


**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
OFFICER DECISION NOTICE AND RECORD
(PUBLISHED)**

1. DECISION TAKEN

To approve the supporting Evidence Base documents for the emerging North Lincolnshire Local Plan.

EXECUTIVE		NON-EXECUTIVE	√	(Please tick either)	
IS THIS A 'KEY DECISION' ? (see definition overleaf)				Yes	No √
DOES THIS DECISION RELATE TO EXEMPT INFORMATION?				Yes	No √
EXEMPT PARAGRAPH REFERENCE (NOT TO BE PUBLISHED)					

2. OFFICER DECISION TAKER	<p>NAME Lesley Potts</p> <p>POSITION/POST Head of Economy and Growth</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>SIGNATURE</p> <p>DATE 13 October 2021</p>
3. REASONS FOR THE DECISION (Please ref to any report/minute/background documents attached)	<p>North Lincolnshire Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan for the area (North Lincolnshire Local Plan). In order to successfully adopt the new Local Plan a full evidence base is required to justify its content.</p> <p>NPPF states at para 31 that 'The preparation and review of all policies should be underpinned by relevant and up-to-date evidence. This should be adequate and proportionate, focused tightly on supporting and justifying the policies concerned, and take into account relevant market signals.</p> <p>To support the Publication Draft of the Local Plan the following documents have been produced or previous versions updated which need to be published alongside the Local Plan for public consultation. These documents are: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Plan Sequential and Exceptions Test • Strategic Flood Risk Assessment • North Lincolnshire Housing and Economic Needs Assessment • Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment • Plan wide Viability • Infrastructure Delivery Plan • Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment • Hot Food Takeaway Evidence Report • Landscape Character Assessment • Review of the Isle of Axholme Historic Landscape Character Assessment • Heritage and Archaeology Impact Assessment • Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Report • Lincolnshire Lakes Report • Scunthorpe Town Centre Masterplan
4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED (BY DECISION TAKER(S))	<p>No alternatives considered. A robust evidence base is a statutory requirement of plan making.</p>

<p><i>TO BE COMPLETED BELOW - ONLY WHEN A DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION REQUIRES PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH A MEMBER (LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, CABINET MEMBER/CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 'SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS TO OFFICERS' OR DECISION/MINUTE OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEE OR DECISION/MINUTE OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER.</i></p>	
<p>5. DECISION REQUIRED TO BE TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBER</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR David Rose</p> <p>POSITION Cabinet Member</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>David Rose</i></p> <p>SIGNATURE</p> <p>DATE 13 October 2021</p>
<p>6. ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY EXECUTIVE (CABINET) MEMBER (S) CONSULTED, WHICH RELATES TO THE DECISION, OR (NON-EXECUTIVE) – ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE THAT DELEGATED THE DECISION TAKEN</p>	
<p>7. WITH REFERENCE TO 6. ABOVE - HAS ANY DISPENSATION BEEN GRANTED TO THE EXECUTIVE (CABINET) MEMBER? (ONLY APPLIES TO EXECUTIVE)</p>	

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH ANY ACCOMPANYING REPORT.

WHEN COMPLETE, PLEASE SEND TO SERVICE MANAGER: DEMOCRACY FOR PUBLISHING.

(The definitions of a key decision are when an **executive** decision is likely -

(i) to result in the Council incurring expenditure or the making of savings (including the receipt or loss of income) over £350,000 in any one financial year; or

(ii) to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority).

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**DELEGATED DECISION
HEAD OF ECONOMY AND
GROWTH**

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN
REGULATION 19 (PUBLICATION DRAFT) EVIDENCE BASE DOCUMENTS**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to publish the associated Evidence Base documents to support the 'Publication' (Regulation 19) version of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan for public consultation. This is the final stage of the plan making process prior to submission to the Government for Examination in Public.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The process for preparing statutory Local Plans is set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Regulation 19 represents the final stage of the plan making process, prior to submission to Government for examination.
- 2.2 North Lincolnshire Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan for the area (North Lincolnshire Local Plan). In order to successfully adopt the new Local Plan a full evidence base is required to justify its content.
- 2.3 NPPF states at para 31 that 'The preparation and review of all policies should be underpinned by relevant and up-to-date evidence. This should be adequate and proportionate, focused tightly on supporting and justifying the policies concerned, and take into account relevant market signals.
- 2.4 To support the Publication Draft of the Local Plan the following documents have been produced or previous versions updated which need to be published alongside the Local Plan for public consultation. These documents are: -

- Local Plan Sequential and Exceptions Test
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)
- North Lincolnshire Housing and Economic Needs Assessment
- Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment
- Local Plan- Plan wide Viability Assessment
- Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment
- Hot Food Takeaway Evidence Report
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- Scunthorpe Town Centre Masterplan

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1 - Approve the associated evidence base documents to support the North Lincolnshire Local Plan publication version for public consultation as the final formal plan making stage prior to submission of the plan to government for Examination in Public.
- 3.2 Option 2 – Do not approve the associated evidence base documents to support the North Lincolnshire Local Plan publication version for consultation. A robust evidence base is a statutory requirement of plan making.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 is the preferred option. This will allow the Council to consult on the publication version of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan, in accordance with the approved Local Development Scheme. Following conclusion of the consultation and subsequent review of all representations made, the plan, evidence base and all representations will be submitted to the Government in Winter 2021/22. It is anticipated this would mean an Examination in Public in Spring 2022.
- 4.2 Option 2 would result in the plan going back to an earlier stage of progress and would delay the plan making process.

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

- 5.1 There are no direct resource implications to highlight. Existing resources are available to support the work required to develop the new Local Plan.

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

- 6.1 There are no implications in relation to section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 6.2 There are no implications in relation to the Equalities Act 2010, all members of the public and stakeholders will be given the opportunity to make representations on the plan.
- 6.3 The North Lincolnshire Council Plan has been used throughout the development of the Local Plan, with the objectives of the Council Plan reiterated in the Local Plan. To ensure that the residents of North Lincolnshire are safe, well, prosperous, and connected.
- 6.4 There are no environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommended action.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

- 7.1 An IIA for the North Lincolnshire Local Plan publication document was completed and no issues of concern were apparent.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

- 8.1 No consultation has taken place yet on the publication version and its associated evidence base documents. The Local Plan consultation will be subject to consultation in conformity with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.
- 8.2 No conflicts of interest have been identified.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 That the Head of Economy and Growth approves the associated evidence base documents to support the publication version of the Local Plan for final consultation prior to submission for examination in public.

HEAD OF ECONOMY AND GROWTH

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –

- National Planning Policy Framework
- North Lincolnshire Local Plan