

Appendix A

Councillors will be aware that Lincolnshire has secured a Devolution deal. This was announced in the Autumn Statement and the timeline to implement the Mayoral Combined Authority is now underway starting with a consultation across greater Lincolnshire.

The Executive Board cautiously support the proposal, recognising that this will be the first step in what will be a longer journey to secure future deals. While district councils are not signatories to the deal, we have worked hard to establish a positive vision document for Lincolnshire working with our upper tier partners.

We have also secured 4 Seats on the Mayoral Combined Authority and while we are considered non-constituent members we have agreed voting rights on most matters. We will ensure that the SELCP is well represented as we continue to consolidate the partnership.

District leaders are going to produce a Memorandum of Understanding with the upper tiers to safeguard our interests such as the UKSPF and towns fund allocations plus agreed voting rights for the non constituent seats on the MCA.

The deal is not as generous as the 2016 offer but it is better than most recently agree and while many might have reservations about an elected Mayor, we are confident that the ambitions and future needs of Greater Lincolnshire can be delivered via this devolution deal.

For clarity, districts remain sovereign councils delivering as we have before. The deal seeks to strengthen upper tier delivery on such issues as Transport, skills and economic growth. The proposal has been shared with all councillors but the headlines are as follows..

- £24 million per annum for 30 years to invest in skills and infrastructure totalling £720 million.
- Multi year transport budget that can be spent on local priorities
- Funding for adult education
- One off £28.4 million capital investment. This has landed well for East Lindsey with a flood alleviation project for Kirkby on Bain and circa £9million for major road, cycleway and footpath improvements between Skegness and Sandilands. We were hoping to input on more projects for the districts but timelines for spending this funding are incredibly tight and the decision was made by their upper tiers to progress these deliverable schemes.

One key issue that will be of interest for Lincolnshire is the localisation of decision making relating to flood risk and flood defence. Recent events have shown how vulnerable we are and having more local powers to work with the EA and IDBs is a significant step.

We will have a formal briefing in the new year.