

Governance and Audit Committee

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Subject: Progress Report: District Joint Committee

Report by: Monitoring Officer

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Purpose / Summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Committee on the progress that has been made by the District Joint Committee, and to update the Committee on nominations made to the Greater Lincolnshire Mayoral Combined County Authority.

The Governance and Audit Committee are asked to NOTE the information in this Report.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Governance and Audit Committee are asked to:

(1) Receive and note the current position in relation to the District Joint Committee

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

For the purposes of the establishment of a Joint Committee of the district authorities, the relevant legislative provisions are section 11 Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 and section 101 Local Government Act 1972. These provisions provide the legal mechanism to allow WLDC to form a Joint Committee and participate in the Mayoral Combined County Authority.

Financial:

There are no financial implications associated with this report

Staffing: There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights: This report is for noting purposes only and therefore there are no equality and diversity implications.

Data Protection Implications : There are no direct data protection implications associated with this report.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities: None arising from this Report

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations: None arising from this report

Health Implications: There are no health implications arising from this Report.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report :

https://democracy.west-

lindsey.gov.uk/documents/s42057/Governance%20and%20Audit%20Report%2 0-%20District%20Joint%20Committee%20-

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| Risk Assessment : | | | | | | |
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| N/A | | | | | | |
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| Call in and Urgency: | | | | | | |
| Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply? | | | | | | |
| i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman) | Yes | No | X | | | |
| Key Decision: | | | | | | |
| A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications | Yes | No | X | | | |

1 Background

- 1.1 The District Joint Committee (DJC) consists of the Lincolnshire District Councils and its purpose is to be a platform for co-ordination amongst the non-constituent Councils to represent the interests of the Districts on the Greater Lincolnshire Mayoral Combined County Authority (GLCCA). Lincolnshire County Council, North Lincolnshire Council, and North East Lincolnshire Council are the constituent members of the GLCCA, the 7 Lincolnshire Districts are non-constituent members of the GLCCA.
- 1.2 The DJC has its own Standing Orders and Terms of Reference, and these were considered and approved by the Council meeting on 2nd September 2024. Similar reports also proceeded through the Council meetings of the other 6 District Councils in 2024.
- 1.3 The DJC is the legal mechanism for the nomination of non-constituent members onto the GLCCA and its boards and committees. The GLCCA formally accepted the DJC as a nominating body on 6th March 2025.

2. Meetings to date

- 2.1 The DJC held its inaugural meeting on 12th December 2024, and items at this meeting included the appointment of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, noting Standing Orders and Terms of Reference, and approving North Kesteven as the secretariat for the administration of the DJC.
- 2.2 Meetings of the DJC have also been held on 24th February 2025, 19th May 2025, 4th June 2025, and 9th September 2025 and these meetings considered and agreed nominations for non- Constituent members to the Boards of the GLCCA and to its Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit Committee
- 2.3 The membership of the DJC consists of the Leaders of the 7 Lincolnshire Districts and the current Chairman is Councillor Richard Wright, North Kesteven Council. As the secretariat for the meeting is North Kesteven District Council, all agendas and minutes can be found on their website.

3 Current membership and representation on the Greater Lincolnshire Mayoral Combined County Authority

- 3.1 The DJC has been effective in ensuring District representation at the GLCCA and Councillors Wright, Tweddle, Leyland and Worth have been appointed to attend the meetings of the Combined Authority.
- 3.2 The GLCCA has three Boards in operation, which are the Business and Infrastructure Board, the Employment and Skills Board, and the Transport Board. Appointments have been made to all these Boards,

- and the Leader of West Lindsey District has been appointed onto the Employment and Skills Board and the Transport Board.
- 3.3 The GLCCA's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit Committee also has non-constituent representatives in place based on the political balance of the 3 constituent authorities.
- 3.4 The Committee is referred to the Appendix to this Report which outlines all the current approved appointments for the GLCCA.

4. Forthcoming meetings

- 4.1 The next meeting of the DJC is scheduled to take place on 8th December 2025 at North Kesteven Council's offices.
- 4.2 The next meeting of the GLCCA is scheduled for 17th September 2025 at which a draft meeting schedule will be considered.
- 4.3 The GLCCA Employment and Skills Board is scheduled for 15th October 2025.

5. Recommendation

5.1 That the Committee receive and note the current position in relation to the District Joint Committee