

Motion submitted by Councillor Elisabeth Sennitt Clough

A Flag for the Fens

The Fens is an area of significant historical and cultural value, and there is clear and growing public support for the creation of a specific sub-regional flag for the Fens. This motion seeks to harness that enthusiasm by beginning a structured and inclusive process towards the creation of a symbol that reflects and celebrates the identity of the Fens and its residents.

Full Council hereby instructs the Culture, Arts & Heritage Committee at its next meeting to initiate work on establishing a competition to design a flag representing the Fens and its residents.

Given Fenland's central geographical role within Fenland, it is proposed that FDC undertakes the administrative responsibilities associated with organising the competition. However, in recognition of the fact that the flag will represent the wider Fens area, beyond the Fenland administrative boundary, the judging panel should include representatives from across the broader region, to include a member of the Flag Institute.

As we move towards the potential creation of unitary authorities, a process that will result in shifts in administrative boundaries, the development of a sub-regional flag will play a valuable role in promoting the shared cultural identity and cohesion across the Fens, regardless of future local government boundaries.