

Appendix 4: SRG 18 December 2017– Lincolnshire County Council consultation response

Dear Rob,

Thank you for the e-mail and letter of 2nd October on this subject. The opportunity to comment on the proposals is most welcome. Please treat this e-mail as the formal response from the County Council.

The County Council has historically felt that the City Council could have taken action to reduce the cost of the scheme to more closely align with the funding reduction imposed by Government when local schemes came into being. Such measures were, of course, introduced by all other Districts in the county area. However, the County respects the right of the City Council to set its own scheme in the light of its own priorities and welcomed the changes to the scheme for the current year that resulted in modest cost reductions. In a similar vein the County Council would support Option 4 for implementation next year as outlined in the report to the Executive on 25th September.

It is noted that demand for the scheme has fallen steadily over the last few years reducing the total cost albeit that reduction is now being offset by council tax rises for which it is noted the County Council is primarily responsible.

I trust this response is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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