

**Greater Lincolnshire Devolution:
A Place to Grow**

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What is devolution?

- Opportunity for greater responsibility and control over local decisions and spending

How do things currently work?

- Spending decisions are made by central Government

Why change?

- Focuses spending on local priorities
- Provides more say over local taxation

This means

Local decisions to be taken by **locally** elected politicians working with their **local** businesses on the **Local** Enterprise Partnerships who better understand **local** issues, and can be held to account **locally**

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How does it happen?

- Establish a new body where decisions are taken ('Combined Authority')
- Potentially elect a Mayor with responsibility for powers and resources
- Agreed arrangements by all the places involved as well as central Government

What is a Combined Authority?

- A statutory body established to carry out powers and responsibilities in relation to negotiated powers

What happens to current councils and services?

- Services continue to be delivered by local councils
- A Combined Authority does not replace current councils and services
- It is not a move towards merging councils



There is no impact on council services as a result of devolution

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What will the Mayor and Combined Authority do?

The directly elected Mayor would act as Chair to the Combined Authority and exercise the following powers and functions devolved locally from central Government:-

- Take responsibility for a devolved multi-year local transport budget .
- Oversee a Joint Investment and Assets Board to review all public sector land and property assets for potential unlocking
- Make proposals to help take forward large developments or new settlements



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What new powers would the Lincolnshire Mayor and Combined Authority have?

- Control of a new additional £15 million a year funding allocation over 30 years,
- Responsibility for developing a strategic infrastructure delivery plan
- Chairing an area-based review of 16+ skills and devolved 19+ adult skills
- Move towards a co-commissioning arrangement for short sentence offenders
- Work collaboratively to allow more local flexibility with other local services.
- Contribute to the outcomes and objectives in Water Resources Study and Water Management Plan

Government will work with the Combined Authority to agree specific funding flexibilities

The joint ambition will be to give the Combined Authority a single pot to invest in its economic growth

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Residents of Greater Lincolnshire have voted on devolution

Greater Lincolnshire Summary							
	Strongly Agree and Agree		Disagree and Strongly Disagree				
	Positive	%	Negative	%	Don't Know	%	Total
Mayoral Combined Authority	2049	47	2132	49	205	5	4386
We should continue to pursue these extra powers and funding for the Greater Lincolnshire area.	2571	59	1628	38	140	3	4339
The ten Councils should be looking to work together to prioritise and deliver these activities (economic growth , infrastructure and housing, across the Greater Lincolnshire area.	3161	73	1067	25	99	2	4327
We should be pursuing further funding (in addition to that within the proposed Devolution Deal) for economic growth, infrastructure and housing, as a priority for Greater Lincolnshire	3333	82	842	16	143	1	4318

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- Greater Lincolnshire: A real desire to continue to seek more powers and funding devolved to Greater Lincolnshire. Feelings split on elected Mayor.
- Greater Lincolnshire came along way in a short space of time

Next steps?

- The 10 Greater Lincolnshire Councils vote on devolution proposals
- Establish combined Authority January 2017
- Mayoral elections May 2017
- Devo 2 and beyond – more powers and funding returned to Lincolnshire (Health, Criminal Justice, etc)

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Housing

- 25,000 new homes to be built by 2016
- 100,000 new homes by 2030
- Lincolnshire Lakes – application for new Garden City submitted July 2016
- Lincolnshire has the space and ambition to grow



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Ports, Airports and Logistics



Place to invest

- £5bn planned investment
- 10,000 jobs
- Become the midlands / north's gateway to Europe



Enterprise Zones

South Humber Bank - Able Marine Energy Park & Able Logistics Park – Busiest Port in UK by tonnage

Humber International Airport – One of the largest helicopter facilities in UK and 60ha enterprise zone business park. Developing new tourist routes across Europe

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Infrastructure

What are your priorities?

Transport

- Roads – A15/A16/A17 Improvements
East Coast Motorway
- Rail – Direct connections London and
Faster line speeds
- Ports – International gateway to Europe



Power

- Capacity

Telecommunications

- Mobile 4G/5G
- Digital
- Superfast broadband
- North Lincolnshire - 97% connectivity
achieved



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Water



Water for Growth

- 100,000 new homes planned
- Reliable supply
- Prevention and retention
- Partnership collaboration

Flood risk

- 47% of Greater Lincolnshire lies in a floodplain
- Nationally acknowledged as having the best co-ordination of flood risk prevention work in the UK
- Face challenges of climate change, sea level rise and other pressures
- More needed to keep the towns, coast and farmland safe

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Devolution – The Future

- Bold thinking from Government
- Brexit – Response to the Mandate from Electorate
- Brexit – Combined Authority can receive Government cash
- Ambition not process or structure

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