



CABINET DECISION NOTICE

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At a special meeting of the Cabinet held on the 1st June 2021 the following matters were discussed. The decisions of Cabinet are set out below each item along with reasons for the decision and other options considered.

Present: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)

Councillors Cracknell, Shepherd, Shreeve and S. Swinburn.

DN.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Lindley and Procter.

DN.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests made from Members with regard to items on the agenda for this meeting.

DN.3 LEAD AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABLE BODY FOR HUMBER FREEPORT

Cabinet considered a report from the Leader of the Council report seeking approval to accept a request from the Humber Leadership Board for North East Lincolnshire Council to become Lead Authority and Accountable Body for the Humber Freeport.

RESOLVED –

- 1. That the roles of Lead Authority and Accountable Body for the Humber Freeport to be held by the Council, be agreed.**
- 2. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Environment, Economy and Resources in consultation with The Leader of the Council to develop the Humber Freeport proposal on behalf of the Council including the completion of**

all agreements and supplementary arrangements to implement the above and to accept any grant funding to support the above process.

- 3. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director Law, Governance and Assets to execute all documentation arising.**

REASONS FOR DECISION - Accepting the role of Lead Authority and Accountable Body for the Humber Freeport will help deliver the economic growth envisaged by a successful Freeport and will ensure that the Council plays a key role in delivery of a scheme of regional and national significance.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED –

Do Nothing – There must be a Lead Authority/Accountable Body for the Humber Freeport, otherwise the bid will not be able to proceed. As such, the do nothing option would make it unlikely that the Humber could progress its Freeport status.

Seek an alternative Local Authority – the Council could decline the request to become the Lead Authority/Accountable body and ask another local authority within the Humber region to take on the role. However, as the Lead Authority on the Humber Leadership Board for Freeports to date, that would mean that the Council was creating some degree of disruption at a critical time in the Freeport bid process.