



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

# Cabinet

18 August 2020

**Report of:** Councillor Kelham Cooke  
The Leader of the Council



## Local Government Re-organisation

The report seeks a funding allocation to financially support the development of the business case for Local Government re-organisation in Lincolnshire.

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Corporate Priority:	Decision type:	Wards:
<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Key</b>	<b>All Wards</b>

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<b>Approved by:</b>	Karen Bradford, Chief Executive	10 August 2020
<b>Signed off by:</b>	Councillor Kelham Cooke, The Leader of the Council	13 August 2020

### Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

- Cabinet is asked to approve the allocation of £50k to be funded from the Local Priorities Reserve to support the development of the business case for Local Government Reorganisation in Lincolnshire.**

## **1 The Background to the Report**

- 1.1 The proposals for the future of Lincolnshire local government operating structures are tentatively progressing ahead of the anticipated Government's white paper on Recovery and Devolution which is due to be published in the autumn.
- 1.2 The Council wishes to be an active contributor of the discussions that are taking place in considering all options for Lincolnshire. In order to be able to commission and contribute to specific work activities, it is proposed to allocate a budget of £50k to be utilised during the development of alternative operating structures that meets the needs of local government reorganisation and devolution objectives.

## **2 Consultation and Feedback Received, Including Overview and Scrutiny**

- 2.1 None.

## **3 Available Options Considered**

- 3.1 The proposed funding will enable the Council to commission specific external support to progress the necessary supporting work.

## **4 Preferred Option**

- 4.1 The preferred option is set out in this report.

## **5 Reasons for the Recommendation (s)**

- 5.1 The Council wishes to be a positive contributor to the debate and support the development of proposals and therefore needs to allocate funding to support the work that is necessary.

## **6 Next Steps – Communication and Implementation of the Decision**

- 6.1 None.

## **7 Financial Implications**

- 7.1 The allocation of £50k is a one-off contribution and can be funded from the Council's local priorities reserve.

**Financial Implications reviewed by: Richard Wyles, Interim Director of Finance**

## **8 Legal and Governance Implications**

- 8.1 As an authority that will be impacted by any regional reorganisation, it is advisable that the Council contributes to the options that will be considered.

**Legal Implications reviewed by: Shahin Ismail, Director of Law and Governance**

## **9 Equality and Safeguarding Implications**

- 9.1 None.

## **10 Risk and Mitigation**

- 10.1 None.

## **11 Community Safety Implications**

- 11.1 None.

## **12 How will the recommendations support South Kesteven District Council's declaration of a climate emergency?**

12.1 The recommendation will not have an effect on South Kesteven District Council's declaration of a climate emergency.

## **13 Other Implications (where significant)**

13.1 None.

## **14 Appendices**

14.1 None.

<b>Report Timeline:</b>	Date of Publication on Forward Plan (if required)	Not applicable
	Previously Considered by:	Not applicable
	Final Decision date	18 August 2020