

## **Cllr. Wendy Bowkett – June's brief:**

The latest on, what's happening in the public sector in Lincolnshire.

**The work has started as we look to address issues raised when canvassing around the area.**

Just a few words about our priorities going forward, as the ruling group, we have a very strong manifesto which is about keeping council tax low, providing good quality services, and also supporting an ambitious programme of building and development – not only roads but also schools and broadband.

During the election period there was a very strong message from the public that they continue to be concerned with potholes and fly-tipping, so we will be targeting these areas with more support. And we'll continue to provide strong, effective support for our most vulnerable residents of all ages where it is needed.

We'll also be campaigning to secure more funding for the authority. It's essential we get a fairer deal from government to help us fund the services people deserve.

### **Business – Greater Lincolnshire LEP:**

We are promoting the work, benefits & support of the LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) widely through social media and ask that you tag and share them too at [@GreaterLincsLEP](#). You can follow latest news and updates at [www.greaterlincolnshirelep.co.uk](http://www.greaterlincolnshirelep.co.uk) and [www.businesslincolnshire.com](http://www.businesslincolnshire.com) and also follow us on [@GreaterLincsLEP](#) and through [LinkedIn](#).

Please forward to any colleagues who may wish to be added and we encourage you to register to receive our regular LEP themed Sector Recovery updates [here](#) and feed your experiences, solutions and concerns [here](#) to continue to evidence and shape our direct conversations with government.

### **Children's Services gain national recognition:**

Congratulations to Children's Services who have got through to the final of the national Management Consultancies Association (MCA) Awards with consultants Impower. Their work in [Reframing High Needs and SEND support](#) has seen them shortlisted in the Change and Transformation in the Public Sector category. The winner will be announced in November.

### **National Carers Week 7- 13 June:**

National Carers Week is a chance to recognise the contribution carers make to families and communities, and raise awareness of the challenges they face. This year's theme is Make Caring Visible and Valued.

The vital role they play has been particularly highlighted during the Covid-19 pandemic. It has meant many adults, children and young people taking on more responsibilities for their relatives and friends who are disabled, ill or older and who need support.

In Lincolnshire there are an estimated 84,000 carers, including around 8,000 young carers. The county council greatly values the role that carers play, and offers them a range of support. The council is running virtual groups for young carers and there is a [Facebook page](#) for young carers and their families. For further information on the support available to carers, visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/support-carers](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/support-carers).

### **Help us to shape the Your Wellbeing Services:**

Lincolnshire County Council want to understand people's experiences of the services they provide to support a person's wellbeing. Your views about these services are important whether positive or negative as they will help Lincolnshire County Council plan and deliver services that make a difference to people's lives.

**The services involved are: Wellbeing Lincs; One You Lincolnshire; Lincolnshire Carers Service and Connect to Support.**

There is a short survey that we would like you to complete to tell us if you have heard about these services and if you have used them, what you think about these services and did they meet your needs?

The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5WGPKM9>

LCC are particularly interested in the views of people who may have extra needs including Physical and Learning Disabilities, Autism and Mental Health, they are equally interested in family members or carers who support a person with these conditions.

If you need assistance in completing this survey please contact Tim by email: [tim@hwlincs.co.uk](mailto:tim@hwlincs.co.uk) or by phone: 07436 581995 who will support and help in sharing your views.

Please share your views with me aswell, as my role is Chairman of Adults & Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and I am a big believer of strengthening our prevention services to reduce pressure on our Adults and NHS Services, with the bigger benefits of being able to have a longer more fulfilled healthier life style.

### **Women's Health Strategy: Call for Evidence**

This call for evidence is seeking the collect views on women's health. It will run for a period of 14 weeks but it has already started and is open to everyone aged 16 or over.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/womens-health-strategy-call-for-evidence>

### **County Council heritage sites re-open:**

As lockdown restrictions ease, it's great news that our heritage sites have re-opening.

The Collection Museum and Usher Gallery, the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Visitor Centre, Museum of Lincolnshire Life and Lincoln Castle are all open.

Please note that some of the opening days and times have changed. Booking is essential for Lincoln Castle and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Visitor Centre, while pre-booking is strongly advised for the other sites.

For more detailed information, visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/history-heritage](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/history-heritage).

**Any issues you would like to raise whether Council or personal, please get in touch.**

**Enjoy this glorious weather!**

**Thank you**

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