Cllr. Ian Carrington – May 2022 LCC Nocton PC briefing note:

Hykeham Relief Road

LCC Exec Board approval now granted - contractor will be Balfour Beatty on + £200 million design & build contract. Detailed design work in hand - planning application/approval 2023; construction starts 2025; completed 2028.

Branston Road Works

Nocton residents heading towards Lincoln should be aware that major road repair schemes in Branston are now under way and will last until late June - the works are scheduled to be carried out at night and whilst access to individual dwellings will of course be possible the area is best avoided between 8pm and 6am.

Let us know what you think about local pharmacy provision

Your views are needed about the locations, accessibility and services provided by pharmacies in Lincolnshire both now and with a view to the future, as part of a review. Detailed background information and a survey is available at [Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022 | Let's Talk Lincolnshire](#).

£4million for adult maths in Lincolnshire

Lincolnshire County Council has been allocated £4million from the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund to improve adult numeracy skills. The money will fund courses for adults aged over 19 who don't already have a maths GCSE at grade 4 or above.

There is already help available for adults to improve maths and numeracy skills including fully funded maths courses up to GCSE to enable people to get the maths skills they need. For more information see www.2aspire.org.uk.

Ukraine

LCC working with partners councils and agencies. Evacuees will be offered assistance with all services; NKDC leading on housing matters. This is a major effort at a time when the Afghan refugee settlement is still ongoing - all parties are working very hard indeed to ensure that evacuees get thew welcome and services they need.

Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue have contributed kit for fire fighters in Ukraine including fire boots and masks as well as gas monitoring equipment. This will make a real difference to firefighters in Ukraine who are often responding to severe emergencies with old or damaged kit.

The deployment of these donations is being supported by funding from the Home Office, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, and the FIA Foundation, as well as through a public appeal via JustGiving - https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/KeepUkraineFireFightersSafe.

COVID-19

LCC continues to lead the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum (LRF). The pandemic has reduced in lethality but has not gone away, and the LRF continues to monitor and coordinate a continuing response. The message is continue to take every care!

OFSTED praise work with vulnerable children

During a recent visit, Ofsted found that the county council ensured families received the right help at the right time, with a clear focus on the needs of the children. In particular, they praised the strong relationships between social workers and the families they support and recognized that partnership working was well-established.

This is a ringing endorsement for the excellent work of the hard-working staff who ensure children, young people and their families receive the services they need. Ofsted also acknowledged that, despite the pandemic, services for children remained a high priority and resources had been not only protected but enhanced since their last inspection in 2019.

Funding for voluntary groups

Voluntary Centre Services and Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service offer a free web-based funding information advice service for groups and organisations who are looking for sources of funding to help them grow and develop.

Their dedicated web page **https://lincolnshirevolunteering.org.uk/find-funding/** has information and advice about local and national funding opportunities, links to funding search engines, information on how to apply for funding, links to relevant local county strategies and details of the Lincolnshire Funding Ready training programme.