

## CLLR ALEXANDER MAUGHAN LINCOLNSHIRE CC UPDATE – DECEMBER 2023



### Devolution deal for Greater Lincolnshire

Councillors at Lincolnshire County Council have voted in favour of taking the next steps towards a devolution deal for Greater Lincolnshire.

Residents are now set to be asked for their views on the devolution proposal, following a Full Council meeting on 1 December 2023. A public consultation asking people in Greater Lincolnshire for their views and comments will start on Monday 4 December and will last for eight weeks.

Lincolnshire County Council's leader, Cllr Martin Hill, said: "This is an important day for the council and the county. We have negotiated an ambitious deal with the government that will bring benefits to our residents for years to come, making sure we don't get left behind. I hope that residents will take the time to understand what's on offer and give their views as part of the consultation. This is our opportunity to take more decisions locally, boost our economy and have a direct line to government about what we need in our area."

A devolution deal would move important funding and choices about local investment, infrastructure and training from Government to local decision makers.

The Proposal outlines the benefits to Greater Lincolnshire that devolution will bring, which include:

- A Mayoral Investment Fund of £24 million per annum for 30 years to invest in infrastructure and skills development totalling £720m;
- A one off £28.4m capital investment in Greater Lincolnshire's priorities;
- £2m capacity funding over three years;
- £1m skills for job funding;
- Local control over the Adult Education Budget from 2026;
- A consolidated, multi-year transport fund, providing increased financial certainty.

Following the consultation, further formal meetings will take place to assess the consultation results and put a recommendation to the Government. If a decision is taken to move forward, a Mayoral Combined County Authority would be formed with the election for a Mayor in May 2025.

More details about devolution and the public consultation is available at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/devolution)

### Latest fire service inspection report published for Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Service

Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue provides a good response to fires and other emergencies, according to the latest findings from the body responsible for inspecting fire and police services.

The report from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), notes the progress the service has made since its last inspection, and no areas of the service have been judged as inadequate.

HMICFRS has highlighted areas of further improvement which mainly relate to supporting staff and an additional focus on increasing the equality and diversity of the workforce.

The inspectorate also identified two areas of promising practice - the effectiveness of the co-responding service, where fire crews provide lifesaving, trauma care across Lincolnshire; and the 'assured level of risk' model, that continually reviews where the highest risk areas are and the actions needed to prevent and respond to them.

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## Highways maintenance performance data for Quarter 1 2023/24

Measure	Number of reports/schemes	% within response time
Emergency call outs – 2 hour response time	578	98.47
Reactive works – 22 hour/6 day/25 day/80 day response time	14,633	91.48%
Planned highway schemes/maintenance works	70	100.00

### Highway programme of works for 2023/24

The programme for 2023/24 is almost complete, with just a few months until the year end. Over 700 schemes were planned throughout the year, which include;

- 240 Footway micro surfacing sites that commence in April
- 87 Carriageway micro surfacing sites that commence in August
- 26 Footway reconstruction sites planned across 2023/24
- 53 Carriageway lining replacement sites that commence in June
- 25 Carriageway patching schemes planned across 2023/24
- 80 Carriageway resurfacing sites planned across 2023/24
- 170 Surface dressing sites that commence in June
- 20 Drainage improvement scheme planned across 2023/24

Details of all the schemes can be found on the interactive programme map within the LCC website.

### Lincolnshire electric vehicle survey launched

LCC wants you to have your say on the future of electric vehicle provision in Lincolnshire. The survey, now live on Let's Talk, is about gathering Lincolnshire's views on electric vehicles, charge points and how the county will continue to build its programme for a greener car travelling future.

The electric vehicle county-wide charging provision is still in the early stages and, to make sure that the county council has the right foundations in place, LCC says it wants 'real world' input and info from the public.

The survey is open to anyone and everyone, not just those with hybrid or electric cars: [www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/electric-vehicle-charging](http://www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/electric-vehicle-charging)

### Lincolnshire children's services retain 'outstanding' rating

Ofsted inspectors visited the county in April to review the help, protection and care afforded to children and young people from our Children's Services. They found that families across Lincolnshire continue to have access to localised services that help to keep them safe and support young people to make good progress.

Inspectors particularly noted how council staff, schools, and other adults involved in children's lives, worked together to ensure that help was provided quickly when needed, before any potential issues had a chance to escalate.

It is wonderful to see the hard work of our staff recognised, and this 'outstanding' review will no doubt inspire staff to build upon this success and find ways to improve the support we provide to families even further, so that Lincolnshire remains a great place for children to flourish.

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## Grantham Southern Relief Road – November 2023 update

Latest updates for the Grantham Southern Relief Road.

### What we achieved in October

Phase Three:

- West side of site – cast bridge launch foundations for western foundation
- East side of site – east abutment excavation and pile cropping / Pier 5 backfill and concrete works / Pier 6 piling works

### What's happening in November

Phase Three:

- West side of site – complete trestle launch foundations / begin assembling steelwork
- East side of site – east abutment excavation and pile cropping / Pier 5 concrete works / Pier 6 piling works

### Current/ongoing traffic restrictions and closures

Lane restrictions around the B1174 Roundabout to facilitate the construction of the haul route and access into site

### Upcoming traffic restrictions and closures

N/A

For more information about this and other major highways projects, visit: [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/majorprojects](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/majorprojects).

## Winter on the roads 2023

Lincolnshire's Gritter Crew – the stats

- The county has a budget of £1.2m a year for salt. Last year the council spent £1,000,000 on the grippy stuff. The molasses-treated salt that is bought in will last for five years – this lifespan had never been tested though as the salt stored is always used well before the five years is up
- There are 47 Gritters that serve the county – these range from mainly 26-tonne gritters with 10-tonne hoppers, 18-tonne lorries with 6-tonne hoppers on the back and smaller 10-tonne versions with a 3-tonne hopper on the back
- LCC holds 29,200 tonnes of salt in the county's depots
- On average, LCC uses 20,000 tonnes of salt a year
- The most salt ever used in one winter was across the 2010/11 'Beast from the East' brutally cold season. That year a massive 38,000 tonnes of salt was put down on the roads
- There are 12 weather stations around the county feeding data back about the weather and road temperatures. LCC has access to eight others sited with other counties which help to more accurately predict weather systems as they come across the country

If you have questions or comments, please contact me at;

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