SOSTON SOUGH COUNTY

Boston Borough Council

Delegated Decision Record

This records a key or other decision taken by the Cabinet in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegations (as set out in Section 3 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution).

Unless the Leader and the Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee certify that the matter is so urgent that the normal five-day scrutiny delay on action should not apply, then this decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of five clear working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in under the call-in procedures as set out in Section E of Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

Decision Maker	Cabinet
Report Title	Local Government Re-organisation - support for 'A Greater Lincolnshire for All'
Summary Background	To confirm support for 'A Greater Lincolnshire for All' Local Government Re-organisation proposal.
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Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Urgent?	No
Key Decision?	No
In Forward Plan?	Yes
Date of Decision	31 July 2025
Date Published	1 August 2025
Call-In Expiry	8 August 2025
Exempt Information?	No
Decision (Action Agreed)	 Resolved: That Boston Borough Council become a partner in the 'A Greater Lincolnshire For All' proposal for Local Government reorganisation; and That a sum of up to £42,000 be available to support the development of the proposal.
Reason(s)	To enable the Council to influence Local Government Re-organisation in Great Lincolnshire by being actively engaged in the development of a proposal in such a way that the opportunities for the community in Boston can be maximised; and

	To ensure that a sum of money is available to contribute to the proposal's development, such as communications and engagement and expert advice and support.
	Not to support a proposal – this is possible but given the significance of Local Government Re- organisation in Greater Lincolnshire it would be a missed opportunity for this Council if it did not seek to influence the outcome;
Options	To develop its own proposal – given the Council didn't submit an interim proposal, this wouldn't be advised. However, this is possible but would require a much higher budget allocation. Timescales are also very tight given the 28th November deadline for submission to Government for proposals; or
	To support another proposal – this was discounted in recognition that this Council has a long and established Partnership with East Lindsey and South Holland Councils.
Further Information	N/A