

Eastville, Midville and New Leake Parish Council

District Councillor's Report April 2025

Local Government Reorganisation - Previously I provided the LCC response and this is the East Lindsey District Council response to the first phase in the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) process. The Government wants to replace the current system of county and district/borough Councils with unitary authorities.

In December 2024, a [White Paper](#) published by the Government asked Councils in two-tier areas across England to work together to submit their interim plans for LGR by Friday, March 21 2025.

This first phase has seen several options proposed by Councils across Lincolnshire. East Lindsey District Council, jointly with South Holland District Council, have responded with a plan which seeks two unitary authorities for the Greater Lincolnshire area.

The proposal is:

- **A Northern Lincolnshire Unitary Council** - Covering North Lincolnshire Unitary Council, North East Lincolnshire Unitary Council, West Lindsey District Council and City of Lincoln Council.
- **A Southern Lincolnshire Unitary Council** - Covering North Kesteven District Council, South Kesteven District Council, Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council and South Holland District Council.

The Councils would also support splitting East Lindsey according to the parliamentary boundary. If this went forward, the Louth & Horncastle constituency would fall in the Northern unitary, and the Boston and Skegness constituency in the southern unitary.

All councils in Lincolnshire will await feedback from Government on their submitted proposals, to inform on the next steps. This is likely to be after the local elections in May. The deadline for a final proposal from Greater Lincolnshire is by November 28, 2025.

ELDC Planning – New software has been installed for planning. From 24th March 2025 anyone who previously held an account on the old system, will now need to create an account on the new system in order to be able to save, track or comment on planning applications. [click here to register](#)

Voting Information deadlines - Registering to vote deadline – Midnight Friday 11 April 2025 <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote> (National Insurance number required)

Voter Authority Certificate application deadline – 5pm Wednesday 23 April 2025 <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id>

Postal Vote application deadline – 5pm Monday 14 April 2025. To apply: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote> Paper forms can be downloaded here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote> and sent to elections@e-lindsey.gov.uk or by post to Electoral Registration Officer, East Lindsey District Council, Council Offices, The Hub, Mareham Road, Horncastle, LN9 6PH.

Voting by proxy deadline 5pm Wednesday 23 April 2025. To apply: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote>. Paper forms can be downloaded here <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/proxy-voting-application-forms> and send it by email to elections@e-lindsey.gov.uk or by post to Electoral Registration Officer, East Lindsey District Council, Council Offices, The Hub, Mareham Road, Horncastle, LN9 6PH

National Grid's Community Matters Fund is now open - National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED) has launched the latest round of its Community Matters Fund: [Community Matters Fund \(Future Skills 2025\) is now open for applications | Localgiving](#)

With the UK facing a shortage of skilled tradespeople and around one in eight young people not in education, training, or employment, NGED is using this round of funding to support people from disadvantaged or under-represented backgrounds who face barriers to gaining skills. £250,000 is available for projects that help support skills development in construction, mechanics, plumbing, electrical work, agriculture, health and social care, as well as programmes boosting employability through CV masterclasses, workshops and interview coaching.

Registered charities or non-profit groups could each receive grants of up to £5,000 from NGED's Community Matters Fund, which is open for applications [until Wednesday 23rd April](#).

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