# Agenda Item 7



# **Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham, Executive Director - Resources**

Report to:	County Council
Date:	21 May 2021
Subject:	Lincolnshire County Council Election – Return of Persons Elected – 6 May 2021

## Summary:

The purpose of this item is formally to report to the County Council the outcome of the Lincolnshire County Council's Elections, which took place on 6 May 2021.

## **Recommendation:**

That the Return of Persons Elected following the Lincolnshire County Council Elections on 6 May 2021, as set out in Appendix A to this report, be noted.

#### 1. Background

The Lincolnshire County Council elections took place on 6 May 2021. The councillors elected to represent the 70 divisions in Lincolnshire are listed in alphabetical order by surname, in Appendix A to this report.

#### 2. Legal Issues:

#### Equality Act 2010

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

\* Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act

\* Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it

\* Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The relevant protected characteristics are age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation

Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

\* Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic

\* Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it

\* Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low

The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities

Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to tackle prejudice, and promote understanding

Compliance with the duties in section 149 may involve treating some persons more favourably than others

The duty cannot be delegated and must be discharged by the decision-maker. To discharge the statutory duty the decision-maker must analyse all the relevant material with the specific statutory obligations in mind. If a risk of adverse impact is identified consideration must be given to measures to avoid that impact as part of the decision making process

There are no direct implications in relation to accepting the decision.

#### Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS)

The Council must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) in coming to a decision

There are no direct implications of the decision for the JSNA or JHWS.

#### Crime and Disorder

Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Council must exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area and re-offending in its area.

There are no direct implications of the decision for crime and disorder.

#### 3. Conclusion

The County Council is requested to note the outcome of the Lincolnshire County Council Elections on 6 May 2021, as set out in Appendix A to this report.

# 4. Legal Comments:

There are no legal implications arising out of the acceptance of the recommendation in this report.

#### 5. Resource Comments:

There are no material financial consequences arising from accepting the recommendation in this report.

#### 6. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

n/a

c) Scrutiny Comments

n/a

d) Risks and Impact Analysis

n/a

#### 7. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Return of Persons elected as County Councillors for the Lincolnshire County Council Electoral Divisions

#### 8. 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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