



Lincolnshire Conservatives

**A BETTER  
BRIGHTER  
LINCOLNSHIRE**

**THE  
CONSERVATIVE  
PARTY  
MANIFESTO**

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY  
COUNCIL ELECTIONS

6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021



# Conservative manifesto

**Welcome to our manifesto for the Lincolnshire County Council Elections 2021. Lincolnshire is a great place to live and raise a family and we must continue to have pride in our communities. This manifesto shows how we will work with our residents and play our part in making it even better**

Over the past four years there have been some tough decisions to make. But by working as a united and committed team, your Conservative County Councillors have delivered all of the pledges we made during the County Council Elections in 2017.

We have kept our council tax as one of the lowest in the whole country, but we are still able to provide improvements such as bypasses, better broadband, new schools and classrooms with a large annual building programme.

Our services are either good or excellent, as judged by independent inspectors and we are regarded as first class in children's safeguarding and highways management.

The council has successfully managed the coronavirus outbreak in Lincolnshire, supporting businesses and providing direct help to residents in need.

There is so much about Lincolnshire to be cherished and protected but there is also a lot to be done to ensure our future prosperity. So we believe only Conservatives have the vision and the track record of delivery to take our area forward.

We have a very ambitious programme for Lincolnshire County Council based on our 5 key themes outlined in this document.

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for Lincolnshire**

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**Cllr Martin Hill OBE**

**Leader of Lincolnshire County Council**





# Proud to be Lincolnshire

**We are proud of our heritage and culture in Lincolnshire which we are determined to protect as we confidently look to the future**

**We have promoted the historic county of Lincolnshire and encouraged greater devolution to the area**

## We will:

- Shout loud and proud for the great county which we are privileged to serve
- Act as champions for the county and its residents
- Support and promote traditional Lincolnshire values whilst protecting and helping those in need fairly and without favour
- Promote Greater Lincolnshire on the national stage, working with the public and private sector in our area
- Work with local government in Greater Lincolnshire in partnership to provide joined up services, providing easier access and saving money
- Provide a strategic vision for Greater Lincolnshire in conjunction with partners
- Where appropriate, provide a single managed service across Greater Lincolnshire, for example, Public Health, Coroners, Cultural Services
- Uphold the standards which the public we represent would expect
- Work with partners such as Visit Lincoln to promote Lincolnshire as a tourist destination
- Continue to lobby and argue for more devolution of services and spending so that more decisions about Lincolnshire can be made at a local level

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# Supporting your well-being

**We are building new children's homes, schools and classrooms including special schools across the county. In addition we are developing supported housing to enable more people to live independently**

**We provide a well-being service which also gives support to vulnerable people and engage with communities to help them become more self-sufficient and active**

## We will:

- Working with families to get children back into school, reduce antisocial behaviour and put adults on a path back to work. This investment to save the project has been very successful in helping to turnaround families
- Support and encourage local voluntary groups and individuals as well as keeping people well informed about council services
- Use technology to become more efficient and accessible to the public and increase community participation
- Further improve our popular registration services, making them more efficient and user-friendly
- Provide new schools and classrooms and deliver a bespoke network of 13 modern schools for children with special needs at an estimated cost of £86 million
- Provide 3 new additional children's homes
- Build new supported housing, enabling more vulnerable adults to live independent lives whilst having nearby support
- Promote exercise and healthy choices
- Modernise day care services, reablement and occupational therapy services
- Continue to support the 'Falls Service' helping those affected to recover better without the need for hospital intervention
- Continue to maintain a good working relationship with our Care Providers across the county

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# Keeping Lincolnshire moving

**The ability to move around our large and rural county both safely and easily is vitally important to us all**

**Conservatives have always made road improvements a top priority. As well as investing in new by-passes and road maintenance, we have maintained a comprehensive network of public transport**

## We will:

- Continue to prioritise road and pothole repairs, often targeting minor rural roads. We have recently added an additional £12.3m to this budget
- Enhance the environment by landscaping the recently completed Lincoln Eastern Bypass with hedgerow and trees. There are also dedicated foot and cycle ways
- Complete the Grantham Southern Bypass and 2 phases of Spalding Western Relief Road
- Commence major groundworks on the North Hykeham Relief Road
- Continue with upgrading the Coastal Highway between Lincoln & Skegness
- Improve traffic flow in the Boston & Skegness area and promote and investigate relief roads
- Finish the major improvements to Holdingham roundabout, which will see new lanes added and traffic lights at this busy junction
- Promote sustainable transport and give opportunities for people to use green and healthy means of travel, particularly for short journeys
- Continue to subsidise strategic non-economically viable bus journeys and provide a countywide network of call connect bus services
- Lobby for and support improvements to the rail network in the county
- Make improvements to the cycle and foot-way network
- Minimise disruption to the network by roadworks and inconsiderate parking
- Keep the roads safe to use, including the purchase of a new fleet of gritting vehicles, on standby, 24/7
- Lobby for Highways England to upgrade the A1 to six lanes in Lincolnshire
- Support strategic road and rail improvements near the county which will improve regional travel and economic activity for Lincolnshire's benefit

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# Safety

**Keeping people safe continues to be a core responsibility whether it is personal support or protection from danger and high risk**

**We have the best equipped fire service in the country, have partnered with the police and ambulance with shared emergency provision and the road safety partnership**

**Our children's safety is independently rated outstanding and adult care is successfully supporting vulnerable adults in their homes or in care**

## We will:

- Keep all our current fire stations and replace Leverton with a new one
- Provide the best-equipped fire service in the UK
- Continue with the Co- Responding Service delivered by Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue
- Work collaboratively with the police and ambulance services, sharing buildings and response arrangements
- Invest in flood protection countywide
- Maintain an effective Emergency Planning operation to prepare for future emergencies, in conjunction with partners
- Work with local NHS organisations for local joined-up solutions with more pooled budgets
- Expand our use of technology for social care
- Maintain good relations with care providers & provide extra support
- Enable more disabled adults to participate in meaningful employment
- Support the Lincoln Medical School
- Support our local hospitals
- Provide more investment for tackling domestic violence
- Protect the vulnerable in Lincolnshire
- Continue with home-safety visits
- Provide an effective Trading Standards operation and work with partners to deter cybercrime and scams
- Ensure safe school transport
- Support the Road Safety Partnership and other community safety initiatives

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# Economy

**We have provided a pot of £12m in the form of cash grants to support small local businesses to survive economic difficulties caused by the coronavirus pandemic.**

**This is in addition to our investment in better broadband across the county, business parks and visitor attractions.**

**We maintain a large council building programme creating jobs and infrastructure and encouraging inward investment to Lincolnshire.**

**We have kept council tax low, while maintaining front-line services and keeping more money in the local economy. At the same time we have successfully lobbied government for fairer funding for Lincolnshire and matched private sector investment**

## We will:

- Continue the successful rollout of broadband to deliver 100% superfast coverage (24 megabytes per second ) countywide by 2025. Also 85% ultrafast gigabit broadband
- Support economic delivery and encourage local firms to win contracts with Lincolnshire County Council
- Invest up to £12m to support small businesses survive the impact of the pandemic and to help them grow in the future
- Deliver the recommendations of the Greater Lincolnshire Tourism Plan
- Continue investing on the coast to improve the tourist offer
- Work with national government and partners to bring greater investment to Lincolnshire and maximise our access to the national prosperity fund
- Provide the necessary infrastructure to support the economy, for example, business parks and enterprise zones
- Provide green infrastructure and facilitate a low carbon economy
- Maintain a large council capital building programme
- Keep our council tax one of the lowest in the country with prudent financial control which will support household budgets and keep money in the local economy
- Continue to campaign vigorously for local government fairer funding and increased national financial support
- Encourage and support private sector investment in Lincolnshire
- Provide more apprenticeships both directly and indirectly and create a young entrepreneurs academy
- Support the Humberside free port proposal and consider the new flood defence plans
- Promote a Lincolnshire based agriculture commission and help support our rural economy including a Greater Lincolnshire Food valley

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# Protecting our environment

**Protecting Lincolnshire's unique and historic landscape is a key aim for us. We have been successfully reducing carbon emissions since 2011, invested in flood defences, supported better waste disposal and opposed inappropriate developments in rural areas**

## We will:

- Reduce our carbon emissions by 68% by 2025 from the 1990 baseline
- Continue encouraging and informing our residents, particularly the young, helping them to reduce, reuse and recycle
- Make best use of recyclable materials by increasing separated collections for paper and cardboard and food waste
- Increase the amount of recyclables processed locally, thereby supporting local businesses and protecting the environment
- Further expand the food waste collection to prevent contamination
- Deliver the council carbon reduction plan and The Green Master Plan
- Reduce the number of council buildings by 30 % to make better use of carbon footprint
- Reduce unnecessary travel by our staff and councillors
- Facilitate the planting of 750k trees in Lincolnshire by 2025
- Support appropriate and sensitive development in the county
- Lobby for additional national funding for coastal flooding and work in partnership with the Environment Agency and Drainage Boards to tackle inland flooding
- Ensure all street lights we manage to be energy efficient
- Promote greater access to the countryside and encourage farm diversification and sustainability

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