

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL PLAN 2018-19

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval of the North Lincolnshire Council Plan 2018-19.
- 1.2 The key points in this report are:
- A Council Plan 2018-19 is a one-year plan, which sets the context for the council's longer term ambitions and a renewed plan in 2019.
 - The plan is the last refresh of the Council Strategy 2016-19 and sets the foundation for the council to develop a new strategic plan through engagement with residents.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The North Lincolnshire Strategy 2016-20 was approved in February 2016. This document sets out what will be prioritised during 2018-19.
- 2.2 At the inception of the new leadership arrangements that were put in place in the latter part of 2016-17, the council started a journey of whole scale change in how it operates and how it has a positive impact on the people and place of North Lincolnshire. This has led to a review of the current North Lincolnshire Strategy.
- 2.3 A one-year plan has been developed to provide information, for residents and stakeholders about the council, what it does, how it is funded and to set out the priorities for the year. A longer term plan for 2019-24 will be developed using the 2018-19 Plan as a basis to engage with residents and communities in more detail about what matters most.
- 2.4 For 2018/19 the priorities are:
- Growing the local economy
 - Keeping people safe and well
 - Enabling communities to flourish

Helping to keep the people of North Lincolnshire: *Safe; Well; Prosperous; Connected*

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1. That Cabinet approves the Council Plan 2018-19.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 The Council Plan 2018/19 is a one-year plan that reflects a final refresh of the Council Strategy 2016/19. Publication of the Plan enables stakeholders to understand the context for the longer term ambitions of the council and highlights the priorities for the year ahead.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 The Council set its medium term financial strategy 2018/23 based upon the ambitions and outcomes set out in this plan and it will inform future financial planning.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

6.1 The Council Plan is a key strategic tool for enhancing the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area.

6.2 Decisions and actions taken in the delivery of the priorities outlined in the plan will be subject to individual integrated impact assessments as appropriate.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 This is a one-year plan that reflects a refresh of the Council Strategy 2016/19. The renewed plan for 2019 and beyond will consider views received through engagement with the public and stakeholders.

7.2 There are no conflicts of interest associated with this report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That Cabinet approves the North Lincolnshire Council Plan 2018-19.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
North Lincolnshire Council Strategy 2016/19

North Lincolnshire Council
COUNCIL PLAN
2018/19



Foreword

We are pleased to introduce your Council Plan 2018/19 which sets out our promise to you and highlights the priorities for the year ahead.

We are proud to be part of North Lincolnshire, passionate about its future and will continue to work hard to achieve even more. People are at the heart of everything we do and we are proud to share in celebrating the excellent outcomes you help us achieve.

We have high expectations of ourselves and our team to deliver to an excellent standard and we are committed to achieving this in the most cost effective way.

North Lincolnshire has much to offer and by working together with you, our communities and partners, we can achieve the very best for residents.



A blue ink signature of Rob Waltham.

Cllr Rob Waltham
Leader of the Council



A blue ink signature of Denise Hyde.

Denise Hyde
Chief Executive



Our promise to you

Over the next 12 months we will:

- ✓ Maintain our high standards.
- ✓ Deliver on our priorities.
- ✓ Be open, trustworthy and honest.
- ✓ Care about you and your community.
- ✓ Work hard to keep council tax low.
- ✓ Spend your money wisely.
- ✓ Do our best for North Lincolnshire.



Welcome to the North Lincolnshire Council Plan 2018/19

This is a one year plan and the last refresh of our Council Strategy 2016/19. It sets the context for our longer term ambitions and a renewed plan in 2019.

The plan sets out:

- What we are here to do for you.
- How we are funded.
- What your council tax is spent on.
- What we will prioritise over the next year.
- How you can get involved and give your views on future plans.



About the place of North Lincolnshire

North Lincolnshire is a fantastic place – an area of expansive countryside, contrasting landscapes, scenic beauty, vibrant market towns and home to world class steel processing and manufacturing.

A place to live. It's home to 171,000 people, where average wages for those in full time work are higher than the regional average and with lower house prices.

A place to grow up. Where 9 out of 10 children and young people

attend a good or outstanding early years setting, school or college and go on to achieve better outcomes than the England averages.

A place to grow older. Where life expectancy is at its highest level, continuing to improve each year and where quality of care provision is high – almost all homecare providers are rated as good and most care homes rated as good or better.

A place for outdoor living. With over 600 miles of footpaths, cycleways

and water ways as well as 17 nature reserves and quality parks and green spaces (four with Green Flags Award). There are a range of sports and leisure facilities and cultural arts venues that promote our local history and heritage.

A place for businesses to grow. With access to the UK's major centres, Europe and beyond through road, rail, air and sea, there is lots of potential to invest and diversify.

#SpaceToGrow

#BestPlace LIVE • WORK • VISIT • INVEST

Our ambition...

We are ambitious for North Lincolnshire.

**We want our area to be the #BestPlace
for our residents.**

#BestPlace

LIVE • WORK • VISIT • INVEST

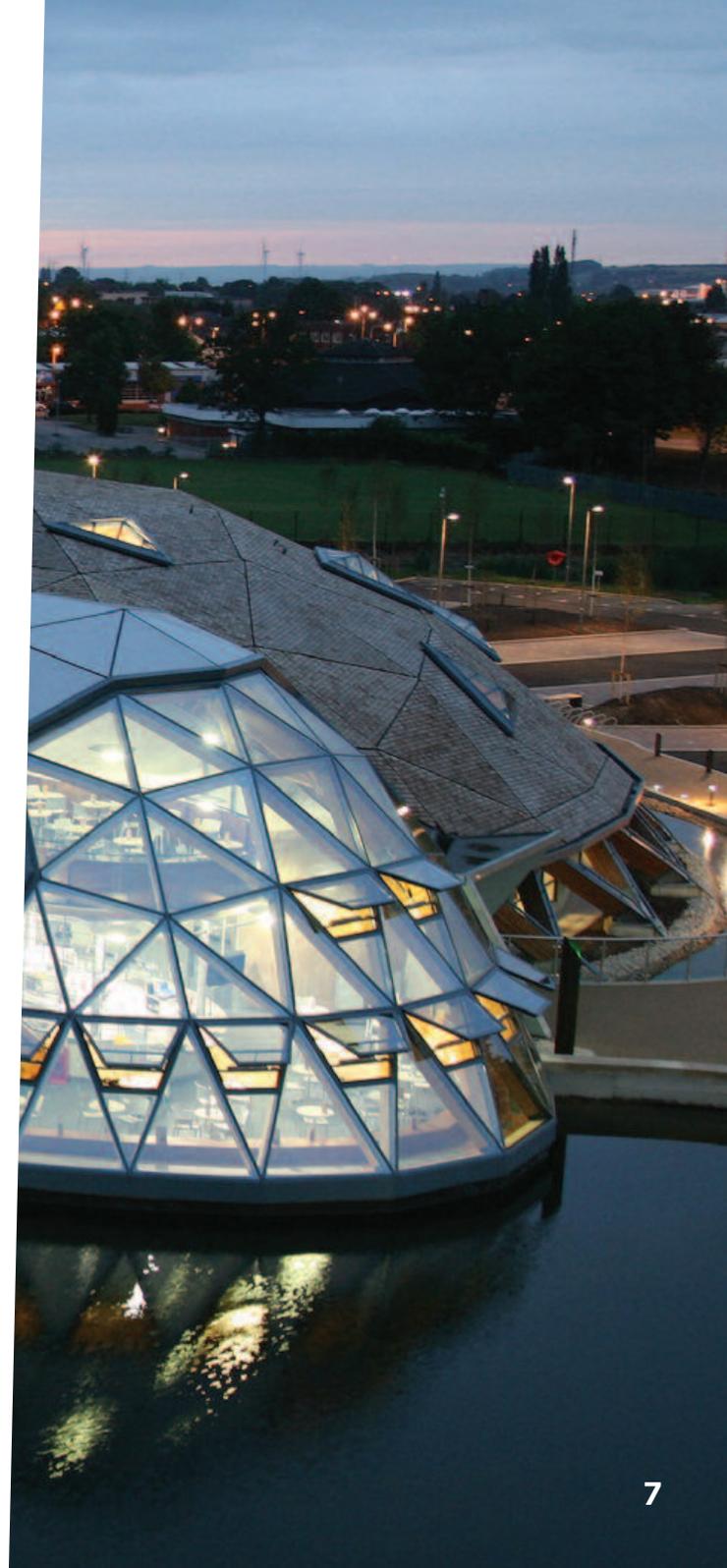


The role of the council

is to work with you and our partners to:



to achieve better outcomes for the people and place of North Lincolnshire



Outcomes for North Lincolnshire

Safe

- Safer roads
- Safer people
- Safer communities
- Safer environments
- Safer spaces



Well

- Cleaner and greener spaces
- Good health and wellbeing
- Quality housing
- Vibrant leisure and culture
- Improved quality of life



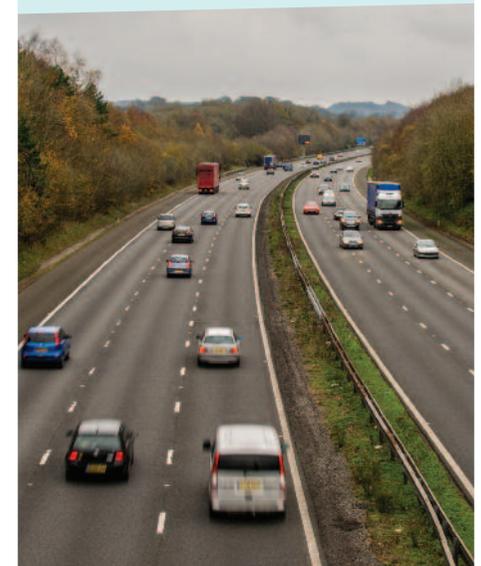
Prosperous

- More jobs, better paid jobs
- Improved skills
- Excellent education
- Thriving businesses
- Accessible childcare



Connected

- Accessible transport
- Flourishing communities
- Superfast digital connectivity
- Better roads and rail
- Strong sense of pride and belonging



About your council

- We are a public body elected to serve the whole of North Lincolnshire.
- 43 councillors – 26 Conservative and 17 Labour – serve 17 areas (wards).
- The next local election will be in May 2019.
- We are responsible for providing hundreds of essential local government services.
- We have a recognised track record of high performance.



North Lincolnshire Council

Recent achievements

- Children's services rated by Ofsted as **Outstanding** (September 2017).
- Our work with the NHS was recognised by CQC as being in the **top 20 of all councils** (December 2017).
- External auditors gave our finances a **clean bill of health** (August 2018).
- Accessibility of our website rated **maximum 4 stars** in a national assessment (April 2018).
- Four of our parks and green spaces have the national **Green Flag Award**(July 2018).
- **Almost half of all waste is recycled** – which is better than the national average (March 2018).
- We successfully hosted Stage 3 of the **Tour of Britain 2017** (September 2017).
- Our **Imagination Library** recognised as the **most successful** international book-gifting programme by the Dollywood Foundation (November 2017).



The council

enables better outcomes for the people and place of North Lincolnshire by:

- providing services *directly*
- providing services *together with our partners*

and;

- buying from *organisations that have the right skills* to provide services on our behalf



But we **don't provide all** public services across North Lincolnshire, for example we **don't** provide:

- **Housing** tenancies are provided by a range of housing providers including



- **Emergency services** – these are provided by



- **GP and health services** – these are provided by **NHS**

- **Some local community services** – these are provided by the *voluntary & community sector* and *town and parish councils*



We have a track record of high performance

But standing still is not an option if we are to achieve our ambition for North Lincolnshire and be the **#BestCouncil** we can be for our residents

Over the last year we have listened to you and made improvements in how we meet your needs...



Some examples...

You said	We did
<p>I want to access services that give me more choice and control, at a time that suits me.</p>	<p>Provided more services digitally via our website, enabling you to do more online, including paying bills, reporting a problem and finding out more about your area.</p>
<p>I want better value for my council tax.</p>	<p>We continued to bring services together to improve customer experience and reduce the number of buildings to save money.</p> <p>We have begun to share resources and skills with other public bodies and to join up services with partners to provide better support to you.</p> <p>We have invested in LED lighting to replace all streetlights and expect to save £500,000 a year on energy consumption and reduce our carbon footprint.</p>



Some examples...

You said	We did
<p>I want more of a say in my local area.</p>	<p>Consulted with you on the North Lincolnshire Local Plan, which sets out the needs and opportunities for the area over the next 19 years for housing, business growth and infrastructure.</p>
<p>I want better roads, pavements and street lighting.</p>	<p>Allocated more money in our 2018/19 budget to invest further in improved community facilities.</p>



The council continues to change how it does business to...

- engage better with communities and listen more to you
- be more **commercial** in the way that we do business
- be **progressive** and **enabling** in our approach
- be even more ambitious for the area
- remain financially **sustainable**; and continue to work hard to deliver on our priorities



For 2018/19 our priorities are...

Growing the economy

Keeping people safe and well

Enabling communities to flourish

Priority

Grow the economy

Why it is important

- To achieve a more **prosperous** North Lincolnshire.
- To help us to invest further in communities.
- To create jobs and opportunities for everyone.

Taking action – we will:

- ✓ Market North Lincolnshire as a place to live, work, visit and invest.
- ✓ Lead partnership working with businesses.
- ✓ Invest in town centres including securing funding from government.
- ✓ Provide space for businesses and population to grow through new commercial and housing developments.
- ✓ Strive for higher education standards and skills.
- ✓ Host key events to celebrate the best of what North Lincolnshire has to offer.

Priority

Keeping people safe and well

Why it is important

- The **safety** and **wellbeing** of residents is our primary purpose.
- To achieve a better quality of life for residents.
- So people can live well for longer.

Taking action – we will:

- ✓ Continue to work hard to keep people safe.
- ✓ Lead partnership working across North Lincolnshire to promote wellbeing and improve health outcomes for everyone.
- ✓ Prioritise the most vulnerable.
- ✓ Provide cleaner and greener space for people to enjoy and use.

Priority

Enabling communities to flourish

Why it is important

- To achieve communities that are better **connected**.
- Strong communities create neighbourhoods where people are proud to live, get on well together and support each other.
- So people experience improved wellbeing.

Taking action – we will:

- ✓ Design services that enable you to have more choice and control in how you interact with us.
- ✓ Enable our communities to become more involved in community life.
- ✓ Engage in new conversations about the things that matter most to you.
- ✓ Invest £24.5m through our capital programme to improve community facilities.

Community developments in 2018/19 to look out for include:



Scunthorpe Central



Brigg Recreation Ground



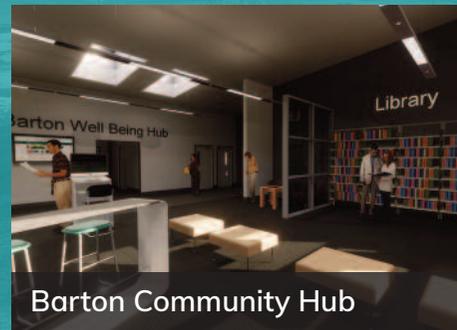
St John's Market



School building improvements



Ancholme Valley Way



Barton Community Hub



Scunthorpe Church Square redevelopment



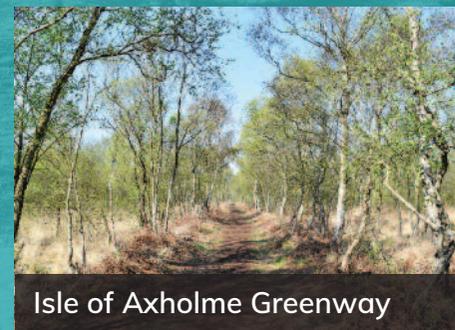
Normanby Hall play area



North Axholme Leisure Centre



Bottesford and Belton visitor centres



Isle of Axholme Greenway



Road improvements

How the council is funded

Your council tax helps to fund our work in improving outcomes for the people of North Lincolnshire.

Council tax provides just under half of the total cost of providing services. Business rates, government grants and charging are also used to fund the work of the council.

However, this funding mix is changing and most of our income will be from council tax and business rates, so we are becoming more commercial and innovative in creating new ways to invest back in communities.

Our revenue budget in 2018/19 for improving outcomes for our residents is £138million.

In addition we have allocated £70million in 2018/19 for capital investments including improvements to local facilities...

...such as schools, community and leisure facilities, along with road and street lighting improvements.



What YOUR council tax is spent on

£102



Keeping children safe

£89



Keeping people well

£239



Keeping vulnerable adults safe

£24



Access to early years education and schools

£9



Helping people into work

£65



Running council business

£40



Transport

£10



Ensuring enough homes and encouraging businesses into the area

£45



Safe roads and green spaces

£88



Investment in local facilities

£89



Clean and safe spaces and communities

£9



Information and library services

£67



Governance and assurance

**Total:
£875.74**

This is based on a Band A property for 2018/19. The total figure does not include the money you pay to support the Police and fire services. Amounts above rounded to nearest pound.

We will play our part in delivering this plan by staying true to our values:

Equality of opportunity so everyone can have a good quality of life.

Striving for **excellence** and high standards.

Using our resources wisely and with **integrity**.

Self-responsibility and people having choice and control over their own lives.



Together we can achieve better outcomes



Taking care of ourselves and others



Getting involved in our communities



Using the council's online services



Taking pride in our area



Protecting our environment



Registering and voting

We welcome your views on this plan, our ambitions and priorities, and your views on making North Lincolnshire the #BestPlace to live, work, visit and invest.



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