

County Councillor Report March 2024

Lincolnshire County Council Budget 2024/25:

On Friday 23rd February, the council set its budget for the 2024/25 financial year. They are investing in our communities despite financial challenges. Following additional one-off funding from central government, the authority plans to invest a further £7.8m in several priority areas. This is on top of the £646m the council plans to spend providing its wide range of vital services, such as adult social care and children's services.

Investing in our communities despite financial challenges

All Call connect single journeys are now price capped:

The £2 fare cap has been brought in by LCC for everyone using the Call connect on demand bus service. It does not matter how far the single ride is. Each user will only pay £2 to go wherever they want to go.

Bus fans rejoice! Ride around for £2

National Grid pylon proposal:

The plans have been announced as part of National Grid's Greener Grid Upgrade, an overhaul of the electricity grid involving new infrastructure across the country. The grid proposes installing new overhead cabling through Lincolnshire from Grimsby to Walpole near Wisbech. New electricity substations are also planned. The major impact these plans could have on our communities and environment cannot be ignored. It's good to see consultation taking place at these early stages to receive feedback before any further steps are taken.

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/grimsby-to-walpole>

Louth Road Horncastle – Footpath Improvements:

Footpath improvements worth £115,000 have started in Horncastle. The works on A153 Louth Road between Linden Road and Mary's Close, are aiming to improve the path linking to the rear access of Horncastle Primary School. Work started on 12th February and is expected to last approx. six weeks. No diversion route is needed, as the planned works are being completed using traffic signals. The footpath improvements will make a real difference and are long awaited.

Footpath works happening in Horncastle

Make sure you and your loved ones are vaccinated against measles:

Measles cases are rising in England. Make sure you and your family are up to date with their MMR vaccinations to give them the best protection against becoming seriously unwell.

Symptoms include a high fever, sore red watery eyes, and a blotchy red-brown rash. It spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools, and in some children it can lead to hospitalisation and could be fatal. It's particularly easy to catch in environments when in close contact with others.

It is never too late to catch up. The MMR vaccine is free on the NHS, whatever your age. If you or someone you care for has missed one or both doses of the vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.

Find out more: www.nhs.uk/measles.

Council news at your fingertips:

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