## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

## CONNECTIVITY CABINET MEMBER

## 18 April 2024

The corresponding report of the following item (Minute 3 refers) contains exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

3 PROCUREMENT OF A DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORT BUS SERVICE – The Director: Communities submitted a report seeking approval for the procurement plan for the new transformational Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) service.

As part of the Department for Transport sponsored Rural Mobility Fund initiative, the council developed a pilot project to further examine the viability of a DRT bus service in more rural locations across the authority. The service commenced in September 2020 and the council continued to maintain the service.

Examining the council's priorities and outcomes for the council, notably the strategic outcome to be "Connected" and provide accessible transport for all, a revised specification had been developed to deliver a reliable, trusted DRT service beyond 2024.

**Resolved** – (a) That Option 3, set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report, that the procurement exercise be authorised for a new transformational service in North Lincolnshire, be approved, and (b) that future decisions related to the procurement exercise be delegated to the Director: Communities.