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Town and parish council update

Latest information for town and parish councils
in Lincolnshire

Welcome to the November issue of your Town and Parish Council Newsletter

In our final edition for 2024, you can learn about our campaign for fairer funding, read Cllr Hill's reaction to the Budget announcement, and find out about Good Home Lincs and the Housing Support Fund.

You can also participate in our current engagement activities, find out how to make emergency plans for your area and take part in the Police and Crime Commissioner's annual survey on policing in Lincolnshire.

Fairer funding would mean an extra £120m a year for Lincolnshire

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Fighting for fairer funding

The county council has launched a new campaign calling on government to give Lincolnshire its fair share of national funding.

The new campaign was launched at the Lincolnshire Growth Summit on Friday 15 November, attended by councillors, MPs, potential mayoral candidates and business leaders.

The event highlighted that rural counties like Lincolnshire continue to be short-changed compared to more urban areas. It also covered the additional challenges associated with delivering services in rural communities and the financial pressures facing local authorities in light of rising demand for services, such as adult care and children's social care.

To show the scale of the challenge facing the council, this year the authority expects to spend around £350m on adult care – the equivalent of almost £1m a day – plus £130m on children's social care and £50m on school transport.

Examples of projects that could potentially be paid for by fairer funding include:

- Repairing and rebuilding our most rural, smaller roads so they are more able to cope with modern traffic, such as HGVs and farm vehicles
- Funding 100 flood prevention schemes, protecting up to 5,600 more homes
- Building on the good progress in extending access to high-speed broadband, using recent innovations to get signals to remote places

To find out more on how you can pledge your support for a fair deal for Lincolnshire, visit [our website](#).



Does your community have a plan to keep you safe in an emergency?

We're urging community groups in Lincolnshire to make an emergency plan, tailored to the needs of their area and residents.

A new tool from the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum allows local groups, parish and town councils to work through a series of straightforward questions, which will generate a clear emergency plan. It will address their specific needs during emergencies such as flooding, extreme hot or cold weather, power outages or a pandemic.

The council's emergency planning team are available to assist with any questions or concerns, offer guidance on how to use the generated plan, and to provide ongoing support to communities.

Community groups can find out more about emergency planning at an event on Thursday 28 November 2024 at the County Emergency Centre, South Park Avenue, Lincoln, LN5 8EL between 6 - 8pm.

To secure your place or find out more about making an emergency plan, please visit the [Lincolnshire Resilience Forum website](#).



Leader of the council reacts to latest budget announcements

Cllr Martin Hill OBE, leader of Lincolnshire County Council, has given his reaction to the Autumn budget announcements made by the chancellor on Wednesday 30 October 2024.

You can view Cllr Hill's response and find out more on [our website](#).



Your thoughts on: pylons and solar farms

Our County Views surveys help us get a snapshot of how we're doing, and to improve services for people across Lincolnshire. We run them three times a year.

In this winter survey, we're asking about your views on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs), such as pylons and solar farms, in the county. We want to know:

- If you're aware of any NSIPs in your district, and how concerned (if at all) you are

- What locations you think would be suitable for solar panels, and your thoughts on the proposal of 420 pylons along the east of Lincolnshire and Norfolk
- How you'd expect to receive information about large-scale developments in your area

We will use your responses to produce a report, which will be published alongside **our previous County Views survey reports**.

To take part, visit **Let's talk Lincolnshire**, sign in or register and tell us what you think. The survey is open until 20 January 2025.



The help you need to make your house a home

A new information and advice hub is available to all Lincolnshire residents to improve their housing.

Whether it's maintenance, heating, insulation, home adaptations or finding a trusted trader – it's all available on the Good Home Lincs pages of the Connect to Support Lincolnshire website.

There's also a virtual house and a new Healthy Home Assessment tool which can help you identify common household hazards, potential home improvements, or repairs. This guided assessment provides information and suggestions to help you remain safer and healthier at home.

Lincolnshire County Council has been working with district councils and other partners across the county and the Centre for Ageing Better to create the new resources. The Good Home Lincs hub can be found via our **Connect to Support website**.



Government announces further Household Support Fund support

Lincolnshire has been awarded £5.5m by the government for the sixth round of the Household Support Fund, covering the period from 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025. The county council has worked with district councils to agree how this funding can be used most effectively to support those most in need with the cost of essentials.

Approximately 64% will go to schools and early years providers, to support children eligible for benefits-related free school meals, early years pupil premium and families with a two-year-old eligible for early years entitlement. This will be distributed during November and December.

1% will be used to provide financial support to eligible care leavers in supported living accommodation. Those eligible will be contacted directly and will not have to apply for support.

Approximately 34% of the funding will go to district councils to support vulnerable households via local schemes using an application-based process.

[Further details can be found on our website.](#)



Have your say on the future of policing in Lincolnshire

This November, residents can help shape how their communities are policed and kept safe. The annual survey, organised by Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner Marc Jones, attracted a high volume of responses last year.

In previous years the views expressed have been the driving force behind significant changes in Lincolnshire Police services. A dedicated roads policing unit, new rural crime teams, increases in neighbourhood officers and investment in technology– all have been launched thanks to the survey.

You have until 15 December to **take part in this year's survey.**



Consultation on St Christopher's Children's Centre, Boston

The local community is being asked for its views on services formerly delivered from St Christopher's children centre in Boston.

Last December, the centre's activities and services were temporarily relocated to the nearby Carlton Road and Norfolk Lodge children's centres due to issues with the building's roof. The St Christopher's building

continues to require significant maintenance, and the landlord has not agreed to the necessary works, at this time.

The council is now considering options for the future and is asking people for their feedback. **You can find out more and share your views online.**

The consultation is due to run to 6 December.

Find out more about Lincolnshire children's centres.

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