

REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

REPORT NO. CEX344

DATE: 10 July 2006

TITLE:	Proposed Merger of Police Authorities
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	No
COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Cllr Linda Neal
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	N/a
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	Detailed in Report
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	N/a

Background

1. I enclose information provided by Lincolnshire Police Authority concerning the consultation process on the proposed merger of East Midlands police forces.

As part of this consultation process, a public meeting is being held in the Guildhall Arts Centre on Tuesday 11th July and all members have been made aware of this through my weekly e-mail.

Timetable

2. Police Authorities have until 11th August 2006 to submit any objections to the proposed merger and they have asked for their consultation form to be submitted and returned to them by 7th July. As this date is before the public meeting in Grantham and as I imagine that the Cabinet will want to take cognisance of the outcome from this meeting before responding, I have informed the Police Authority that feedback from South Kesteven will not be available until after the 11th July.

Recommendation

3. In view of this restricted timetable, I would recommend that the Cabinet delegate to Councillor Linda Neal as portfolio holder authority to submit a representation from the Council to the Police authority after the public meeting on the 11th July.

Duncan Kerr
Chief Executive