

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL

CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To propose changes to the Council's Constitution arising from a reallocation of executive portfolio responsibilities as notified by the Leader of the Council.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Local Government Act 2000 requires the council to adopt a Constitution. The Constitution is a "living document" which requires frequent amendment to keep up with changes made by the council to its management structure and procedures.

3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Members will be aware that the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mrs Redfern has been created Baroness Redfern of the Isle of Axholme and was ennobled on 29 October 2015. Baroness Redfern's role as a Member of the House of Lords will necessitate attendance in the House of Lords.
- 3.2 In line with the strong leader model of governance which the council adopted some time ago, Baroness Councillor Redfern was elected as the Leader of the Council at the annual meeting of the council on 21 May 2015 for a four year period. Baroness Redfern has now written to the Chief Executive informing him that she will continue in her role as Leader of the Council for the term of office she was elected to but has decided to amend her executive portfolio to reflect the increased time she will be spending on her responsibilities. With the exception of the devolution agenda which the Leader will continue to lead on, the other executive portfolio duties and responsibilities previously undertaken by the Leader will be allocated to the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Rob Waltham. Attached as appendices to this report are details of the revised portfolios which will take effect from the date of this meeting.
- 3.3 In long established convention in the absence of the Leader of the Council the Deputy Leader will carry out the functions of the Leader of the Council.

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

4.1 There are no staffing, property or IT implications associated with this report. However, in relation to the financial implications, both the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council receive a special responsibility allowance for undertaking those roles. In the light of the above, it has been agreed that the combined Special Responsibility Allowances for the Leader and Deputy Leader should be split equally between the two to reflect the reallocation of responsibilities as outlined above. This adjustment will have no impact on the budget for members allowances which will remain as set out by council for the period to 2018/2019.

5. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

5.1 Not applicable.

6. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

6.1 The proposed changes to the Constitution are as a result of the details referred to above.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 That Baroness Redfern of the Isle of Axholme be congratulated on being made a Peer of the Realm.

7.2 That the proposed arrangements for the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council as set out in the report and the appendices be approved and adopted and incorporated into the council's constitution.

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Background papers used in the preparation of this report - Nil

CABINET MEMBERS	FUNCTION
LEADER INCLUDING DEVOLUTION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="630 342 1402 416">1. To oversee the strategic financial issues relating to the council.<li data-bbox="630 454 1402 562">2. Regional and Sub-Regional Networking including all matters relating to the developing devolution agenda.<li data-bbox="630 600 1402 741">3. To be the Council's representative on the Humber Leadership Board and the Greater Lincolnshire Leaders Board and to deal with matters in relation to the work of those Boards.

DEPUTY LEADER
INCLUDING
REGENERATION AND
HEALTH AND STRATEGIC
PROJECTS

1. To consider policies and programmes relevant to the economic wellbeing, regeneration and renaissance of the area.
2. To approve initiatives to take advantage of funding mechanisms of the UK Government, the European Union and other sources of external funding.
3. To approve and monitor all marketing, promotion and similar communication activities designed to enhance the area and the work of the Council.
4. To deal with all matters relating to land reclamation within the council's approved policies.
5. To deal with all matters relating to the council's relationship with external trading agencies and new deal initiatives.
6. To approve grants for twinning/linking arrangements within a budget and in accordance with general policy.
7. The council's functions within the following broad areas
 - (a) Strategic Policy, Planning and Spatial Planning;
 - (b) Development Control and Enforcement;
 - (c) Tourism, Markets and Town Centre;
 - (d) Building Control;
8. To oversee all aspects of the Council's emergency planning arrangements.
9. To deal with all matters relating to the council's markets functions.
10. The development of policy relating to Adult Education Services within the context of council policy and national legislation.

	<p>11. To monitor and review the range, standards and quality of Adult Education Services and ensure effective provision within budgets determined by the council.</p> <p>12. To consider and make recommendations on the council's quality assurance service commitments and reports regarding Adult Education Services.</p> <p>13. To give political leadership across all aspects of health in respect of the following key challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Public health, wellbeing and health improvement by championing work to increase life expectancy and encourage healthier lifestyles reducing inequalities in health and address wider social factors that contribute to health and wellbeing; (b) Integrated health and social care arrangements and providing effective commissioning for improved health outcomes – championing effective commissioning of interventions based on what is known about North Lincolnshire's health needs in order to reduce long term costs and improve people's health and wellbeing including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mandatory issues such as sexual health, child measurement and the NHS health check (ii) Discretionary issues such as smoking cessation, obesity and nutrition and public mental health (c) Health protection – lead North Lincolnshire's resilience through protection from infections diseases, environmental hazards and preparedness to respond through emergency planning. <p>14. To lead parties in North Lincolnshire and the wider health community to achieve all of the issues and more set out in paragraph 1 above including:-</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Promotion of public health and wellness(b) Effective development of public health responsibilities(c) Developing a transformational approach to the achievement of improved health and wellbeing outcomes(d) Health awareness(e) Healthy lifestyles(f) Healthy environment(g) Sport and wellness initiatives in collaboration with other cabinet members(h) Children and Adult Services Capital Schemes <p>15. The health agenda is crosscutting and wide ranging and will impact on the work of all cabinet members and the wider health community. It will require major partnership working with a whole range of organisations which will require significant leadership led by the cabinet member for health and strategic projects.</p> <p>16. To lead and develop all strategic projects undertaken by the council across the whole breadth of the Council's functions and responsibilities. This will require close working and collaboration with all cabinet members, the Council's Management Team and the various partners working with the Council across North Lincolnshire.</p> <p>17. To approve staffing matters relating to the service area.</p>
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