

# NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

## CABINET

23 September 2019

**PRESENT:** - Councillor Waltham MBE in the Chair.

Councillors Hannigan (vice-chair), J Davison, Marper, Poole, Reed, Rose and C Sherwood.

Councillors Ali, Allcock, Armiger, Briggs, Clark, Collinson, A Davison, England, L Foster, T Foster, Longcake, Mitchell, Mumby-Croft, Southern, K.Vickers, Wilson and Yeadon also attended the meeting.

Denise Hyde, Simon Green, Mick Gibbs, Becky McIntyre, Helen Manderson, Karen Pavey, Penny Spring, Peter Williams, Will Bell and Richard Mell attended the meeting.

The meeting was held at the Church Square, Scunthorpe.

1346 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS** – There were no declarations of interest declared.

1347 **MINUTES - Resolved** - That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 15 July 2019 having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the chairman.

1348 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) PEER CHALLENGE FOLLOW UP VISIT** – The Chief Executive submitted a report which presented the key findings of the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge follow up visit in June 2019.

The report explained that the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge was a well-established sector led improvement tool that the LGA offer to all local authorities. The LGA Peer Team first visited North Lincolnshire in January 2018. As part of the process the same team returned to North Lincolnshire on 27-28 June 2019 to assess the impact of the peer challenge and demonstrate progress made against the areas of improvement and development identified in January 2018.

The Chief Executive in her report stated that the peer team’s headline message for the Council was “Well done North Lincolnshire!” and confirmed that ‘impressive progress’ has been made in implementing the vision for the future shape of the organisation. The team reported that they had seen a ‘huge visible difference in the Council’. The peer team’s report concluded with a single recommendation that ‘the Council should continue to profile and share its incredible story with the wider local government sector’.

The full peer team’s report from the follow up visit was attached as an appendix to the

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report and its key headline messages included:

- ‘The Council has kept and improved needs-led services performing at a high level during a period of intense change’
- ‘Leadership has been distributed across the organisation to great effect and has really nailed collaboration, both internally and externally’ and
- ‘Managers and staff have a strong sense of purpose and are empowered and trusted and this is enabling further redesign of services to deliver the best outcomes for your communities’.

**Resolved** – (a) That the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge follow up report be received and the positive change observed by the LGA team be noted; (b) that the Cabinet extends its thanks to the LGA peer team for the time taken to undertake the follow up visit and report, and (c) that the Cabinet also thanks the whole Council team for working so hard to pull together and deliver such a significant transformation in a short period of time.

**1349 BUDGET REVIEW 2019/20 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

**UPDATE** – The Director: Governance and Partnerships submitted a report informing Cabinet of the current performance in respect of revenue and capital investment against the limits set in 2019/20.

The report provided an update on the actions being taken as required by the Council’s Financial Assurance arrangements, of the successful outcome of the external audit of the council’s 2018/19 statement of accounts, the latest revised budget for revenue and capital as amended under delegated powers within the parameters set by the Council and informed members that cash balances and debt were being managed in line with the Council’s approved treasury management strategy. The Director also sought approval for allocation of capital resources to four new schemes from the additional capital investment allocation, and provided Cabinet with further details of the Council’s strategy and approach to medium term financial planning 2020 and beyond.

The Director set out and provided further explanations in the report under the following headings and associated appendices –

- (i) Budget review 2019/20 - Revenue;
- (ii) Reserves;
- (iii) Budget Adjustments;
- (iv) Treasury Management;
- (v) Medium Term Financial Planning 2020 and beyond, and
- (vi) Closure of Accounts 2018/19

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**Resolved** – (a) That the revenue and capital budget monitoring position for 2019/20, as set out in appendix 1 of the report and the ongoing work to identify solutions to mitigate financial risks be noted; (b) that the revenue budget adjustments approved under delegated powers and the revised budget position for 2019/20 as summarised in appendix 2 of the report, be noted; (c) that the revised capital investment programme 2019/20 as summarised in appendix 3 of the report be approved; (d) that the proposed 20/21 financial planning process set out at appendix 4 of the report be approved; (e) that progress against the approved Treasury Management Strategy as set out in appendix 5 be noted, and (e) that the positive outcome of the external audit of the 2018/19 accounts be noted.

1350 **NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (LSAB) STRATEGIC PLAN 2019 – 22** – The Director: Adults and Community Wellbeing submitted a report on the Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) Strategic Plan. The LSAB had a statutory requirement to publish a Strategic Plan which set key objectives/priorities of the Board and how these would be achieved. The plan was developed in consultation with Healthwatch local vulnerable adults, their families and other stakeholders.

The LSAB had identified six strategic priorities aligned to the six principles of safeguarding these being –

- Empowerment
- Prevention
- Proportionality
- Protection
- Partnership
- Accountability

and was supported by a Business Plan which described the outcomes to be achieved through delivering our objectives over the next three years. Its progress would be reviewed by the Independent chair and the executive group on a regular basis.

The Director in her report set out the council’s shared ambition for Adult Safeguarding; in the context of North Lincolnshire being the #Bestplace to live. This ambition means a place where adults at risk of harm were able to live an independent life, free from abuse and neglect and:

“Where - People are at the heart - Abuse is not tolerated - Everyone works together to prevent abuse and neglect, and

Where - Services respond effectively when abuse or neglect is suspected or happens, working together to keep adults safe”.

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The aim of the board was to work in partnership with the people of North Lincolnshire alongside our partner agencies to deliver a joined up service to those adults most at risk of abuse and neglect.

**Resolved** – That the publication of the Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) Strategic Plan for 2019-22 on the council’s website be noted and approved.

- 1341 **EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE - PEOPLE SCUTINY PANEL REPORT** – The Director: Governance and Partnerships submitted a report presenting the above report of the People Scrutiny Panel to the cabinet for consideration of its recommendations with a view to the preparation of an action plan in accordance with the council’s Constitution.

The Panel had agreed to conduct the review with the aim to ensure that services were sufficiently ‘joined up’ and that services were responsive, sufficient and accessible to children and young people. The report of the People Scrutiny Panel which was approved at its meeting on 19 March 2019 was attached to the Director’s report as an appendix.

**Resolved** – (a) That the report of the People Scrutiny Panel be received, approved and adopted, and (b) that relevant officers prepare a coordinated, multi-agency action plan in response to the recommendations of the report for submission to a future meeting.