



**Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director - Place**

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| Report to: | <b>Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee</b>                    |
| Date:      | <b>13 September 2022</b>   |
| Subject:   | <b>Planning Reform and Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LURB)</b> |

**Summary:**

This report provides a summary of proposed changes to the planning system contained in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LURB) and likely implications for Lincolnshire.

**Actions Required:**

The Committee is invited to review and comment on the contents of the report and Appendixes attached.

## 1. Background

The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LURB) has been a long time in the making since planning reform was first announced in the Planning for the Future White Paper published in August 2020. This resulted in 44,000 responses to the consultation, reflecting the controversial contents of the document. There is much to recommend what is proposed in the LURB. Of more significance is what has been omitted from the White Paper.

However, there is currently debate regarding the ability of central government to override Local Plan policies using more interventionist national policies. Appendix A provides a detailed assessment of the potential impact in Lincolnshire, especially in areas of plan making and infrastructure delivery.

The timetable for enactment of the Bill is uncertain. It is currently at the House of Commons committee stage with two further debates scheduled in September 2022.

## 2. Conclusion

Overall, there has been a slight tilting of power away from developers to local authorities and their communities, subject to further proposals to be announced in detailed regulations.

### 3. Consultation

#### a) Risks and Impact Analysis

Risk and impacts included in the report attached (Appendix A).

### 4. Appendices

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| These are listed below and attached at the back of the report |  |
| Appendix A  | Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill                 |
| Appendix B  | Letter to Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State |

### 5. 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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