

District Councillor's report to Eastville, Midville and New Leake Parish Council

February 2025

LGA Special Interest Group for Internal Drainage Boards - The Government has confirmed it will increase the £3m settlement to £5m for the financial year 25/26. Whilst not an uplift of the size hoped for (£10M) the extra £2m will be helpful, The detail of how the £5m will be allocated between the affected councils is yet to be confirmed

Traveller's Site application, East Fen Lane, Stickney - This is before the planning committee tomorrow, 13th February 2025. The officer recommendation is that the application be refused. I will be attending the planning committee meeting to speak on the application and assert the grounds for refusal.

Local Government reorganisation – The Government have written to local authorities confirming the criteria for reorganisation by forming one tier of local government rather than the two that currently exist (District and County). The key dates for submitting are:

Interim plan to be submitted on or before 21 March 2025.

Full proposal to be submitted by 28 November 2025

Political discussions will continue to take place between Greater Lincolnshire Leaders on what the proposal(s) could look like. I'm sure those leaders will be mindful of creating the best possible plan to ensure that services for residents will not be unduly affected by the reorganisation.

Magna Vitae Schools Out programme - Magna Vitae is again providing fun, free sports and activities this February half term across East Lindsey. Our nearest will be at Wainfleet and Spilsby.

Their dedicated Sports and Physical Activity Development Team coaches have curated the perfect programme for juniors this February. There's football, MagnaTag, multi-skills, dance, netball and much more. Families can book the free sessions here: <https://magnavitae.org/schools-out-consent-form/>

Home Energy Advice and Retrofit Team shortlisted for awards - the Best Local Authority-Led Retrofit Programme award at the Retrofit Academy Awards. The award nomination states: "The HEART team has successfully delivered over £7.5 million of grant work under HUG2 to improve the energy efficiency of over 400 private homes. The Council's innovative approach to deliver ensures that an in-house team supports residents every step of the way with rigorous processes in place to ensure installations are of the highest standard."

The team will find out if they have won at the awards ceremony on Tuesday 4 March.

Dates for SO Festival 2025 announced - the free, international festival of outdoor arts for a weekend of entertainment on the pavements, parks and promenades of Skegness and Mablethorpe!

- Skegness: Friday 13 and Saturday 14 June
- Mablethorpe: Sunday 15 June

Councillor's Community Grant – I have allocated all monies for the 2024/25 funding with £950 to EMNL Playing fields committee to provide a new entrance into the area and £1050 to Friskney Parish Council towards purchasing two speed indicator displays to be situated within the village.