

MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL – 24 JANUARY 2022

AGENDA ITEM 8

QUESTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

1) *Question to the Leader of the Council, from Councillor John McNeill – Local Ward Member for Market Rasen*

"The Boundary Commission for England following the passing of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020 in December 2020 and the publication of the relevant Parliamentary electorate data in January 2021 commenced a new review of Parliamentary constituencies in England (referred to as the '2023 Review'), of which the first statutory consultation on initial proposals concluded on 2nd August 2021.

The Boundary Commission for England anticipate publishing the responses to the first consultation early this year and undertaking their second consultation from 22nd February 2022 for six weeks. Following this and the formulation of their proposals they intend to publish their proposals late this year and conduct a four week consultation on them. Their intention is then to submit and publish their final report in June 2023.

The current proposals by the Boundary Commission for England for the Gainsborough constituency, of which West Lindsey is a part, is to remove that part of the constituency comprising Wragby Ward of East Lindsey District Council and in effect make the Gainsborough constituency have the same boundary as the district of West Lindsey.

Is the Leader aware of the detail of these proposals?

Given the current proposal, would he support the District Council engaging in the Boundary Commission for England's second consultation to propose that the name of the Gainsborough constituency, despite its historical associations, be amended to 'West Lindsey'? Would he further agree that and support all members of this Council to make representations on this matter to the Boundary Commission for England?

"Surely the Leader will agree that there can be few similar opportunities to, not only promote the brand of West Lindsey nationally, but also to support the desire of many in this Council and District who are concerned about the perceived Gainsborough-centric bias of the District Council.

Councillor John McNeill"

2) Question to the Leader of the Council, from Councillor Trevor Young – Local Ward Member for Gainsborough South-West

“In recent weeks there has been numerous rumours and concerns from the public regarding the newly opened waste depot site facility at Caenby Corner, could the Leader of the Council please provide a verbal update to members.

Councillor Trevor Young”

3) Question to the Leader of the Council, from Councillor Liz Clews – Local Ward Member for Scotter and Blyton

“Lincoln County Hospital serves a large proportion of West Lindsey residents in relation to urgent treatment and emergency health services. Following the recent announcement that the County Hospital declared a ‘major incident’ there are obvious concerns by Gainsborough and surrounding village residents regarding accessing emergency treatment in a timely and safe manner.

Could you explain what discussions have been taken place with NHS colleagues and what systems have been put in place following the announcement of the ‘major incident’ to ensure West Lindsey residents have access to the appropriate services in time of emergency?

Councillor Liz Clews”

4) Question from Councillor David Dobbie – Local Ward Member for Gainsborough East

“I am aware of the personal reasons for the changing of the time of the Governance & Audit Committee from an afternoon meeting to a morning meeting but this has led to me having to step down from this Committee, as I work nights and cannot make morning meetings.

Should meetings not be held mostly on evenings to facilitate the engagement of those that work?

Councillor David Dobbie”