

District Councillors Helpringham Aug 2026

LGR

On Thursday, July 16 the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Steve Reed MP, announced his intention for local government reorganisation in Greater Lincolnshire.

In line with the proposal submitted by City of Lincoln Council he intends to set up two **new** unitary councils with the following geographic footprints:

City of Lincoln Council will comprise the council area currently covered by City of Lincoln (district) Council whilst also taking around half of North Kesteven and one-third of West Lindsey.

The following North Kesteven council wards fall within the expanded city council area:

Bassingham Rural, Bracebridge Heath, Branston, Heighington & Washingborough, Hykeham Central, Hykeham Fosse, Hykeham Memorial, Metherringham Rural, Navenby & Brant Broughton, Skellingthorpe & Eagle, Waddington Rural, Witham St Hughs & Swinderby.

We currently understand that the following North Kesteven Town and Parish Councils would fall within the expanded city council area:

Aubourn with Haddington, Bassingham, Beckingham, Blankney, Boothby Graffoe, Bracebridge Heath, Branston and Mere, Brant Broughton and Stragglethorpe, Canwick, Carlton-le-Moorland, Coleby, Doddington and Whisby, Dunston, Eagle and Swinethorpe, Harmston, Heighington, Leadenham, Metherringham, Navenby, Nocton, North Hykeham, North Scarle, Norton Disney Potterhanworth, Skellingthorpe, South Hykeham, Stapleford, Swinderby, Thorpe on the Hill, Thurlby, Waddington, Washingborough, Welbourn, Wellingore, Witham St. Hughs

Lincolnshire Council

Will comprise the council areas currently covered by Boston, East Lindsey, South Holland and South Kesteven, plus the remaining parts of North Kesteven and West Lindsey.

The existing unitary councils - North Lincolnshire Council and North East Lincolnshire Council are not affected by this announcement and as such will have no direct involvement in the implementation of the new unitary authorities for Lincolnshire.

The final names for both of the two new unitaries remain to be formally confirmed.

The expectation is that the new councils will come into effect 1 April 2028 – “Vesting Day” - with elections to the “shadow councils” in May 2027. These “shadow council” elections will replace the elections that would have otherwise been due for Lincolnshire district councils in May 2027.

The creation of these two new unitary councils will see the abolition on 31 March, 2028 of Lincolnshire County Council and all seven of the District Councils in Lincolnshire.

These existing councils will continue to provide their full range of services until 31 March, 2028 and there will be no changes to council services, governance arrangements or day to day operations.

The ten councils in Greater Lincolnshire have been working together in advance of yesterday’s announcement in order to ensure the best possible transition to the new unitary authorities.

The focus across Lincolnshire will be ensuring that when the new unitary authorities are in place they will continue to provide high quality services to residents.

We expect the results of the Statutory Consultation on LGR proposals for Greater Lincolnshire to be published by the Government in due course. Once published we will update the NKDC LGR webpage as linked below.

Further information on Local Government Reorganisation can be found on the [Council’s website](#) and on the [Greater Lincolnshire Local Government Reorganisation Hub](#).

The NKDC press release in response to the announcement is set out on the [Council's website](#).

Share your views on policing and communication

The Lincolnshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is carrying out research to understand how people contact Lincolnshire Police, access information about policing, and how these services could work better in the future.

The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete, and participants can enter a prize draw to win a £100 shopping voucher or one of two £50 shopping vouchers.

If you would like to have your say, simply [complete the survey](#). It is available in different languages.

Sleaford-on-Sea returns this summer for four weeks of seaside fun

The popular Sleaford-on-Sea pop-up beach is back in the Market Place from 25 July to 23 August, bringing family-friendly fun to the town centre.

Enjoy buckets and spades, deckchairs and a brand-new beach built by local company Hatchers & Sons. Don't miss the special family fun day on 8 August (11am-4pm), featuring free helter-skelter rides, Punch & Judy shows, crafts, live entertainment, fish and chips, and market stalls from local organisations and young traders. A perfect summer day out for all ages.

Assisted Bin Collection

This is a service offered to any resident where there is no-one at a property to move their bin to the point of collection by reason of illness, disability or infirmity (permanent or temporary).

Residents can request the Council to collect, empty and return their bins. Once a request is received, a visit is made to the customer to agree the collection point and details of the service provided.

If details of their application are still unclear, we may ask them to provide supporting information.

An assisted collection can be requested by a form on the [Council website](#)

Cinema planning application premieres

The planning application outlining the vision for Sleaford's four-screen cinema has been submitted.

Following the earlier announcement that through a joint investment package North Kesteven District Council and operators Savoy Cinemas Ltd are working to bring this aspiration to reality, it is now confirmed that the planning application for a new riverside building at Money's Yard has been lodged.

Read the full press release on the [Council's website](#).

Local Government Reorganisation Update

- Timelines remain unchanged with the Secretary of State decision for Greater Lincolnshire expected in July before the start of the parliamentary summer recess. The government has reiterated that it remains committed to its overall timelines for LGR leading to Vesting Day for new councils on 1 April, 2028.
- Though decisions are still awaited the government, through MHCLG, has asked councils for initial thoughts on a number of elements for the Structural Changes Order. NKDC has responded in line with the government's 16 June deadline for this with our responses being considered by the [Executive Board](#).
- For further information visit the [LGR webpage on the Council's website](#)

NK Community Champion Awards 2026 – call for nominations

It is time to nominate and celebrate people who make a positive difference to lives and communities across North Kesteven through kind consideration and voluntary endeavour.

On the back of Volunteers' Week, nominations are invited for this year's NK Community Champion Awards, which are backed by community-minded businesses within the District and co-ordinated by NKDC. Read the full press release on the [Council's website](#). Deadline 14th September

Sleaford stakes its claim as UK Town of Culture

A bid for Sleaford to be the UK's first Town of Culture in 2028 has been made to Government, highlighting the town's rich heritage, creative spirit and distinctive characteristics.

Sleaford's submission comes from the Sleaford Culture & Heritage Forum, comprising local cultural organisations, creatives, heritage groups and community partners, including the District Council.

It is made in response to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's Town of Culture competition which comes with has a top prize of £3m to deliver cultural programmes in 2028, and two further packages of £250,000.

Read the full story on the [Council website](#)