

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION SUBMISSION

Following support from Council at their meeting held on Thursday 20th November, the Executive Board will be considering the final submission for the Local Government Reorganisation proposals at their meeting on Thursday 27th November.

You can listen to the audio of this meeting via this link:

Agenda for Executive Board on Thursday. 27th November, 2025, 2.00pm | North Kesteven District Council

FLOURISHING COMMUNITIES' SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2025 – LINCOLNSHIRE RESILIENCE FORUM PRESENTATION SLIDES

The presentation slides for Item 8 LINCOLNSHIRE RESILIENCE FORUM have now been published and can be found alongside the agenda pack in the Mod.Gov app and here on the website: Agenda for Flourishing Communities Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday, 19th November 2025. 5.00 pm | North Kesteven District Council

Update from Kimberely Pickett, Community Resilience Officer:

“ I’m excited to share the second edition of the Lincolnshire Community Resilience News, which you can find on the Lincolnshire resilience Forum’s website. This issue is packed with important dates and stories, including:

A video from Cllr Alex McGonigle – Executive councillor following their visit to County Emergency centre

Information on the new grant funding from Anglian Water – Thriving Community Fund

An inspiring success story from a recent community response

LCC’s information on Watercourse maintenance and Riparian responsibilities.

This link will take you direct to the LRF website where the newsletter is now hosted:

Lincolnshire Resilience Forum Ready For Anything Volunteers

Community resilience is about neighbours helping neighbours, and your help in spreading this information is vital. North Kesteven encourages you to read the newsletter and forward to anyone in your community who you think would be interested in getting involved. Thank you for being part of our efforts to build a safer, more resilient Lincolnshire.”

SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY

With temperatures dropping below freezing this week the Severe Weather Emergency Protocols have been activated which open up additional provision for people sleeping rough during this period of extreme weather.

If you are concerned about somebody who is, please contact the Housing Options Team for further support and assistance. Call 01529 414155, email

housingoptions@n-kesteven.gov.uk , or out of hours, call the emergency line: 01529 308308, or Freephone 08081692777.

NORTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL – RECEPTION TIMES

As from 1st December 2025, there face to face opening times are changed for Reception.

Reception will now be open from Monday-Friday, 9.00am to 3.00pm, with no lunchtime closures.

As before, customer should be encouraged to make appointments not drop in, to allow your services to manage demand effectively.

There may be some impact on time it takes to answer the telephone enquiries in Customer Services as a result of these changes – however they will be switching on a ‘call back from Customer Services’ option for customers – they will then call those customers back after 1530 once the face-to-face reception has closed. They will be monitoring this closely throughout December.

NHS ISSUES URGENT SOS TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HAD THEIR FLU JABS

The NHS in Lincolnshire is issuing an urgent 'flu jab SOS' to encourage eligible people to come forward for their flu vaccinations before the worst of the winter hits.

In line with the rest of the country, Lincolnshire has seen a significant increase in flu cases over the last week or so (as of November 10th 2025), with the highest rate being in those aged 5 – 14 years old.

Eligible adults can book an appointment to get their flu vaccine now via their local pharmacy via the NHS App, through their GP practice or by calling 119 or visiting www.nhs.uk/booking to book online.

You can find out more about the children's flu vaccine, including which age groups are eligible and how to the children's flu vaccination here:

Children's flu vaccine – NHS.

The PHARMACY FINDER can be used to find walk in appointments.

NK COMMUNITY LOTTERY

If you know any groups in your Parish that could benefit from regular fund raising, then NK Community Lottery is a great FREE option. Set up by the Council to help local charities, voluntary organisations, sports clubs, and community groups to raise funds. It is an online lottery with a weekly draw.

The NK Community Lottery celebrates its fourth birthday in December and it is easy to get involved and to support this great initiative, supporting local good causes whilst being in with a chance to win fantastic prizes.

Tickets cost £1 and 50p of the ticket goes to the local good cause chosen by the ticket purchaser on the NK Community Lottery website. Supporters get to donate funds to causes dear to their hearts and invest in their local community at the same time as being in with a chance of winning "£25,000!"

Not for profit organisations (Charities or Community Interest groups for example) based in or providing a service to residents in North Kesteven, including the towns of Sleaford and Hykeham and the villages in between, can sign up for free to raise funds through the NK Lottery.

Good causes also receive free marketing materials to help them to promote the Lottery to their supporters. Signing up as a good cause only takes 10 minutes. For any more information, please contact email the partnerships team – partnershipteam@n-kesteven.gov.uk or call 01529 414155

LATEST COUNCIL STORIES

You can keep up to date with the latest Council news releases on the website.

Sleaford Conservation Area management plan for consultation

Cranwell Aviation Heritage Museum to temporarily close for refresh and maintenance

Visit England Hidden Gem Accolade for local museum Mrs Smith's Cottage

Experience the magic and festivities of Winter Lights in Sleaford

HELP KEEP LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTHY

Share your views on the best ways to help people live healthier lives in Lincolnshire

Lincolnshire County Council is consulting on the future of its healthy lifestyle services. Currently the service supports adults to lose weight, be more active, drink less or give up smoking.

Is a fresh approach needed? What is the best way for them to support people to lead healthy lifestyles?

You can share your views at www.letstalk.lincolnshire.guv.uk/integrated-lifestyle-service-consultation

This survey closes on DECEMBER 3RD 2025.

PROPOSED MAJOR CHANGES TO POLICING GOVERNANCE

The Home Secretary intends to bring forward a White Paper on Police reform that will outline a programme of wide-ranging reforms intended to drive quality, consistency and efficiency in policing to ensure it is set up to deliver for the public.

This includes plans to abolish the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) model at the end of the current term in 2028 and transfer police governance functions to Majors on Strategic Authorities wherever possible, or to elect local council leaders where it is not.

Where it is not possible to transfer PCC functions to Majors in this Parliament, they propose to create new local Policing and Crime Boards to bring local government leaders together to oversee the police force for an area.

The Home Office plans to bring forward legislation in the second session to make these changes subject to Parliamentary time.

I would like to wish all Parish Councillors a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year with family and friends.

Best Wishes

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