the meeting as follows:-

Condition: Any physical works that involve the destruction and removal of vegetation on site shall not be undertaken during the months of March to August inclusive except when approved in writing by the Waste Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure breeding birds and their nests are not adversely affected by the development.

23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RELATING TO COUNTY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENTS

The Executive Director for Communities submitted reports in connection with County Council planning applications. The responses to consultations were detailed in the reports.

24 RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING PERMISSION IS SOUGHT TO CHANGE THE USE OF SCHOOL KITCHEN TO B2 (GENERAL INDUSTRY - CATERING FOOD PREPARATION PLACE) TO PROVIDE MEALS FOR OTHER SCHOOLS AT SAXILBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, HIGHFIELD ROAD, SAXILBY - W85/129659/13

Neil McBride stated that the word "not" should be added between the words "does" and "compromise" in the penultimate sentence of paragraph 26 of the report.

Since the publication of the report a response to consultation had been received as follows:-

Saxilby Parish Council - in respect of further information provided by the applicant agreed with the points of concern raised by District Councillor Cotton and residents of Highfield Road which have already been submitted. No further issues outside of those already raised.

Comments made by the Committee included:-

1. Support for the comments made by the local District Councillors.
2. The effects of traffic parking in a residential area.
3. The parking of HGVs in a residential area and their early arrival time.
4. Production of meals at the school was on an industrial scale.
5. A vehicle movement plan should be put in place and then monitored for six months.

Neil McBride explained that the reason for the application coming before the Committee was that the school was now proposing to provide meals to other schools. The school had the capacity to produce 900 meals although it was only currently producing 450 meals.

On a motion by Councillor Mrs H N Powell, seconded by the Councillor I G Fleetwood, it was –

RESOLVED (11 votes for and 0 votes against)

That planning permission be granted for a temporary period of six months only to allow the impact on the nearby residences to be assessed and reviewed thereafter subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

- 25 TO ERECT A PUBLIC VIEWING TOWER/PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION AND ASSOCIATED ACCESS WALKWAY AT CHAPEL SIX MARSHES CAR PARK, ANDERBY ROAD, CHAPEL ST LEONARDS - (E)S31/0361/13

On a motion by Councillor T M Trollope-Bellew, seconded by Councillor D C Hoyes MBE, it was –

RESOLVED (12 votes for, 0 votes against and 1 abstention)

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

- 26 TO CHANGE THE USE OF LAND ASSOCIATED WITH A RESIDENTIAL HOME (USE CLASS C2) FOR USE BY SCHOOL (USE CLASS D1) AT SPALDING HIGH SCHOOL, STONEGATE, SPALDING - H16/0157/13

(Note: Councillor C D Morgan left the meeting)

On a motion by Councillor B Adams, seconded by Councillor W S Webb, it was –

RESOLVED (11 votes for and 0 votes against)

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

- 27 TO CONSTRUCT A TWO STOREY BUILDING TO PROVIDE ON-SITE ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRE FIGHTERS AT SPALDING FIRE STATION, WEST ELLOE AVENUE, SPALDING - H16/0224/13

On a motion by Councillor W S Webb, seconded by Councillor Mrs H N J Powell, it was –

RESOLVED (11 votes for and 0 votes against)

That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

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The meeting closed at 3.10pm



AUDIT COMMITTEE 24 JUNE 2013

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR MRS SUSAN RAWLINS (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors Mrs E J Sneath (Vice-Chairman), J W Beaver, N I Jackson, S M Tweedale, W S Webb and P Wood

Also in attendance: - Mr P D Finch (Independent Added Person)

Councillor M S Jones attended the meeting as an observer

Officers in attendance:-

David Forbes (Assistant Director Finance and Resources), Stephanie Kent (Audit Manager), Lucy Pledge (Head of Audit and Risk Management), David Powell (Head of Emergency Planning), Tony Crawley (KPMG), Mike Wood (KPMG), Julie Castledine (Principal Auditor) and Derek McKim (Business Continuity Manager)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

It was requested that the following interests were noted:

Councillor W S Webb – Governor of Holbeach University Academy

Mr P D Finch – Co-opted member of the Priory Academy Audit Committee

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2013

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 22 April 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 COMBINED BUSINESS CONTINUITY MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY ASSURANCE REPORT

Consideration was given to a report which provided the Audit Committee with an insight on the assurances received from the Council's critical services and support services with regards to Business Continuity Management and Emergency Response and Recovery.

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The Committee was informed that the overall business continuity assurances had come from heads of service and were challenged through the Business Continuity Team. During the last year the Business Continuity Team had tested all of the Council's critical services, and the general opinion was that there was a medium to high level of assurance with them. The resilience of the Communication and Property Services had also been assessed as they provided essential support to critical services.

Members of the Committee were provided with the opportunity to ask questions to the officers present in relation to the information contained within the report and some of the points raised during discussion included the following:

- The business continuity management response assessment of External Command and Control was listed as unknown as an internal response by the Corporate Incident Management Team had not yet been obtained;
- The Authority's ability to work with partner organisations had been tested through various situations and exercises such as exercise Georgiana, but there was still a degree of internal training required as people changed posts;
- The Environmental Scrutiny Committee would receive a full report into the summer floods of 2012;
- Solutions to ICT concerns were in development and a report was scheduled to be brought to the next meeting of the Audit Committee;
- Work was ongoing on the FDSS project, and it was very clear that there would be a requirement for the successful contract to provide ICT resilience;
- The Council remained highly dependent on ICT. Since the ICT outage in late 2010, significant improvements had been made with ICT Disaster Recovery and the resilience of the ICT service. The key risk was still the lack of a secondary data centre, but options were being investigated;
- A lot of technical work had been carried out on the Cross Keys Bridge at Sutton Bridge in the past year. Contingency plans were also in place in relation to staff. Desk top exercises had been undertaken with the service area. It was acknowledged that this could be a suitable area for a future 'live' exercise;

RESOLVED

That the current status with combined assurance report be noted.

5 SUMMARY OF SCHOOL AUDIT WORK 2012/13

The Committee received a report which provided information in relation to the work which had been completed in schools by Internal Audit during 2012/13.

It was reported that audit visits were undertaken on a five year cycle and during 2012/13 a number of interim 'healthchecks' had also been completed. These visits focused on key areas such as budget setting, budget monitoring and medium term financial planning. Schools were also asked to make a self-assessment of the controls within their financial processes and to follow up the implementation of previous audit recommendations.

The issues which were identified during the course of the audits and 'healthcheck' visits were the same as the findings from the work carried out in 2011/12. It was planned to highlight these key themes and the controls expected through a 'top tips' article in the Schools' Bulletin in the autumn.

The Committee was informed that following changes to school funding arrangements in April 2013 the authority was no longer able to undertake a programme of 'healthcheck' visits to maintained schools. However, this service was being offered to schools for a fee and there was some interest. The internal audit service was being marketed to Academies, whilst they were not legally obliged to have an internal audit service, they needed to have arrangements in place for independent checking of financial controls, systems, transactions and risks.

Members of the Committee were provided with the opportunity to ask questions to the officers present in relation to the information presented in the report, and some of the points raised during discussion included the following:

- Approximately 70 maintained schools were visited per year;
- There was only one school which was given 'no' assurance, but officers have been back and the school had started to implement changes;
- The government had introduced additional mechanisms designed to strengthen and improve the accountability of academies for financial controls. This included the introduction of Audit Committees for large and multi-academy trusts;
- The authority was aware of the schools which needed more robust processes;
- The authority would continue to provide healthchecks to those schools that requested them, and Internal Audit had a working relationship with Children's Services;
- Schools' Forum was very important in terms of providing advice on school funding and finances. Money had previously been made available to improve audit services in schools, but due to changes in funding this was no longer available;
- Schools were showing an interest in buying in these services;
- Head teachers could be appointed with no financial training, and were very reliant on school administrators;
- School governors were offered a significant amount of training, but it was important to ensure that this training was taken up by those who needed it;
- The results of school audit visits were available to Ofsted

RESOLVED

That the information presented within the report be noted.

6 COUNTER FRAUD ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13

Consideration was given to a report which provides information on the overall effectiveness of the Authority's arrangements to counter fraud and corruption and reviewed the delivery of the 2012/13 counter fraud work plan.

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The Committee was informed that that the Counter Fraud Annual Report provided an overview of the proactive and investigation work completed over the year.

It was reported that during the 2012/13 year, 14 potential fraud referrals were received, which was a slight drop on previous years. The total estimated value of fraud associated with live cases was £689,675. The misuse of service user finances was the most common area of fraud for this year, although it was the lowest in value, but it had been a common theme over the past four years. The other most common types of fraud experienced included abuse of position, misuse of assets, procurement fraud and timesheet abuse.

Members of the Committee were provided with the opportunity to ask questions to the officers present in relation to the information contained within the report, and some of the points raised during discussion included the following:

- A fraud awareness campaign would be run in the coming year;
- The whistle blowing mechanism was being well used;
- The whistleblowing arrangements were not actively promoted to service users, but key practitioners were made aware of the Council's whistleblowing process. Some referrals and requests for advice had been received from social workers. Contact points were highlighted to people in case they had concerns;
- Officers clarified how fraud occurred through blue badge misuse, and it was also noted that this was more of a problem in bigger cities;
- The financial regulations and scheme of delegation which were set out in the Constitution were reviewed regularly;
- From an external audit point of view, an assessment of progress against the National Fraud Indicators needed to be carried out, and Lincolnshire was currently assessed as 'green';
- A number of scripts had been developed which could analyse large quantities of data and identify unusual spending trends in creditor payments – this approach would be used in other areas over the next few years;
- Procurement was still one of the highest fraud risk area in local government;
- A new system in Adult Social Care would be able to interrogate financial and service user information;
- Over the last few years, the Counter Fraud team had been strengthened;

RESOLVED

That the overall effectiveness of the Council's arrangements to counter fraud and corruption, and the progress made to implement policy be noted.

7 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT - 2013

The Committee received a report which provided the opinion of the Head of Internal Audit on the adequacy of the Council's governance and control environment and delivery of the Internal Audit Plan for 2012/13.

Whilst there was satisfaction that the overall standard of internal control for the financial year ending 31 March 2013 was 'performing adequately', the work did identify some areas of improvement. These areas of improvement were in Adult Care around referrals, assessment process, case management and recording and risk assessment; Performance and Governance – maintaining ICT resilience; and in Resources and Community Safety around the management of fuel stock to Fire and Rescue. It was recommended that these areas were included in the Annual Governance Statement.

The Committee was provided with the opportunity to ask questions to the officers present in relation to the information contained within the report and some of the points raised during discussion included the following:

- There was disappointment that some of the actions regarding the Fire and Rescue fuel use did not seem to have been implemented. It was requested that the Chief Fire Officer bring a briefing paper to a future meeting to show how the actions were being implemented;
- It was queried whether the outstanding recommendations in relation to the Coroner's Office would affect the service being provided;
- Internal Audits were carried out by an in-house team from the Corporate Audit and Risk Management section. External Audit was provided from outside the Council by KPMG who were appointed by the Audit Commission. Internal Audit also provided a service to a number of Lincolnshire District Councils and to Newark and Sherwood District Council;
- An action plan would be put together following the publication of the Annual Governance Statement which would set out the key milestones and deadlines for the areas for improvement which had been identified;

RESOLVED

1. That the content of the Internal Audit Annual Report be noted;
2. That further information be provided to the Committee in relation to the issues highlighted with the Fire and Rescue fuel use and the Coroner's office;

8 WORK PLAN

Consideration was given to a report which provided the Committee with information on agreed actions and its work plan up to November 2013.

The Committee was reminded that there would be training taking place in the morning of 22 July 2013 prior to the meeting, in relation to consideration of the Council's financial statements.

It was also clarified that the meeting in September would be held on the 23rd of the month.

The following changes to the work plan were put forward;

- Internal/External Audit Protocol – move to 23 September 2013 meeting
- Annual Audit Letter – 11 November 2013

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RESOLVED

1. That the progress of agreed actions as set out in appendix A to the report be noted;
2. That the work plan set out in Appendix B of the report be noted subject to the above changes.

The meeting closed at 11.37 am