

Pride in Place

Mablethorpe Neighbourhood Board Chair: Recruitment Information

Could you be the Chair for the new Mablethorpe Neighbourhood Board?

About this recruitment process

East Lindsey District Council has opened the recruitment process to appoint a community-focused Chair for the new Mablethorpe Neighbourhood Board.

The process to appoint an independent Chair aims to be:

- Open
- Transparent
- Built on meaningful community involvement

Applications are invited from people willing to act as a champion for the place and provide leadership for the Board, ensuring it is community-led and embedded within the local area. We expect that the Chair should be someone who is 'from', living or working in the area, holds a prominent role in the community or has a passion for the place.

This is an exciting opportunity to help make change happen in Mablethorpe over the next decade.

What's it all about?

Last year, it was announced that Mablethorpe will receive up to £20 million grant funding over 10 years through the UK Government's Pride in Place programme. The local community is centric to the heart of this programme which has three aims:

- Building stronger communities
- Creating thriving places
- Empowering people to take back control.

More information about the programme can be found at

www.togetherformablethorpe.co.uk and on the government's website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pride-in-place-programmeprospectus/pride-in-place-programme-prospectus>

Who will be on the Mablethorpe Neighbourhood Board?

The Pride in Place programme in Mablethorpe will be overseen by Mablethorpe Neighbourhood Board. The Board will bring a broad range of voices and perspectives, ensuring that it is representative of the community it serves.

Chairs will lead the recruitment of the members of the Neighbourhood Board, ensuring an inclusive and representative selection of people from across the local community supported by the local authority and local MP. The Board must be representative of the area it covers, and there must be more residents and people who live or work in the area on the Board than there are elected representatives.

What's the role of the Chair?

The Chair's main job is to be a community champion for Mablethorpe ensuring decisions are community-led and that local people's voices are heard with the community at the heart of the Board's work.

The Chair will lead regular board meetings and be a spokesperson for the Pride in Place programme. Board Chairs should be engaged, collaborative and committed to driving the Programme forward whilst ensuring its Regeneration Plan is in line with the wishes of the local community.

Who are we looking for?

The Chair should have a deep connection to Mablethorpe. They should be passionate about Mablethorpe. They should be someone who:

- Is a champion for the town;
- Cares about Mablethorpe, and is ambitious for its future;
- Wants to make a positive difference for Mablethorpe and improve the lives of people in their community;
- Can be a leader for others;
- Can work together with a whole range of different people including residents, stakeholders, and partners;
- Is committed to making change happen and seeing it through.

The job description has more information about this voluntary role ([link to job description](#)).

What are we looking for?

Passion and commitment to Mablethorpe is more important than experience as support will be provided. We're looking for someone who is:

- Fair and balanced, who can make sure that all voices are heard;
- Open-minded to different views;
- A good listener who pays attention;
- Able to help people have conversations, sometimes about difficult subjects;
- Able to manage differences of opinions and conflict as they crop up;
- Calm under pressure, and
- Good at managing time.

What are the benefits of being the Chair?

This is a voluntary role which brings great benefits to being the Chair, including:

- Mentoring and support to carry out the role;
- Ongoing secretarial support and guidance from the Pride in Place Programme Manager and Coordinator, who will work side by side with the Chair including governance, compliance, coordinating Board meetings and relevant materials.
- The chance to connect and work together with a variety of different people, partners and organisations.

Most importantly of all, the Chair will have the opportunity to make a positive and long-lasting difference for people in the community.

What time is needed for the role?

The Chair will be expected to attend a number of Board meetings each year, alongside occasional development and engagement sessions. While these are likely to include a mix of in-person and virtual meetings, it is important that the Chair is visibly active within the local community, attending events and engagement opportunities in person to reflect and embed the programme's community-focused values.

The Chair will also need to read board papers before each meeting, and there will be ongoing conversations and work with the Pride in Place team about the programme. There is likely to be more time needed at the start to work with East Lindsey District Council to help to set up the board and support the development of the Pride in Place regeneration plan.

How can I apply?

Please apply by submitting a covering letter explaining your interest in the role and the skills you would bring as Chair, together with your CV. The covering letter should be no more than 1,000 words or two sides of A4.

Your letter and CV should be sent via email: bonnie.mitchell@e-lindsey.gov.uk or post: Bonnie Mitchell, Pride in Place Programme Manager, East Lindsey District Council, The Hub, Mareham Road, Horncastle, LN9 6PH.

Want to find out more? Contact Bonnie Mitchell, Pride in Place Programme Manager via email: bonnie.mitchell@e-lindsey.gov.uk

The strict closing date for all applications is midnight, 21st June 2026.

You can find out more about Pride in Place in Mablethorpe by visiting:

www.togetherformablethorpe.co.uk