

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**LEVELLING UP NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

1.1 To update members on Levelling Up for Scunthorpe.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2.1 Levelling up requires a focused, long-term plan of action and a clear framework to identify and act upon required interventions.

Evidence supports 6 themes as drivers for levelling up:

- Physical capital – infrastructure, machines and housing.
- Human capital – the skills, health and experience of the workforce.
- Intangible capital – innovation, ideas and patents.
- Financial capital – resources supporting the financing of companies.
- Social capital – the strength of communities, relationships and trust.
- Institutional capital – local leadership, capacity and capability

2.2 North Lincolnshire has been working to support those key drivers in the six themes above. Taking them each in turn:

**Physical Capital** – NLC has taken an infrastructure first approach to development for both employment and housing across our area with significant investment in Road (e.g. North Junction, A160), Rail (Gauge Enhancement) and Digital (Gigabit Broadband). The impact of this is a significant growth in our net housing completions over the last 3 years, where in 2022/23 we completed 550 completions, and in this current year we are well on our way to achieving beyond our target of 383.

Automation in our key food and furniture manufacturing sector has enabled a strong competitive and productive local companies supporting our economy and UK PLC giving food security locally, regionally and nationally.

**Human Capacity** – NLC alongside our local skills provider have delivered University Centre North Lincolnshire where over 1500 students are working towards a level 4 qualification, alongside this we have provided opportunities through shared prosperity fund to improve their functional maths skills. Our Skills and Employability plan sets our medium term plan to build upon our recent success.

**Intangible Capital** – NLC is playing an integral role in the deliver of the Humber Freeport, a idea that was integral to our Economic Plan in 2019. The development of the freeport will provide through the business rate uplift the opportunity to shape innovation across all sectors as we continue our journey to decarbonisation.

Our Economic Growth Plan sets our priorities and intent for North Lincolnshire Economy in the medium term.

**Financial Capital** – NLC has been supported in delivering significant investment to local businesses and communities through a range of funding opportunities including, Shared Prosperity Fund, Future High Street Support Fund, Levelling Up Fund and Town Deal.

Looking forward Government have announced a further £20m Town Deal funding over 10 years – allowing us to plan a long-term strategy for North Lincolnshire, supported an, immediate intervention through our successful £15.8m Levelling Up Bid for Scunthorpe Town Centre which will continue to enable immediate market opportunities to regenerate of our Town Centre.

This sits alongside the Levelling Up Investment for Barton upon Humber of £19.8m.

**Social and institutional Capital** - Cabinet took a decision on a new frame for a Community Plan for North Lincolnshire.

The framework and the funding will support the transformation of our communities both for place and people, ensuring that we have a long-term plan in place to ensure strong, sustainable and enabled communities delivering the right intervention at the right time.

Collaboration through local leaders in North Lincolnshire is growing in strength, recognising the need for one sustainable North Lincolnshire with the right single intervention for our people. Sharing and collaborating creates the opportunity to have the right capacity and capability to deliver our joint place priorities.

**3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 That Cabinet note the Governments continued investment and support in enabling the economic success for the place and people of North Lincolnshire.

**4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 Report for information.

**5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)**

5.1 Funding will be subject to government guidance, performance and outcome-based monitoring.

**6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)**

6.1 The Community Framework is aligned to the Council Plan.

**7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

7.1 Report is for information.

**8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

8.1 A full stakeholder engagement will take place through the development of community plan.

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That the Cabinet note the progress on Levelling Up North Lincolnshire through over £80m of Government Investment planned and in delivery.

DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES

Church Square House  
SCUNTHORPE  
North Lincolnshire  
Post Code DN15 6NL  
Author: Lesley Potts  
Date: 16.01.24

## Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –

### Appendix One

Community Framework on a page

Evidence Base by localities understanding Neighbourhood	Population	Place	Interaction	Interest	Infrastructure
Outcomes/Impact	Shapes and enables the Community	Communities brought together by geographic boundaries	Residents enabled to bring about change for place and population	Residents who share the same interest or passion	Environment that supports communities to come together
Intent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People feel a sense of belonging to their local community.</li> <li>• Communities have enabled strong and diverse social networks improving social and economic outcomes for residents.</li> <li>• Communities have an enabled and sustainable civic structure.</li> <li>• Community groups are diverse and inclusive where everyone has a voice.</li> <li>• Communities feel safe and are safe.</li> <li>• Sustainable and enabled Community Infrastructure</li> <li>• Enabled and connected and networked communities</li> </ul>				
Offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shared basics:</b> clarity of purpose, values, and roles, built on shared understanding, knowledge and a commitment to partnership working through community investment and inclusion.</li> <li>• <b>Equality, Diversity and inclusion:</b> behaviours and ways of working that enable the power of the whole community to flourish, with all parts giving generously to the process and being open to receiving feedback.</li> <li>• <b>Structures:</b> systems, mechanisms and processes that are fit for purpose and enable innovation and sustain long-term commitment to all communities.</li> <li>• <b>Capacity and resources:</b> having the wherewithal to act at a locality and neighbourhood level.</li> </ul>				

Communities Together in NL