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Greater Lincolnshire is ready for change

A Greater Lincolnshire for All is an ambitious proposal for the future of local government in Greater Lincolnshire, brought forward by East Lindsey District Council and South Holland District Council.

With ten councils delivering local services, the current system is too complex, inefficient and confusing. A Greater Lincolnshire for All creates two new unitary councils responsible for delivering all council services – Northern Lincolnshire and Southern Lincolnshire – to replace current structures.

It is a balanced and ambitious plan that simplifies local government and delivers better services and value for money for residents, communities and businesses.

The proposal enables stronger local accountability, smarter use of public money, consistent, high-quality public services and will create opportunities for our county's economy bringing in new investment and jobs.

It gives Greater Lincolnshire a stronger voice – in government, in devolution negotiations, and in shaping the county's future for every community, business and resident.

Why change is needed

Greater Lincolnshire is a region rich in heritage, natural beauty, and economic potential. From the industrial towns on the Humber to the market towns and coastal communities, this is a “place of places” – proud, diverse and full of potential.

But our system of local government no longer reflects the needs or identity of the people who live here. Services are delivered by ten different councils, creating duplication, inefficiency and confusion. Residents are often unclear who is responsible for what. Businesses and public service partners face unnecessary bureaucracy. And Greater Lincolnshire’s voice is diluted on the national stage.

This is the moment to simplify, strengthen and modernise local government in Greater Lincolnshire.

Two New Councils

We are proposing the creation of two new unitary councils to replace the current system:

Northern Lincolnshire Council, covering Lincoln, North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire and West Lindsey

Southern Lincolnshire Council, covering Boston, East Lindsey, South Holland, North Kesteven and South Kesteven

This is not one-size-fits-all. Northern Lincolnshire looks naturally to the Humber and the Northern Powerhouse. Southern Lincolnshire connects into the East Midlands and East Anglia. The proposed model reflects these patterns of identity, economy and travel.

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By aligning with how people live and work, the new councils will be more relevant, more trusted and more effective.

Each council would be responsible for all local services in its area – from roads and housing to education and waste. This single-tier model would end the current split between district and county councils.

Both new councils would be of a similar population and economic size, ensuring fairness between the north and south and providing the scale needed to manage services effectively and sustainably.

Better Services, Closer to Home

The new model will enable smarter, more joined-up services, delivered closer to communities.

High quality adult and children's social care services will be accessible to all residents. The new Councils will improve consistency, raise standards and ensure that the most vulnerable residents receive the care they need, wherever they live.

Each council will maintain local hubs and access points so that services remain visible and responsive. At the same time, new structures will support strategic improvements in housing, planning, transport and community safety – helping councils plan for the long term and tackle the big challenges facing our area.

Value for Money

The reorganisation will remove unnecessary overheads and duplication, freeing up resources to invest in frontline services. It will also create opportunities to reform outdated funding models and make better use of public assets.

The South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership – covering Boston, East Lindsey and South Holland – has already shown what’s possible, with projected savings of £42 million over ten years. This proposal builds on that success and takes it further.

By pooling expertise and removing administrative barriers, the new councils will deliver more for less – and ensure every pound works harder for the people of Lincolnshire.

A Stronger Local Voice

As unitary authorities, both new councils will become full members of the proposed Mayoral County Combined Authority – with equal representation and a direct say over regional investment, devolution and economic growth.

This model gives Greater Lincolnshire a stronger national voice while preserving local character and control. Decisions about local priorities will be made locally – with enhanced roles for town and parish councils, formal area committees, and a clear commitment to community engagement.

A Platform for the Future

This proposal is about more than just structure. It is a platform for ambition – enabling Greater Lincolnshire to grow, innovate and thrive.

It supports our 2050 Vision for a greener, fairer and more prosperous future. It will help us invest in skills, decarbonise our economy, and support residents of all ages to live well.

Now is the time to embrace change – to create local government that is simpler, stronger and more sustainable. Together, we can deliver **A Greater Lincolnshire for all.**

Our 10 Guiding Principles

We recognise that change can be unsettling, particularly on something as important as moving to a new system of local government - that many tens of thousands of people rely upon each day.

That's why we are setting out 10 pledges that we are making to the people and communities of Greater Lincolnshire as we move forward over the coming months. These pledges will be the principles and actions that will guide our approach, holding us to account and reminding everyone that it is the people of Greater Lincolnshire who must come first throughout this change.

Continuity of services as local government changes in Greater Lincolnshire

A commitment to all residents to keep them informed

Protecting frontline staff working across the area

Better value for money with savings directed to frontline services

Accessible council services for all, delivered through contact hubs across the area

A single telephone number and website to access ALL council services in your area.

Improved services for vulnerable residents including housing, adults' and children's services

Improved services for all children and young people, including education, training, jobs and transport

Greater local decision-making including for all town and parish councils and enhanced area based governance

Closer relationships with all partners including the NHS, police, fire and rescue, education, and the voluntary sector to deliver better services

Listening to Greater Lincolnshire

A commitment to meaningful engagement with residents and stakeholders

This proposal is just the beginning. We believe that any change to local government must be shaped by the people it serves – residents, businesses, community groups and public service partners.

Over the coming months, we will be holding conversations across Greater Lincolnshire to ensure that your voices are heard. Whether you live in a town, village or coastal community – whether you work in the public sector, run a local business, or volunteer in your neighbourhood – we want to hear from you.

Our engagement programme includes:

- Public events and Q&A sessions with council leaders
- Online opportunities to ask questions and share views
- Roundtable discussions with local businesses, charities and public service partners
- Workshops and briefings for parish and town councils
- Targeted engagement with young people, carers, and service users
- Regular updates via a dedicated website, social media and newsletters

We're also working closely with MPs, the NHS, the police, schools and others to make sure that future services reflect the needs of all communities in Greater Lincolnshire.

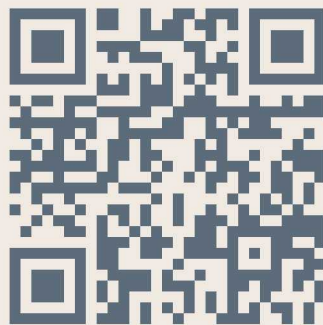
This is your future. Help shape it.

How to get involved

To read the full proposal, find out about events near you, and share your views:

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