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Next phase of Grantham Southern Relief Road officially launched

Work on the second phase of the Grantham Southern Relief Road has been officially launched. The second phase will join the B1174 to the A1 trunk road via a grade-separated junction and is expected to take approximately 18 months to construct.

Construction of the third and final phase of the relief road, which will link the A52 at Somerby Hill to the new roundabout off the B1174, will begin shortly after the start of phase two and is expected to take approximately three years to complete.

The completed Grantham Southern Relief Road will stretch for 3.5km, linking the A52 at Somerby Hill to the A1.

It will reduce congestion and improve journey times in and around Grantham, and will also boost the local economy by encouraging the creation of new homes, jobs and community facilities.

The project is being led by Lincolnshire County Council and supported by South Kesteven District Council, Greater Lincolnshire LEP, Highways England, Homes and Communities Agency and local businesses.

Working together for Greater Lincolnshire

The executive members of Lincolnshire County Council, North East Lincolnshire Council and North Lincolnshire Council are joining forces to better serve residents.

The 20 councillors assembled at County Offices in Lincoln to discuss how their authorities could work more closely together to provide residents with improved and more efficient services.

Among the topics under consideration was collaboration across a range of key service areas.

The councillors were also keen to give Greater Lincolnshire a stronger voice at a national level to ensure the area gets a fairer deal from central government in future. This was seen as the key to improved roads, ports and broadband infrastructure.

Launch of the new Lincolnshire County Council website

From the 4th September you will be able to access the County Council's new website at:

<https://pre.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

This will run initially in tandem with our old website until December, which will allow time to review user feedback and address any concerns.

We would encourage you to take a look at the new website as soon as it is available. It will be much more interactive and will enable:

- online transactions, including ability to pay for services or complete forms
- members of the public to 'self-serve' by accessing services or information without having to contact us directly
- people to interact with the council through a wider range of devices, including mobile phones and tablets.

New transactions include:

- Freedom of Information (FOI) requests
- Childcare providers requesting support
- Applications for a dropped kerb
- Requests for Trading Standards business advice
- Requests for temporary traffic signals

Other transactions, which include online payments, will follow in the next release. This will include:

- Booking a heritage wedding
- Paying a fixed penalty notice for school absence
- Paying for a Blue Badge

If you have any feedback about the website, please email jadu.implementation@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Adult Learning rated 'Good' in Lincolnshire

Ofsted have rated the county's Adult Learning services as 'Good' overall following their latest inspection, with some areas rated 'Outstanding'. The inspection focused on adult and community learning and apprenticeship programmes delivered by the county council and study programmes delivered by the Young People's Learning Provision.

Improved IT in the pipeline for local libraries

People will be able to do more online at their local library, thanks to a planned investment in IT. The council's library provider Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) is working to introduce new computers and IT equipment at libraries and community hubs across Lincolnshire.

Lincolnshire A-levels results remain strong

The provisional Lincolnshire pass rate for A-level entries is 97.6%, which shows that most students achieve this internationally recognised gold standard.

The proportion of entries that achieved A*- C grades has increased from last year. Almost half of Lincolnshire's schools have improved their performance on this measure.

Lincolnshire students celebrate strong set of GCSE results

Provisional results show an improvement in the proportion of students attaining a GCSE pass in English and mathematics combined, with a 2.7% rise from last year.

More than half of the schools showed an increase in this key measure.