

## **COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 11 MAY 2018**

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

### **Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS)**

The Lincolnshire Waste Partnership has approved a draft version of the JMWMS, which in April was considered at an Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee and has now been released for public consultation.

### **Flood Risk & Water Management (FRWM)**

A review of the existing partnership arrangements and governance of our Joint FRWN Strategy Group has been completed, to ensure we remain national exemplars of good practice. However, we also need to incorporate more recent developments in our strategic and local approach to managing risk so a revision of the FRWM Strategy will be undertaken and we anticipate its completion by April 2019. The Council are also supporting the development of an FRWM strategy on the Humber. A public consultation is expected towards the end of 2018.

### **Coastal Management**

Public consultation on the next stage of managing the east coast after 2021 has recently been completed. The Council will be engaged in the next few months in refining proposals for the coast, initially for 2021-26, but also for the longer term future.

### **English Coastal Path**

The section between Skegness and Mablethorpe is in its establishment phase and we continue to work with partners at Natural England to create a walkway to improve accessibility in the vicinity of the new North Sea Observatory at Chapel St Leonards. The report for the section between Sutton Bridge and Skegness has now been published and to date has received two objections which will be reviewed by the Planning Inspectorate. The final section between Mablethorpe and the Humber Bridge is in its development phase and discussions have commenced with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

### **Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park**

The rights of way team have been completing a package of diversions and creations of public rights of way, which will create a greater level of accessibility and opportunity for circular walks at the coast. Further proposals to improve the network south of Anderby are being progressed throughout 2018. Officers continue to engage with Natural England on the opportunity to designate the section of the coastline from the northern county boundary to Gibraltar Point as a 'Heritage Coastline'. Work in the Coastal Country Park is currently focused on enhancing its visibility as a destination, including installing distinctive welcome signs and assessing a range of options for improving visitor amenities, such as car parking, in balance with the needs of the local community.

### **National Planning Policy Framework**

The Government is publishing consultations on the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the reform of developer contributions. According to the Government, this planning reform package is fundamental to delivering the homes needed and ensuring that we get the right homes, of the right quality, built in the right places. The revision of the NPPF implements around 80 previously announced reforms. Fortunately none of Lincolnshire's Local Plans will be immediately affected by this announcement as they are too far progressed.

### **South East Lincolnshire Local Plan**

The South East Lincolnshire Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on 23 June 2017. The Secretary of State appointed an independent Inspector to conduct a Local Plan examination which ended on 27 April 18. The Council have worked closely with South East Lincolnshire to support the development of the plan, especially in the areas of infrastructure, viability and demographics and played a full role in supporting the plan at the various sessions.

### **East Lindsey Local Plan**

Following the modifications to the ELDC Local Plan which was consulted on in January 2018, the inspector's report is expected in July of this year.