

The Forward Plan contains key decisions that the council's cabinet intends to take over the next four months. The Plan will be updated each month. Copies are available from Democratic Services, Pittwood House, Scunthorpe (telephone 01724 296235) or from libraries, local links and other council access points.

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### A key decision is:

- a decision which is likely to result in a significant expenditure or saving,
- or a decision that affects people living or working in an area covering two or more wards.

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Decisions to be made by Cabinet/Cabinet Member				
Ref	What issues we are discussing and the decisions needed	Who makes the final decision, where and when	Who is to be consulted, how and when	Who to contact for more information
04/09 (02)	<p><b>Entitlement to early learning and care for three and four year olds.</b></p> <p><b>To support the following changes to the free entitlement to early learning and care for three and four year olds including the following three areas –</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The extension from 12 and a half-hours a week to 15 hours per week.</b></li> <li><b>To develop a single formula for funding of early years in the school sector and the voluntary, private and independent sectors.</b></li> <li><b>To introduce a consistent pupil counting format by take up rather than allocating a number of places to each early years setting.</b></li> <li><b>To support all early years settings to identify ways of meeting the ‘flexible offer’ – Parents will be entitled to select from options provided by the settings to take their free entitlement in a variety of ways to meet their childcare needs, e.g. a block of three full days – 15 hours or 5 X 3 hour blocks across one week.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>The local authority needs to decide how to implement these changes. It is part of the legislation outlined within the 2006 Child Care Act. The time scales are outlined within the act and the guidance published in July 2008.</b></p> <p>(This has been deferred to October 2009 in order to share evidence of practice.)</p>	<p><b>Time frame –</b> Cabinet Meeting in: - <b>October 2009</b> first allocation of funding to support 25% most disadvantaged areas to access 15 hours free early learning. - <b>April 2010</b> - all three and four year old children within North Lincolnshire to access free 15 hours of early learning. - <b>September 2010</b> – A range of ‘Flexible offer’ options available to all parents. - <b>September 2010</b> LA to have one single formula for early learning funding all settings. - <b>September 2010</b> LA to have in place one consistent pupil counting mechanism.</p>	<p>Elected members: Level 1* Scrutiny: Level 2* Schools – head teachers and governors, early years providers within the private, independent and voluntary sector and the schools forum.</p> <p>Consultation from Autumn 2008 via Council processes and open forums linked to early years forum groups. Consultation with schools and their governing bodies via head teacher fora and consultation groups and governors briefings. Engagement and consultation with the schools forum autumn 2008 onwards.</p>	<p>Children and Young People’s Service</p> <p>Contact:</p> <p>David Lea Service Director Learning, Schools &amp; Communities Tel: 01724 297011 <a href="mailto:david.lea@northlincs.gov.uk">david.lea@northlincs.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Sandra Simmons Head of Community Services and Younger Children Tel: 01724 297187 <a href="mailto:sandra.simmons@northlincs.gov.uk">sandra.simmons@northlincs.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Becky McIntyre Head of Resources Tel: 01724 296913 <a href="mailto:becky.mcintyre@northlincs.gov.uk">becky.mcintyre@northlincs.gov.uk</a></p>

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09/09 (01)	<p><b>Consultation on Allocations Policy</b></p> <p><b>A decision is required from the Cabinet Member to agree a new common housing allocations policy with Registered Social Landlords as part of the sub-regional Choice Based Letting Scheme for North and North East Lincolnshire.</b></p> <p>The decision has been delayed in order to fit in with the revised consultation timetable.</p>	Housing and Strategic Planning Cabinet Member in <b>November 2009</b>	Elected members Level 2* Scrutiny Level 2*  Social Housing Tenants Members of the general public Interested support agencies	Housing Division Church Square House Scunthorpe  Contact: Mark Sherwood Head of Housing Tel: 01724 297628 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mark.sherwood@northlincs.gov.uk">mark.sherwood@northlincs.gov.uk</a>
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10/09 (01)	<p><b>Procurement Strategy 2009 – 2011</b></p> <p><b>North Lincolnshire Council spends around £100m every year on supplies, services and works procured from Third Sector Organisations, contractors, suppliers and service providers.</b></p> <p><b>The importance of procurement in helping the council to provide value for money services to local people is recognised in a procurement strategy. The strategy explains how the council manages its procurement activity and the contribution it makes to the achievement of the Strategic Plan.</b></p> <p><b>The ability to demonstrate that the council’s procurement arrangements are effective is now a key test of its overall ability to provide value for money.</b></p> <p><b>The strategy will be updated to reflect the progress that has been made in developing the council’s procurement capability over the last 12 months and will set out a new action plan for delivering and sustaining further improvement.</b></p> <p><b>Cabinet will be asked to consider and approve an updated procurement strategy for 2009 - 2011</b></p>	<p>Cabinet meeting to be held at <b>6 pm on 14 October 2009</b> at Pittwood House, Scunthorpe.</p>	<p><b>Elected Members:</b> Level 1* <b>Stakeholders:</b> The council’s Strategic Procurement Group, comprising representatives from key procuring services and the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, will consider the updated strategy in August.</p>	<p>Finance Service Strategic Procurement &amp; VfM Unit Pittwood House Ashby Road Scunthorpe DN16 1AB</p> <p>Contact: Jason Whaler Strategic Procurement &amp; VfM Manager Tel: 01724 296018 e-mail: <a href="mailto:jason.whaler@northlincs.gov.uk">jason.whaler@northlincs.gov.uk</a></p>
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<p>10/09 (02)</p>	<p><b>Three Year Strategy for Carers</b></p> <p><b>To approve a three year strategy for carers and a Delivery Plan to improve information, support and services for adult carers caring for vulnerable adults living in North Lincolnshire.</b></p>	<p>Cabinet meeting to be held at <b>6 pm on 14 October 2009</b> at Pittwood House, Scunthorpe.</p>	<p>Elected members Level 2* Scrutiny Level 2*</p> <p>Carers and carers support organisations are involved in the development of this strategy and are supportive of its proposals.</p> <p>LSP partners including the NHS will be consulted through the Well-being and Health Improvement Partnership sub group of the Local Strategic Partnership.</p> <p>Adult Social Services Cabinet Member has been involved in the development of the strategy.</p>	<p>Adult Social Services The Angel Market Place Brigg DN20 8LD</p> <p>Contact: Pete Lenehan Head of Older People and Strategic Partnerships Tel: 01724 296457 Email: <a href="mailto:peter.lenehan@northlincs.gov.uk">peter.lenehan@northlincs.gov.uk</a></p>
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10/09 (03)	<p><b>Budget Review October 2009</b></p> <p>The council monitors spending against budget month by month throughout the year, with a formal report to cabinet at regular intervals. The budget review provides an opportunity to take stock of the spending position in revenue and capital budgets and to track operational performance. This includes National Indicator (NI) 179 which measures the level of efficiency savings achieved against target; and measures of treasury activity covering council borrowing and investment.</p> <p>Where necessary the cabinet may approve resource changes within the cash-limited budget to address emerging issues.</p>	Cabinet Meeting to be held <b>at 6pm on 14 October 2009</b> at Pittwood House Scunthorpe.	Elected Members: Level 1*	<p>Mike Wedgewood, Head of Finance Pittwood House Scunthorpe</p> <p>Tel 296012 e-mail <a href="mailto:mike.wedgewood@northlincs.gov.uk">mike.wedgewood@northlincs.gov.uk</a></p>
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<p>01/08 (01)</p>	<p><b>Civil Parking Enforcement (decriminalisation) ie. transfer of enforcement powers from the Police to the council.</b></p> <p><b>This is a process resulting from a government initiative to ‘decriminalise’ parking enforcement throughout the country by 2011. Humberside Police approached North Lincolnshire Council in 2005 to ask if we would consider introducing as soon as practicable.</b></p> <p><b>It has now been decided that the enforcement will be managed by an in-house team. The Highways and Planning and Corporate Services Cabinet Members have approved a new staffing structure and vacant posts have now started to be advertised.</b></p> <p><b>Work to check and rectify any problems with existing traffic regulation orders is well advanced and a Consolidation Order, which confirms the legal status of approximately 95% of all parking restrictions within North Lincolnshire, has recently been completed. Work to complete legal orders for a small number of remaining restrictions, along with a consolidated off street order, is on-going. A new IT system has been procured and will be installed shortly.</b></p> <p><b>Key tasks to be completed include recruitment to vacant posts, securing suitable accommodation, staff training, policy development and obtaining approval from the Department for Transport.</b></p> <p><b>It is anticipated that Civil Parking Enforcement will be introduced in Late 2009/Early 2010.</b></p>	<p>Highways and Planning Cabinet Member in <b>November 2009.</b></p>	<p>Elected Members: Level 2* Scrutiny: Level 2*</p> <p>Town and Parish Councils Police Local Business Community Other Emergency Services</p>	<p>Highways and Planning Church Square House Scunthorpe</p> <p>Contact: Sally Walker Team Manager, Parking Services Tel: 01724 297476 Email: <a href="mailto:sally.walker@northlincs.gov.uk">sally.walker@northlincs.gov.uk</a></p>
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11/09 (01)	<p><b>Concessionary Fare Scheme</b></p> <p><b>Approval of the Proposed Concessionary Fare Scheme Statement for the year beginning 1 April 2010. The Statement sets out...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the concessions available to passholders (free travel on local buses between 09:30 and 23:00, Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on bank holidays is a legal minimum) and</li> <li>details of how the Council will reimburse bus operators for the money lost by allowing passholders to travel without paying a fare.</li> </ul>	Highways and Planning Cabinet Member in <b>November 2009</b> .	<p>Elected Members: Level 2* Scrutiny: Level 2*</p> <p>Bus operators will be consulted in writing on any revised reimbursement proposals before the date of the meeting.</p>	<p>David Hewitt, Public Transport Team Manager Highways &amp; Planning Service. Church Square House Scunthorpe</p> <p><a href="mailto:dave.hewitt@northlincs.gov.uk">dave.hewitt@northlincs.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Tel 01724 297444</p>
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02/10 (01)	<p><b>Carbon Management Programme</b></p> <p><b>North Lincolnshire Council was accepted into the Local Authority Carbon Management Programme on 19 May 2009. The primary focus of the programme is to help the council to define and reduce its carbon footprint. To support this programme the council has established a carbon programme board and a carbon management team. At the end of the process the council will produce a carbon reduction plan.</b></p> <p><b>Decisions are required to authorise the carbon reduction plan and progress with its implementation, and to authorise the making of an application for Salix interest free loans to support the implementation of the carbon reduction plan</b></p>	Cabinet meeting to be held at 6 pm on 3 February 2010 at Pittwood House, Scunthorpe.	<p>Elected Members: Level 2* Scrutiny: Level 2*</p> <p>Carbon Programme Board And Carbon Management team (The carbon management team is made up of representatives from the most carbon intensive service areas within the council). Carbon Trust Energy Saving Trust</p>	<p>Tim Allen Environment Team Manager Highways and Planning Church Square House Scunthorpe</p> <p>01724 297387 <a href="mailto:tim.allen@northlincs.gov.uk">tim.allen@northlincs.gov.uk</a></p>
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