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**GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE JOINT STRATEGIC
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

11 March 2022

Chairman: Councillor M Hill OBE
(Lincolnshire CC)

Venue: Council Chamber,
Town Hall. Grimsby

Time: 2.00 pm

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AGENDA

1. Substitutions (executive members only) - if any
2. Declarations of interest
3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on 10 December 2021 (Pages 1 - 6)
4. Devolution and Business Engagement (Pages 7 - 16)
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (North Lincolnshire Council – S Green)
5. Proposals for Chair and Secretariat 2022/23 (In accordance with the Joint Committee's Terms of Reference (Pages 17 - 18)
6. Any other items which the chair decides are urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be specified

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10 December 2021

PRESENT: -

Members –

Councillor M Hill (Lincolnshire County Council) in the Chair.

Councillor P Bradwell (Lincolnshire County Council),
Councillors R Waltham (North Lincolnshire Council),
Councillors P Jackson and S Shreeve (North East Lincolnshire Council).

Officers –

Debbie Barnes, Andy Gutherson (remotely), Lee Sirdifield, Matthew Garrard, Karen Spencer and Chris O'Rourke (Lincolnshire County Council),
Peter Thorpe (North Lincolnshire Council),
Rob Walsh (North East Lincolnshire Council) and
Ruth Carver (Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership).

Richard Mell (Secretariat – North Lincolnshire Council).

The meeting was held at Lincolnshire County Council Offices, Lincoln.

25. **SUBSTITUTIONS** – There were no substitutions.
26. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – No declarations of interest were declared by members.
27. **MINUTES – Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on 3 September 2021 be approved as a correct record and authorise the chair to sign.
28. **LINCOLNSHIRE DAY** – The Deputy Chief Executive, North Lincolnshire submitted a report requesting the Joint Committee to note the feedback on Lincolnshire Day activities in 2021 including the Civic Event held at Normanby Hall Country Park, Normanby and asked members to agree a date and host for the Lincolnshire Day Civic Event in 2022.

The report summarised feedback and presented an overview of Lincolnshire Day 2021 as follows –

Civic Event:

- The Lincolnshire Day Civic Event took place on Friday 1 October 2021, 10am at Normanby Hall Country Park.
- The event was well attended by dignitaries representing each of the three authorities with 60 invitees confirming their attendance prior to the event.
- The event was attended by all three upper tier Authority Leaders with a strong representation of Leaders, Mayors and MPs from the area and districts too.
- Normanby Hall Country Park was felt to be the right setting for the event and positive feedback was received.
- All refreshments were made using produce local to Greater Lincolnshire ensuring the context of the day ran through the event.
- Businesses who provided their produce at the event were given the opportunity to attend to showcase their offer and raise their profile.
- The planting of a tree at the event in the grounds of Normanby Hall by the three leaders provides a legacy of the event for years to come and confirms a united commitment to Greater Lincolnshire.

Competition:

- Uptake was not at the levels expected for competition entries. However, winners were identified for each of the three authority areas with outstanding menus showcasing the best of Lincolnshire produce.

Schools:

- A digital resource pack was made available to schools and on our websites with resources about the history of Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire Day.

Press Coverage:

- Greater Lincolnshire Menu competition, including: BBC Radio Lincolnshire, LincsFM, Lincolnshire Echo, Boston Standard, Louth Leader, Sleaford Standard, Lincoln Independent, Horncastle News, Market Rasen Mail.
- Lincolnshire Day (involving civic event), including: as above plus Grantham Journal, Stamford Mercury, Spalding Guardian, Skegness Standard, Gainsborough Standard, Gi Scunthorpe News.

The Deputy Chief Executive, North Lincolnshire in his report also summarised initial proposals for Lincolnshire Day 2022 on 1 October including Civic Celebration, Business and Community Engagement, Schools and Competition together with associated use of resources provided by the joint committees' member councils. Debbie Barnes and Karen Spencer added further information to initial proposals for 2022.

Members commented on the success of the 2021 event and looked forward to receiving further information on plans and proposals for 2022 to maximise the benefits from the impact of Lincolnshire Day across Greater Lincolnshire.

Resolved – (a) That the success of Lincolnshire Day 2021 be noted and the plans to continue joint working between the three member authorities on the celebrations in 2022 be supported, and (b) that the Lincolnshire Day Civic Event be held on Friday 30

September 2022 with Lincolnshire County Council hosting be approved (noting North East Lincolnshire Council to host the event in 2023).

29. **LEVELLING UP LINCOLNSHIRE 3-COUNTY DEAL** – Further to minute 23, the Deputy Chief Executive, North Lincolnshire submitted a report which summarised the aims, advantages and content of the Government’s Devolution process since its inception in 2017 with 10 Mayoral Combined Authorities having been established to date, and further future ‘devolution deals’ as part of the ‘levelling up agenda’ in a white paper announced by the Government through the Queen’s speech in 2019. In addition, in July 2021 the Prime Minister had set out a catalytic role for government and the need to empower strong local leaders by taking a more flexible approach to devolution through new ‘County Deals’ – taking devolution beyond the largest cities and being bespoke to the needs of individual places and its people. These proposals would be set out in the Levelling Up white paper yet to be published to date.

The Deputy Chief Executive in his report explained that the Greater Lincolnshire political route so far has seen a development session held in summer 2021 attended by district and upper tier authorities. This subsequently led to the Chief Executives meeting with government officials to outline the ambition of a ‘Greater Lincolnshire County Deal’, the support it had and the geography it could cover. A letter signed by all ten Local Authority Leaders was sent to ministers in the summer expressing a desire to work on a County Deal for a Greater Lincolnshire geography. A letter had also been sent to all MPs within Greater Lincolnshire describing the reason why and the ambition for a ‘County Deal’. A follow up meeting held in November and attended by Leaders and Chief Executives developed further the thinking around such an approach.

Running concurrently with the above had been various lead officer groups which have drafted and then re-iterated various options to arrive at an agreed set list of ‘ask’ bullet points from which to develop the detail behind these ‘asks’ to Government. These ‘asks’ would be structured around enablers and themes and reinforce Greater Lincolnshire’s differentiation as well as commonality with other similar deals. To complement this activity, work had also been initiated to develop a 2050 vision for Greater Lincolnshire.

The Deputy Chief Executive stated in his report that to seize the opportunity enhanced devolution could bring for Greater Lincolnshire and building upon the existing strong cross boundary joint work including upper tier and district authorities, it was proposed that through the Joint Committee and Councils’ formal decision making processes a ‘County Deal’ proposal be submitted to Government. At present the exact nature of the criteria was still awaited through the ‘Levelling Up white paper’ but in advance of the detail officers from relevant councils had been working on a draft and emerging ‘County Deal’ to enable a subsequent proposal to be submitted quickly in the new year.

A ‘County Deal’ offered a great opportunity for a truly Greater Lincolnshire approach enhancing both its economy and bringing decision making closer to its people.

Debbie Barnes explained proposals and work being undertaken by officers on a draft ‘County Deal’ submission document which was likely to be completed in January 2022.

This included inclusive engagement with associated authorities/partners. The content of the white paper was key to finalising the draft document. A likely timeline for support by this Joint Committee was suggested with any final submission to government also requiring the approval of individual principal councils.

The Joint Committee engaged in discussions on governance structures, efficiencies and the content of a draft 'asks document' which had been circulated to members for comment. The comments and views on members on the document highlighted at the meeting were received and would be collated by Chief Executives and incorporated in the draft document. These and further views could be also submitted in writing to Chief Executives as soon as possible.

Resolved – (a) That progress made in developing a 'Greater Lincolnshire County Deal' be noted and supported; (b) that following and subject to further details and bid criteria expected in the forthcoming 'Levelling Up white paper', a 'Greater Lincolnshire County Deal' proposal be submitted to Government following completion, consultations and required approvals, and (c) that once the 'Levelling Up – white paper' is published and its content analysed, a timely meeting of the Joint Committee be arranged if appropriate to consider its content and any associated proposals/options regarding unitarisation.

30. **PUBLIC HEATH MODEL FOR GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE** – The Chief Executive, North East Lincolnshire Council submitted a report requesting the Joint Committee's endorsement of an intention to develop and test a pilot public health model across Greater Lincolnshire, subject to ongoing engagement and consultation with the UK Health Security Agency (UKSA) and Officer for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) and other relevant stakeholders.

The Chief Executive, North East Lincolnshire in his report summarised the background to the legislative public health responsibilities of local authorities and their Directors of Public Health as statutory chief officers. He explained that lessons from the ongoing pandemic and the development of Integrated Care Systems present an opportunity for the three upper tier local authorities across Greater Lincolnshire (UTLAs) to explore options for the collaborative leadership, development and delivery of public health responsibilities.

Engagement continued with UKSA / OHID and the emerging proposition was to develop a pilot model for consideration by each of the upper tier UTLAs in accordance with their respective constitutional arrangements. The prerequisite for developing any collaborative arrangement was based on all parties demonstrating a genuine commitment to align work and share knowledge and skills to deliver better health and wellbeing outcomes for all the communities they served.

He stated that piloting an approach would enable the UTLAs to assess the extent to which strategic collaboration could be cost effective, deliver better outcomes for the population than the current arrangements in place and result in no one UTLA being disadvantaged in terms of capacity and any necessary local focus, especially in the

context of the ongoing pandemic and the winter challenges already being presented across health and care systems.

The Joint Committee was therefore requested to endorse an intention to develop and test a pilot public health model across Greater Lincolnshire, subject to ongoing engagement and consultation with UKSA / OHID and other relevant stakeholders. Progressing a pilot collaborative model would be subject to any necessary constitutional requirements of each constituent local authority. It was therefore suggested that approval 'in principle' to develop the model be obtained from each local authority prior to the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee and Chief Executives discussed options available and governance requirements across the three principal member councils to appoint a Director of Public Health for the Greater Lincolnshire area.

Resolved – (a) That the proposal to develop a pilot public health model for Greater Lincolnshire be approved and be implemented by 31 January 2022, and that each constituent local authority be requested to approve the proposed pilot in accordance with any necessary constitutional requirements prior to the above date; (b) that Chief Executives continue engagement with UKSA / OHID and other relevant stakeholders regarding the development of the pilot, and (c) that a progress report be submitted to the Joint Committee as appropriate and soon as practicable in the New Year.

- 31 **LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW 2022** – The Executive Director of Place, Lincolnshire County Council submitted a report requesting the Joint Committee to approve a joint stand (Lincolnshire County Council, North Lincolnshire Council and North East Lincolnshire Council) at the Lincolnshire show to be held on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 June 2022. Officers from the above three councils had previously met in early 2020 to consider plans for a joint stand in 2020, but unfortunately shows in 2020 and 2021 were cancelled due to the pandemic. Lincolnshire County Council and North Lincolnshire Council had exhibited on their own stands at the show for many years, and a joint stand would mark the first time that the three councils had exhibited together.

The Executive Director in his report also requested members to consider and agree to having a single joined-up approach across the three councils with a single brand for the 2022 show. This joint branding would be displayed alongside the logos of the three councils on a stand, for example on flags at the entrance. Proposals for the spaces within the marquees/outside areas at the show were also suggested under the following named marquees/area-

- 'Meet your councillors' marquee
- Corporate marquee
- Main council services marquee
- Outside area
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee (part of the show's overarching theme for 2022 would be the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The report also asked members to consider requesting officers of participating councils to contribute towards a joint budget/resource for the show.

Karen Spencer, Head of Communications and Engagement, Lincolnshire County Council gave a presentation on the above proposals for the 2022 show and sought members thoughts and preferences regarding councillors attendance, joint branding options, themes including – Environmental, Culture and Heritage, Employment and Growth, (involving the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership and key business groups), Highways and also enhancing ticketing opportunities/deals and engagement with and involving schools.

Resolved – (a) That a three council joined-up approach, with appropriate and proportionate joint budget contributions, for the Lincolnshire show 2022 be agreed and the continuing development and progress by officers from the three authorities be supported; (b) that suggestions made, discussed and preferred by members be incorporated into officers plans; (c) that options for enhancing ticketing opportunities/deals and engagement with and involving schools across Greater Lincolnshire be considered jointly by all Chief Executives, and (d) that a progress report on joint planning preparation by participating councils for the 2022 show be submitted to the next meeting.

**GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE
JOINT STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

DEVOLUTION AND BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

1. OBJECTIVE AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 That the GLSOC consider entering into an engagement programme with the business community as to the attributes of a prospective devolution deal for Greater Lincolnshire.
- 1.2 That the GLSOC enables the GLLEP, as described in section 3.3 of the report, to lead on such a business engagement programme and through this draw upon support from the three upper tier authorities.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 allowed for the establishment of Mayoral Combined Authorities (MCAs) to provide Combined Authorities (CAs) with strong local leaders with a mandate to deliver local growth.
- 2.2 The devolution deals conducted within the framework of the 2016 Act have used a deal-based approach. They are negotiated bilaterally and each deal is bespoke, with varying powers devolved and varying settlements between the executive authority of the Mayor versus the CA. Greater Lincolnshire did construct a non-Mayoral Combined Authority deal with Government in 2016 but for several reasons did not follow it through.
- 2.3 Mayoral devolution deals have typically included additional investment funding, as well as devolved multi-year transport budgets and bus franchising powers, adult education budget funding, greater local influence over employment support and some strategic planning and regeneration powers. Mayors have received some revenue raising powers too, such as a Mayoral Precept and a business rates supplement.
- 2.4 Since 2017, the Government believe that devolution to MCAs in England has demonstrated the difference empowered local leaders can make. The Government's policy is to widen, deepen and simplify devolution, building on this success and empowering greater numbers of local leaders. For the general public and businesses, this will mean greater control and clearer accountability over who is responsible for what and more decisions that shape their area being taken.

- 2.5 Within the Levelling Up White Paper a new devolution framework for England is outlined. This framework is designed to create a clear and consistent set of devolution pathways for places, enabling them to widen and deepen their devolved powers subject to meeting certain pre-conditions. The Government's preferred model of devolution is one with a directly-elected leader covering a well-defined economic geography with a clear and direct mandate, strong accountability and the convening power to make change happen. However, because this may not suit all areas, their framework sets out a flexible, tiered approach, allowing areas to deepen devolution at their own pace and with unanimous agreement or not.

3. DETAIL OF OPTIONS / PROPOSAL

3.1 Devolution Options

- 3.1.1 The Government have proposed key areas of activity with commensurate levels of devolution powers within the Levelling Up White Paper to form the basis of future "devolution deals". (See Appendix 1).

- 3.1.2 The Government's framework for devolution (appendix 1) clearly identifies three levels of revised powers and associated funding commensurate with the corresponding model of governance:

Level 3 – A single institution or County Council with a directly elected mayor (DEM) across a Functioning Economic Area (FEA) or whole county area.

Level 2 – A single institution or County Council without a directly elected mayor across a Functioning Economic Area (FEA) or whole county area.

Level 1 – Local Authorities working together across a FEA or whole county area e.g. through a Joint Committee

- 3.1.3 The engagement activities set out within this paper will help to inform the most appropriate level of devolution for Greater Lincolnshire.

3.2 The Need for Business Engagement

- 3.2.1 The Government see Devolution Deals as a central plank towards their Levelling Up agenda. As such, the key and prioritised elements of their framework are economic in focus.

- 3.2.2 The key identified economic areas include:

Skills – at all levels, including skills improvement plans and contracted employment programmes

Business Support – through bespoke and measured schemes, Shared Prosperity Funds and an enhanced advocacy role

Infrastructure – enhanced and better aligned budgets for transport, broadband and utilities

Investment – new regeneration partnership role for Homes England, possibility of Development Corporations and access to Brownfield land remediation.

- 3.2.3 This paper recommends that a structured and prioritised business engagement model is entered into to ensure that the possible benefits of devolution are conveyed successfully to the business community and that in return this sector's views are heard and understood. Such an approach would help both direct and strengthen any final "deal" submission to Government.

3.3 Engagement Model

- 3.3.1 The core objective will be to raise awareness and seek early views from businesses on the possible benefits of a devolution deal based around the proposed 10 asks set out in the summary document. The goal is to achieve over 1,000 business and business organisations responses within a 6-week period.
- 3.3.2 It is proposed that the central coordinating organisation for undertaking such an approach is the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (GLLEP). The GLLEP has established reach and direct contact to both larger and SME businesses. This approach will enable an equitable geographical split of engagement.
- 3.3.3 The GLLEP will utilise a model of information, advice and guidance on what a "deal" may bring and the implications for the business community. As part of this there will be a multi medium approach to communication including a central interactive website, a series of seminars / webinars, mailings and events.
- 3.3.4 To enable this approach to happen both quickly and to have the desired reach the three upper tier authorities will make available commensurate resources from their respective business development teams.
- 3.3.5 The outcome will be truly representative engagement and endorsement from business and their sector and trade organisations to help set direction and support any future potential bid for a devolution deal.

4. RESOURCE AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The 3 Upper Tier local authorities need to commit to providing support.

5. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES (INCLUDE EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT IF RELEVANT)

5.1 None identified at this point.

6. CONSULTATION / ENGAGEMENT

6.1 The potential asks of Government that we will be engaging businesses with have arisen from discussions across the 10 councils of Greater Lincolnshire.

7. GOVERNANCE – DECISION(S) FOR MEMBER COUNCIL'S REQUIRED (in accordance with the Joint Committee's Terms of Reference).

7.1 Not applicable.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that the GLSOC enter into engagement programme with the business community as to the attributes of a prospective devolution deal for Greater Lincolnshire.

8.2 That the GLSOC enables the GLLEP, as described in section 3.3 above, to lead on such a business engagement programme and through this draw upon support from the three upper tier authorities and agree to take a joint paper (GLJSOC and GLLEP) to the GLLEP Board meeting on 25 March 2022 seeking their endorsement to such an approach.

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Levelling Up the United Kingdom White Paper

Table 2.3 Devolution Framework

Level 3 – A single institution or County Council with a directly elected mayor (DEM), across a FEA or whole county area

Level 2 – A single institution or County Council without a DEM, across a FEA or whole county area

Level 1 – Local authorities working together across a FEA or whole county area e.g. through a joint committee

Function	Detail	L1	L2	L3
Strategic role in delivering services	Host for Government functions best delivered at a strategic level involving more than one local authority e.g. Local Nature Recovery Strategies	✓	✓	✓
	Opportunity to pool services at a strategic level	✓	✓	✓
	Opportunity to adopt innovative local proposals to deliver action on climate change and the UK's Net Zero targets	✓	✓	✓
Supporting local businesses	LEP functions including hosting strategic business voice		✓	✓
Local control of sustainable transport	Control of appropriate local transport functions e.g. local transport plans*		✓	✓
	Defined key route network*			✓
	Priority for new rail partnerships with Great British Railways – influencing local rail offer, e.g. services and stations			✓
	Ability to introduce bus franchising		✓	✓
	Consolidation of existing core local transport funding for local road maintenance and smaller upgrades into a multi-year integrated settlement			✓
Investment spending	UKSPF planning and delivery at a strategic level		✓	✓
	Long-term investment fund, with an agreed annual allocation			✓
Giving adults the skills for the labour market	Devolution of Adult Education functions and the core Adult Education Budget		✓	✓
	Providing input into Local Skills Improvement Plans		✓	✓
	Role in designing and delivering future contracted employment programmes			✓
Local control of infrastructure decisions	Ability to establish Mayoral Development Corporations (with consent of host local planning authority)			✓
	Devolution of locally-led brownfield funding			✓
	Strategic partnerships with Homes England across the Affordable Housing Programme and brownfield funding			✓
	Homes England compulsory purchase powers (held concurrently)		✓	✓
Keeping the public safe and healthy	Mayoral control of Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) functions where boundaries align^			✓
	Clear defined role in local resilience*		✓	✓
	Where desired offer MCAs a duty for improving the public's health (concurrently with local authorities)			✓
Financing local initiatives for residents and business	Ability to introduce mayoral precepting on council tax*			✓
	Ability to introduce supplement on business rates (increases subject to ballot)			✓

* refers to functions which are only applicable to combined authorities

^ refers to functions which are currently only applicable to mayoral combined authorities

Levelling up Lincolnshire

We will tackle our challenges:

- Productivity that is below the national average
- Significant pockets of unemployment and deprivation
- Limited investment across the county, in our city, towns and the challenges of rurality

A county deal for levelling up that:



Boosts growth in key sectors and supply chains by levelling up infrastructure to create high skill, high wage jobs



Increases living standards and opportunity by levelling up skills and access to employment



Target investment to level up our towns and places to deliver sustainable growth & **resilience**



Devolve and align budgets with agencies to reduce bidding culture and deliver efficiencies

By unlocking opportunities and boosting key sectors:



- **UK Food Valley** delivering on our potential to be global top 10 cluster for agriculture, seafood and food processing by 2030, adding 50% GVA around £2 billion to the economy creating jobs and opportunity



- **Ports and logistics** including establishing the Humber freeport which will boost the region's economy to the tune of £3.5bn in initial investment and 7000 jobs



- **Green energy and decarbonisation** including doubling offshore renewable and delivering the UK's first net zero carbon industrial cluster by 2040 to capture and store around 10% of UK carbon dioxide emissions and develop blue and green hydrogen infrastructure and production

And contributing to growth in other key parts of our local economy including defence and tourism

Levelling up Lincolnshire

Devolving three types of power for local leaders:

1. **Full devolution** devolving budgets, decision making and accountability for delivery to meet local need
2. **Co-commissioning** customised to meet local need, with shared accountability with Government for delivery
3. **Piloting innovation** and funding to develop new approaches to changing local needs

Our Ten Point Plan

deliver infrastructure for:

- 1 Strategic growth and jobs in key sectors
- 2 Green recovery and a low carbon Lincolnshire
- 3 Transport that connects people to jobs and places
- 4 Unlocking housing and sustainable growth
- 5 Managing our unique natural environment

develop skills and opportunity by

- 6 Skills culture that promotes aspiration across Lincolnshire
- 7 Growing skills needed for future jobs in key sectors
- 8 Creating pathways and apprenticeships into new jobs
- 9 Increasing employment opportunities and productivity
- 10 Accelerating innovation, research and technology

Levelling up Lincolnshire

Our Ten Point Plan – backed by devolved funding,
co-commissioning and pilot initiatives:

Deliver infrastructure for:

1 Strategic growth and jobs in key sectors

Our rural transport and digital infrastructure act as a constraint rather than an enabler for growth. We will use £xmillion of devolved funding to deliver improvements to our strategic road network and boost rail capacity to our ports. We will create the market for gigabit fibre and co-commission the high speed broadband and mobile connectivity needed to address market failure restricting rural businesses and market towns.

2 Green recovery and a low carbon Lincolnshire

Lincolnshire is a gateway to green energy in the North Sea and is pioneering carbon capture for our heavy industry. We will co-commission the infrastructure needed for growth in carbon capture and storage in northern Lincolnshire and prioritise investment in energy infrastructure across the county to enable green energy production and rural EV charging.

3 Transport that connects people to jobs and places

Limited public transport networks across our large rural large geography impacts accessibility and opportunity around travel to work and learning. We will co-commission rail services for journeys that matter to people in Lincolnshire and provide capacity for freight from our ports and food valley. We will use £xmillion of devolved funding to boost active travel in Grantham, Grimsby, Lincoln, Louth, Scunthorpe and Spalding to reduce travel delays and congestion.

4 Unlocking housing and sustainable growth

Delivering growth requires growth sites to get the right infrastructure at the right time. We will develop a strategic plan for growth; co-commission the release of Government and public land such as RAF Scampton and Grantham Barracks; and use £xmillion of devolved funding to develop innovative models to deliver on our infrastructure plans to unlock land for housing and growth.

5 Managing our unique natural environment

Tourism, fish and food production are dependent on our Environment and we have challenges with flooding and water supply. We will co-commission coastal flood protection on the east coast and changes to water supply to boost growth in the UK Food Valley. We will use £xmillion of devolved funding to deliver on a new nature recovery strategy and offset the impacts of housing growth.

Levelling up Lincolnshire

Our Ten Point Plan – backed by devolved funding, co-commissioning and pilot initiatives:

6 Skills culture that promotes aspiration across Lincolnshire

Traditionally many families have needed or chosen to earn rather than learn. We will change this engrained culture by co-commissioning a new all age career service and pilot individual learning accounts and allowances to support personalised learning and promote opportunity.

7 Growing skills needed for future jobs in key sectors

The national led adult education budget is too complex to meet our growth needs. We will use £xmillion of devolved funding to streamline access to education and skills; and offer qualifications that match the needs of employers and future jobs in key sectors

8 Creating pathways and apprenticeships into new jobs

To provide an Apprenticeship place for everyone that wants one we need flexibility within the funding of apprenticeships to boost participation. We will pilot recycling underspends in region wide Apprentice Levy and by co-commissioning bespoke arrangements for apprentices and trainees we will create routes into work in key sectors; and grow the number of apprenticeships by 5% year on year.

9 Increasing employment opportunity and productivity

Customised arrangements are needed to get those of working age to be economically active and provide an appropriately skilled and available labour pool for our key sectors. We will co-commission delivery of employment programmes, linked into our local public services to reach those that are economically inactive, leaving care or in low paid work and support them to take steps towards the attractive jobs offered by growth in Lincolnshire.

10 Accelerating innovation, research and technology

More graduates are needed to boost our advancement in renewables, robotics, digital logistics and food technologies but just under half stay locally. We will co-commission and promote graduates into business schemes to make opportunity more attractive and address the associated costs for smaller businesses. We will also co-commission research opportunities to drive business innovation across Lincolnshire including two innovation "Catapult" initiatives for renewable energy and food technology.

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Agenda Item: 5

Summary of Greater Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Oversight Committee Arrangements

The core functions of the Greater Lincolnshire Strategic Oversight Committee are to:

1. Facilitate cooperation and collaboration between Lincolnshire County Council, North Lincolnshire Council and North East Lincolnshire Council, in so far as it relates to their executive functions on the following themes:
 - a) The development and application of strategy across the Greater Lincolnshire economic region
 - b) The development of opportunities to gain greater alignment across Greater Lincolnshire, where scale and scope are required and can enhance upper tier functions
 - c) The strategic alignment of investment across Greater Lincolnshire
2. Consider strategic use of public funds across the common functions and activities of the Councils, to benefit the economy and support the collective ambitions of the three councils and the region.
3. Act as a formal link between the three upper tier local authorities in Greater Lincolnshire on activity related to the above themes

Terms of Reference

1. Develop and recommend for consideration by each of the authorities, proposals relating to the core functions of the joint committee.
2. Act as an advocate for investment in the sustainable economic development of Greater Lincolnshire and maintain oversight for delivery arrangements relating to the core functions.
3. Align and make recommendations on capital expenditure programmes that operate across Greater Lincolnshire, to ensure the strategic ambitions are effectively delivered in relation to the core functions.
4. Consider reports from sub-regional groups, or other such body or subcommittee/committee and refer recommendations back to the three Councils for further attention.

5. Consider and make recommendations in relation to strategic funding for activities aligned to the core functions.
6. The committee shall comprise of the Leader and one Executive Member from each Council. **The joint committee will be chaired on a rotating basis by the Leader of each of the three local authorities** (first year – Lincolnshire County Council). A co-opted member representative from the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership will be in attendance as a non-voting member (together with its Chief Executive or nominated officer as supporting officer).
7. Any recommendations made by the joint committee must be referred back to each of the three authorities for consideration through existing democratic processes.
8. **The Secretariat of the Greater Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Overview Committee is also to be on a rotating basis** (first year North Lincolnshire Council). Meetings are open to the press and public, and agendas, minutes and papers are published by the Secretariat, in line with the requirements of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) Regulations 2012.