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## **NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**

**30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.00 p.m.**

### **Present**

Councillor Hasthorpe (in the Chair)

Councillors Abel, Barber, Barfield, Beasant, Bramley, Brookes, Cairns, Cracknell, Fenty, Freeston, Furneaux, Goodwin, Green, Harness, Hudson, Hyldon-King, Jackson, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Nichols, Nici, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Procter, Rodwell, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Sheridan, Shreeve, Silvester, K Swinburn, S Swinburn, Watson, Wheatley, Wilson and Woodward.

### **Officers in Attendance:**

- Rob Walsh (Chief Executive)
- Simon Jones (Monitoring Officer)
- Paul Windley (Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager)

### **NEL.1 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed all those present to this first ever meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council involving a mix of both physical and virtual attendance. He added that it was good to see a return to almost normality after what had been a difficult and unprecedented period for both the Council and the residents of North East Lincolnshire. He commented that we, as a Council, are proud to have been able to continue to offer many of our usual services despite the restrictions and challenges involved in doing so. He took the opportunity to thank Members, all staff, partners, volunteers and so many others who have gone the extra mile in response to the pandemic. There were too many "unsung-heroes" to list, but he saluted the tremendous effort from all involved.

### **NEL.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillor Callison.

### **NEL.3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and 20<sup>th</sup> February were approved as a correct record, subject to the amendment of minute number NEL.83 of the December meeting to correct the spelling of Councillor Procter's surname and NEL.91 of the December meeting to clarify that Councillor Cracknell is the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care.

### **NEL.4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from Members in respect of any items on the agenda for this meeting.

### **NEL.5 THE LEADER'S STATEMENT**

The Council received a statement from the Leader of the Council.

The Leader commented that this meeting was taking place in unprecedented times, noting that the Covid-19 pandemic had been the major area of focus in recent weeks. He referred to the whole system approach across local government and health that had contributed to keeping infection rates low in North East Lincolnshire. He felt that it was a great credit to the council's workforce that key public services had been maintained throughout. There was need to build on the flexible approach taken and also on the strength of the voluntary and community sector which had played a huge part in supporting the response to the pandemic. The effectiveness of our place-based arrangements had been shown by the work with care homes on infection control, the local shielding arrangements, administration of business support grants and general support for the most vulnerable. £30.6 million had been paid out in North East Lincolnshire through the Small Business and Retail, Leisure and Hospitality schemes to a total of 2635 businesses and there been a further £1.6 million in Discretionary Grants to 154 businesses. The Leader also thanked elected members too for all they had done in their wards and in the community.

The Leader warned against complacency as thoughts turned to recovery and there was a need to strike the right balance between supporting local economic recovery and managing the continuing public health risk. Autumn and Winter were likely to provide a challenge but the council was fully engaged with the NHS and the Local Resilience Forum. He thanked the Safe Reopening Group who devised and advised on schemes to make the resort of Cleethorpes, our high streets and other businesses "Covid-safe" and facilitated reopening. The Leader referred to the financial challenges for the Council as a result of extra costs and reduced income. While additional government support was very welcome, further funding and flexibilities in the medium term would be needed.

Turning to regeneration and the local economy, the Leader was able to report on considerable progress with the Town Deal. The Onside Youth Zone planning

application for West Haven Maltings was now live. The Future High Streets Fund application for up to £25million of government grant monies had been submitted today. Public consultation was to take place on the Stronger Towns Fund masterplan and investment plan. This would involve £25m of government grant money being ringfenced for Grimsby, subject to robust business plans. This application was due to be submitted later this year. Engagement with the government continued to be positive, with the support of our two local MPs. Other new developments included the recently approved planning application for the Velocys ground-breaking industrial development, ORE Catapult locating to Grimsby in support of the offshore wind sector and construction starting on the Myenergi development as part of the South Humber Industrial Investment Programme. Public realm works in Cleethorpes were now coming to an end and the administration had found a way to make public toilets in Cleethorpes free of charge again within existing budgets, which the Leader felt was vital for tourism and the reopening of the resort. It had also been announced this week that there was a potential new investment in the old Pleasure Island site, which was very welcome news.

The Leader provided an update on progress with other major projects. Improvements were being made to Tollbar roundabout, with funding through the Greater Lincolnshire LEP. Similarly, work was progressing at the Littlecoates Road/Cambridge Road roundabout to improve traffic flow and open up the proposed housing site. The A18 upgrade schemes had been completed ahead of schedule. The borough's CCTV system was being upgraded through a much-needed investment of £1million. New recycling bins were being introduced ahead of schedule to replace the unpopular and inefficient three box system.

The Leader gave great credit to all staff across Children's Services for the significant progress over the last six months across the areas of improvement identified by Ofsted and Department for Education. It was important that progress was sustained and that the additional funding provided was used to transform and improve the service whilst reducing costs in the medium to long-term.

The Leader commented on discussions that had started to take place with colleagues in Greater Lincolnshire ahead of the government's White Paper on devolution and local reorganisation. He noted that full Council would have an important part to play in any options or decisions that may come forward for consideration. The Leader added that continuing collaboration around the Humber was key in any event and a government expectation. Robust collaboration was essential across key business sectors, including freeports, renewables, de-carbonisation, and unitary leaders and the two Local Economic Partnerships (LEPs) were actively involved in discussions to develop a mechanism. The government's LEP review required us to make a choice as to which LEP we should be in. Membership of the Greater Lincolnshire LEP was this Administration's preferred focus and clearly aligned with the potential direction of devolution. However, the Leader again stressed the importance of ongoing collaboration around the Humber where it was of mutual benefit.

The Leader concluded by noting that Democratic Services would be emailing all members with details of special urgency decisions and an update on the implementation of motions resolved at previous Council meetings.

## **NEL.6 QUESTION TIME**

A question had been submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures from Rev. Darren Burns. Rev Burns attended the meeting remotely and put the question, as set out below, to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing:

“Given the fact that there is £700,000.00 underspend in the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) budget, highlighting the high level of under assessing of disabled people locally, why are myself and others still in danger, and being ignored by North East Lincolnshire Council, and still being refused re assessments?”

Councillor Fenty, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing, responded that, in October 2019, Cabinet approved the new Housing Assistance Policy, which contained updated information on housing grants and loans, new discretions for disabled facilities grants and innovative project ideas for improving access/timescales to minor and major adaptations, as well as removing the need for means testing for Disabled Facility Grants. This policy has removed some of the red tape and unnecessary bureaucracy, preventing the budget from being spent. Councillor Fenty was pleased to report that the DFG budget had been fully allocated for this financial year and officers had proposals and plans in place to ensure the budget was fully spent, in line with existing policy and government guidelines. There had been a period of time where routine assessments and works had been paused due to lockdown restrictions, with the exception of priority one referrals which had continued to be delivered, where safe to do so. This has led to longer than usual waiting lists. High priority cases were reviewed each week, risk assessed and prioritised accordingly. It was important to note, regardless of budget expenditure, applicants must meet some set DFG criteria including a clinical assessment by the NHS and a home assessment by the Fire Service. These were in line with government guidelines and were independent of the Council. The assessment process also looked at what support was best for the individual – in some cases, support such as physiotherapy and rehabilitation may be more appropriate than home adaptations.

Councillor Fenty commented that he was unable to discuss the details of individual cases, however the council does write to unsuccessful applicants to explain the decision and there is a robust complaints and appeals process for anyone who was dissatisfied with a decision. If an applicant was still dissatisfied with the council's decision, they can choose to pursue this with the Local Government Ombudsman.

The Mayor thanked Rev Burns for his question.

## **NEL.7 ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT**

The Council received a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer on the review of work undertaken by Scrutiny in 2019/2020 and the planned work programme for 2020/2021.

RESOLVED - That the Annual Report of Scrutiny be received and noted.

## **NEL.8 AMENDMENTS TO PLACES ON COMMITTEES, PANELS AND OUTSIDE BODIES OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council considered a report from the Monitoring Officer advising of proposed changes to places on Committees, Panels and Outside Bodies of the Council.

RESOLVED –

1. That Councillor Furneaux replace Councillor Nici as Chair of the Economy Scrutiny Panel and that Councillor Harness replace Councillor Nici as a full member of the Economy Scrutiny Panel.
2. That Councillor Woodward replace Councillor Nici as a full member and as Deputy Chair of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.
3. That Councillor Hasthorpe replace Councillor Callison as Chair of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee, with Councillor Callison remaining a full member of that committee.
4. That Councillor Hudson move from being a full member to a substitute member of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee and that Councillor Pettigrew be added as a Conservative substitute member of that committee.
5. That Councillor Hasthorpe be appointed to the vacant Conservative substitute position on the Appointments Committee.
6. That Councillor Goodwin replace Councillor Rodwell as a full member of the Standards and Adjudication Committee with Councillor Rodwell becoming a substitute member.
7. That Councillor Hudson replace Councillor Nici as a full member of the Corporate Parenting Board.
8. That Councillor Pettigrew replace Councillor Nici as a Council appointed representative on the North East Lindsey Drainage Board.
9. That Councillor Green replace Councillor James as a Council appointed representative on the Waltham Windmill Trust.

## NEL.9 NOTICE OF MOTION

Council considered a Notice of Motion, proposed by Councillor Wheatley and seconded by Councillor Rodwell, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:

This Council notes that 22% or 5258 of North East Lincolnshire's children are in receipt of free school meals and are at risk of going hungry during the school holidays. Holiday hunger leads to a loss in educational attainment from which many children never recover. Evidence from the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger found that children were returning to school in a worse educational, health and developmental state than that in which they had left in the summer.

This Council recognises the work of the Government this year but eradicating holiday hunger for all children cannot be done in one year or by charities and community groups alone – it needs a concerted sustained effort from national Government. This is particularly important as food banks report experiences of a shortage of food in the summer months as the number of children relying on them increases.

This Council therefore calls upon the Portfolio Holder to write to the Minister of State for Children and Families to lobby for the continuation of funding beyond this year for meals for children who are in receipt of the pupil premium.

The motion was debated and, arising from the debate, Councillor Lindley moved an amendment which replaced the third paragraph of the motion with:

This Council, therefore, calls upon the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People, to write to both North East Lincolnshire MPs asking for their support, by lobbying to extend further the provision of the free school meals voucher scheme during school holiday time. This Council also asks that a letter is sent to the Minister of State for Children and Families, confirming the decision of this Council, and ask that this is considered as a matter of urgency.

The amendment was seconded by Councillor Jackson.

The amendment was accepted by consent and a recorded vote was held on the amended, substantive motion in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Standing Orders. The votes cast were recorded as follows:

### For the motion

Councillors Abel, Barber, Barfield, Beasant, Bramley, Brookes, Cairns, Cracknell, Fenty, Freeston, Furneaux, Goodwin, Green, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Hyldon-King, Jackson, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Nichols, Nici, Parkinson, Patrick, Pettigrew, Procter, Rodwell, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Sheridan, Shreeve, Silvester, K Swinburn, S Swinburn, Watson, Wheatley, Wilson and Woodward (39 votes).

The motion was therefore carried unanimously and it was

RESOLVED – This Council calls upon the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People, to write to both North East Lincolnshire MPs asking for their support, by lobbying to extend further the provision of the free school meals voucher scheme during school holiday time. This Council also asks that a letter be sent to the Minister of State for Children and Families, confirming the decision of this Council, and ask that this be considered as a matter of urgency.

## **NEL.10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

The Mayor invited Councillor Rodwell to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*“Please could you outline the timeline you are expecting for an alternative to the Suggitt’s Lane crossing for the residents of Sidney Sussex ward?”*

Councillor S. Swinburn, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, responded that the administration continued to work with Network Rail on a solution to enable crossing the railway line adjacent to Suggitt’s Lane. Cabinet Members’ and officers have investigated options during meetings with Network Rail and continue to discuss a preferred way forward. The administration were presented with an ‘outline’ design option on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020, where initial feedback and comments were provided to Network Rail. The administration has agreed ‘in principle’ for Network Rail to progress into detailed design stage. Detailed designs are due back from Network Rail in September, subject to any delays from Covid - 19. He stressed that funding to enable the proposal to be delivered was yet to be identified and formal approval including funding needed to be obtained before public engagement or progress made through the planning process. Assuming that it was possible to progress to a planning application, and subject to planning approval, the anticipated duration of fabrication and construction was 32 weeks, including 22 weeks for works on site.

The Mayor invited Councillor Rodwell to present her second question, which was to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*“Since there has been much dispute in the press regarding ownership of the North Beach, i.e. from Fuller Street to the Terminal Groyne, can the Council confirm in clear and open terms that they purchased the land and foreshore (the term “foreshore” as defined in the letter to the Humber Conservancy Commission dated 1<sup>st</sup> January 1869) being Freehold, and consisting as described in Conveyances dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 1974 (endorsed 28<sup>th</sup> August 1974) Board of Trade Docks Board to Cleethorpes District Council and, on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1975 (endorsed 8<sup>th</sup> October 1975) British Railway Board to Cleethorpes District Council and that the property remained unregistered until the council chose to register an element of the transfer under Title HS354529 Edition date 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009; and*

*that there remains the balance of the Conveyed Land, owned by the Council (as referred to under the Registered Title) yet to be registered by the Council?"*

Councillor Fenty, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Skills and Housing, responded that it should be noted that old conveyances were a snapshot in time, showing who owned the land at that time. Where the land is registered then the land registration is the ultimate factor in ownership. The land registry shows that:

- The Council own the freehold of the land registered under title number HS354529
- The Council own the leasehold of land registered under title number HS397009
- The Crown estate own the freehold of the land registered under title number HS348135

Plans are available should Members wish to view them.

It was not known how the Crown became the owner of the land following the 1975 conveyance but it remains that they are the legal registered owner of the land.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Rodwell asked the portfolio holder if he accepted that a certificated document of conveyance was just as valid a proof of ownership as a document of registration.

Councillor Fenty could not understand the useful purpose of the question given that the council has limited resources and a great deal of time had been spent on this matter over many years. He added that there would need to be a huge intervention to make bringing a beach to that location viable.

The Mayor invited Councillor Rodwell to present her final question, which was to the Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*"Please could you confirm that information collected from test, track and trace locally is only used for COVID-19 medical/treatment purposes and is not passed on to any other agencies without explicit agreement of the individuals?"*

Councillor Cracknell, Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, responded that information provided by an individual, and collected about an individual, in relation to testing for COVID-19 would not be used for any purpose that was not linked to COVID-19. The information gathered was governed by the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation. In relation to Test and Trace, personal information enabled the contact tracing service to identify potential transmission of the virus to various contacts of the individual. Locally this data is shared with the Director of Public Health under a strict data sharing agreement within the restrictions set out in the Data Protection Act 2018. The data may be used anonymously to inform research and the planning of services to combat COVID-19.



In a supplementary question, Councillor Rodwell asked if the portfolio holder was aware that one in five people were giving false information as they did not trust that their personal information would be kept safe.

Councillor Cracknell responded that she wasn't aware of the figures but she understood the point being made.

The Mayor invited Councillor Watson to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*"According to a recent report in the Grimsby News online blog, the saltmarsh at Cleethorpes has extended past the buoy, which has been damaged, and has been seen in the area of the Kingsway Hotel. Could the Portfolio Holder tell the council what actions he is going to take to stop the progress of the saltmarsh, replace the deflated buoy and whether he is prepared to meet Ward Members to discuss the matter with them personally?"*

Councillor S Swinburn responded that the saltmarsh at Cleethorpes Beach was monitored by the Ecology and Resort team. Maintenance work was carried out on the saltmarsh by the Resort team who ensure that the boundaries of the saltmarsh were kept to the agreed demarcation lines. The matter of the deflated buoy had been investigated and it had now been replaced. He would be happy to meet with the Ward Members to discuss the matter personally. He added that this year has been a busy one with a significant increase in visitor numbers and he detailed steps being taken to ensure beach safety.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Watson enquired how the portfolio holder intended to balance the need for tourism against the need to protect the environment and the saltmarsh.

Councillor S Swinburn shared these concerns and the situation would continue to be monitored. He would be writing to the Secretary of State to seek advice on anything further that could be done.

The Mayor invited Councillor Furneaux to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*"Underinvestment in NELC's CCTV system by the previous Labour administration has resulted in it being unable to cope with demand and updates. Can the portfolio holder assure me that the capital investment recently approved by this cabinet will enable greater flexibility and ensure that the new system is fit for purpose for both the public and business owners?"*

Councillor Shepherd, Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, responded that the investment was needed as the current system was installed in the 1990s and had been identified as inefficient with multiple transmission systems; gaps in camera coverage within the town centre and resort; some

redundant cameras and others with transmission faults; very limited Rapid Deployment Camera capability and monitoring; an element of outdated analogue equipment that is costly to maintain; and it was unable to capture data effectively. The investment would link up and upgrade the existing CCTV network and provide coverage across Grimsby, Cleethorpes and Immingham. It would provide a new transmission system, upgrade camera technology, increase rapid deployment capability in local communities and allow the existing network operating the traffic system to act as a resilient link for the CCTV, thereby reducing the risk of loss of camera operations. It would also reduce the costs of introducing additional, or moving the existing CCTV provisions; provide an up to date IP (Internet Protocol) based system allowing flexibility and reducing ongoing maintenance costs; introduce a new recording data management system; update control room operating systems; include the purchase of 10 new Rapid Deployment Cameras; improve the CCTV coverage of key areas of Cleethorpes; include the purchase a tannoy system to include 10 speakers placed in key town centre locations at fixed camera points, which would be used as a warning and to support emergency services. The investment was supported by a new strategy and ways of working which were aimed at providing public reassurance; helping to prevent, detect and investigate crime, environmental crime and anti-social behaviour; providing quality evidence to support police operational response, investigations and prosecutions; supporting the most vulnerable members of our community; supporting management of emergencies or major incidents; assisting in event management; and protecting people, property, businesses and assets to improve general security across the borough, both in terms of personal security and security of buildings and premises.

The Mayor invited Councillor Furneaux to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*"I am extremely pleased that this administration is replacing the unpopular three box recycling system. Residents in my ward have been asking when they will receive their new recycling bins. Can the portfolio holder confirm when he expects roll out across the Borough will be completed?"*

Councillor S. Swinburn responded that he was pleased to confirm that the recycling bin deliveries to properties commenced on 28<sup>th</sup> July and would continue until the late Autumn. The distribution company was delivering to thousands of homes per week. Distribution was being undertaken so that it aligned to the bin rounds and, therefore, it is not on a ward by ward basis. Households can visit the council's website to check when their bins were due to be delivered. A new recycle bin booklet was also being provided, which would be delivered to each property with the new bins.

The Mayor invited Councillor Patrick to present the following question to the Leader of the Council, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*“Can the Leader please describe to us what he sees as his duty to the area of North East Lincolnshire?”*

Councillor Jackson responded the Leader of the Council's roles and responsibilities were clearly set out in the Council's Constitution.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Patrick enquired whether he had any plans or intentions to dissolve North East Lincolnshire Council.

Councillor Jackson responded that such a decision would not be his to make as it would be a matter for full Council.

The Mayor invited Councillor Patrick to present his second question, which was to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*“How confident is the portfolio holder that he and the rest of the Cabinet have the capability to weather the financial challenges to our council caused by the Covid 19 crisis?”*

Councillor Shreeve, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources, responded that despite all progress made the pandemic was still active in the community so there were bound to be some unknowns as to its ongoing and final impact. The local authority, with considerable support of the government, had done all that it could to mitigate the current and known impact. To date, the council has received £11.2M in direct funding from the government to meet the immediate costs of the response. The pandemic had also had a significant impact on income from sales, fees and charges, and the Government had very recently introduced a co-payment scheme to compensate council losses that were irrecoverable. Councils would absorb the first 5% of losses compared to their original plans, with the Government compensating councils for 75 pence in every pound of loss thereafter. The government had also confirmed that it would extend the period over which councils are able to manage any shortfalls in local tax income relating to 2020-21, from one to three years. The government had provided £35.1m of business rate relief for businesses within North East Lincolnshire, as well as £1.6m for those businesses that did not qualify for the relief. In addition to the direct funding, the council had helped to administer a range of financial support packages within the borough, including £1.6m hardship funding, an initial £2.2m for the care sector and £1.2m for track and trace. These measures were in addition to the tremendous support to protect employment through the furlough scheme and support for the self employed. The council had acted swiftly to ensure funding provided had been distributed in a timely manner and mitigated against the socio-economic challenges the Borough was currently facing. The Cabinet was part of the response; receiving weekly detailed briefings and party to decisions taken under emergency powers with the involvement of Leader and himself. Cabinet was also involved in actively reviewing the forward plan and developing our strategic oversight. As ward councillors they were still in touch with their residents on a day to day basis. He reminded council that the governance framework will play its part, with scrutiny panels providing their

normal robust challenge. With all of these support and tools in place he was confident that Cabinet had the capability to confront the financial challenges caused by the crisis.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Patrick asked the portfolio holder whether he was confident that the government had provided enough financial support to ensure that there was no reduction in services or a rise in council tax.

Councillor Shreeve responded that he was unable to predict what might happen in the future but, at present, a balanced budgetary position was being forecast and it was a priority of the administration that front line services did not suffer.

The Mayor invited Councillor Patrick to present his final question, which was to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*"Glad as the Labour group is to see that our pledge to adopt bins instead of recycling boxes in our refuse service, would the portfolio holder say that is an example of a promise kept by this administration?"*

Councillor S. Swinburn agreed that this was an example of a promise kept by the current administration and an example of how they had listened to residents in what had been the largest consultation response seen by this council.

The Mayor invited Councillor Nici to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders.

*"This year the borough as a whole is becoming a place to be proud of when visiting. The main entrances, roadside verges and general cleanliness are an absolute success. Can the Portfolio Holder please tell me how this transformation has been achieved in such a short space of time and what his plans are to continue this trend in the coming year?"*

Councillor S. Swinburn responded that he was very proud of the work which had been carried out by the Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing teams to improve the gateways into the Borough of North East Lincolnshire. These steps were first implemented in the latter part of last year to encourage visitors and businesses but also for the benefit of the people who live in North East Lincolnshire. A lot of hard work had taken place to bring it to the position we are in now. There is a system in place whereby the teams complete the tasks of grass cutting, weed spraying and litter picking on a monthly basis. The street scene across the borough has also been improved by implementing new rotas and systems enabling Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing to work side by side in delivery.

**NEL.11 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

At minute CB.69 (Calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2020/21), Councillor Patrick asked the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources what had made him make a u-turn on the council tax support scheme decision.

Councillor Shreeve responded that this matter had been debated at full Council.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Patrick asked if the portfolio holder now admitted that this decision was mistaken.

Councillor Shreeve responded that the council did not know about Covid-19 at the time that it took its decision. The administration's response to the pandemic included making sure that people receiving council tax support also received a hardship payment.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.12 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.13 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2020**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.14 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020**

At minute CB.100 (Community Recycling Centre Rationalisation), Councillor Wilson asked the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport what his plans were to improve recycling in the West Marsh ward following the removal of the community recycling centre facilities.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that this minute referred to rationalisation of community recycling centres and not to removal of any facilities within the West Marsh ward.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 be approved and adopted.

## **NEL.15 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020**

At CB.109, Councillor Patrick asked the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport whether he expected the quality of recycling to be affected by the new recycling collection offer.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that he did.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Patrick asked in what way did the portfolio holder see this being affected and what steps would he take if it was adversely affected.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that 96% of respondents to the consultation were in favour of the proposals and he didn't expect it to adversely affect the quality of recycling.

At the same minute, Councillor Wilson enquired whether there would be any difficulties in delivering the new offer to residents of the West Marsh ward.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that he didn't foresee any problems with delivery of the new recycling bins.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Wilson asked the portfolio holder if he was aware that there could be difficulties for one thousand homes in the West Marsh ward with the new system and whether he would write to him to explain what might be happening at those properties.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that approximately two thousand properties had been identified where there may be difficulties with the new recycling bins and they would all be visited by officers to ascertain what would be beneficial for them.

At the same minute, Councillor Wilson enquired whether any consideration had been given to transportation costs when taking this decision.

Councillor S Swinburn agreed to provide a written response to this question.

At the same minute, Councillor Watson asked for confirmation that it was the intention to eventually reduce the size of general waste bins by 25%.

Councillor S Swinburn explained that the idea was to encourage recycling and when the new scheme had been fully rolled out then it was anticipated that there would be less waste going into general waste bins. At that point we would be able to provide smaller bins.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Watson enquired how large families would cope with such a reduction.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that a process was in place for requesting a larger bin.

At minute CB.111 (Write Off of Uncollectable Non-Domestic Rates Debts), Councillor Patrick asked if the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources was aware that the sum of £150k business rates debt to be written off was equivalent to approximately 1k band A properties in the borough and was therefore a good example of how the government considered North East Lincolnshire as an after thought when advocating a move away from revenue support grant to business rate retention.

Councillor Shreeve responded that this was aged debt that had occurred under a previous administration and sooner or later we had to acknowledge that it could no longer be collected.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Patrick enquired whether the council would be adversely affected by such a business rate write off if the government hadn't pushed for a business rate retention system and retained the revenue support grant.

Councillor Shreeve responded that it would not.

At minute CB.109 (New Recycling Collection Offer), Councillor Wilson enquired whether the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport foresaw an increase in assisted bin collections as a result of the new offer.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that he did not see this happening.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Wilson enquired whether there was funding available if there was an issue.

Councillor S Swinburn did not foresee any problems with the current budget allocation for assisted bin collections.

On the same minute, Councillor Rogers asked how residents in terraced housing with no front gardens would be supported.

Councillor S Swinburn repeated that such residents would be contacted to identify arrangements that could be put in place.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED –

1. That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 be approved and adopted.
2. That a written response be provided to Councillor Wilson to his question regarding transportation costs for the new recycling collection offer.

#### **NEL.16 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2020**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2020 be approved and adopted.

#### **NEL.17 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2020**

At CB.125 (Public Conveniences Review), Councillor Wilson asked why the public toilet in Grimsby Town Centre had not been included in the review.

Councillor Fenty responded that the review was predominantly aimed at supporting the tourism offer. In any case it was noted that Freshney Place had its own free public toilets in the town centre so it felt sensible to leave things as they were.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Wilson asked if this was due to the fact that the toilet in question was used by residents rather than tourists.

Councillor Fenty responded that the toilet was used by the wider borough and he highlighted how hugely important the tourism offer was to the borough.

On the same minute, Councillor Jackson asked if it was the case that Cabinet had looked very carefully at the figures and made a sensible, pragmatic decision.

Councillor Fenty responded that it was and added that Cleethorpes was one of few resorts to have free public toilets.

On the same minute, Councillor Sheridan enquired whether there were any plans to provide free public toilets in the town centre to support high street shopping.



Councillor Fenty felt that it was a good point and, should the Future High Streets bid be successful, the public toilet would disappear. However, he reiterated that there were already free public toilets in Freshney Place.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Sheridan asked if people with medical conditions should also be considered.

Councillor Fenty responded that there was no further funding available and it was difficult to argue a case when there was a first class facility already in Freshney Place.

On the same minute, Councillor Patrick asked the portfolio holder if he was aware that his comments had identified the surroundings of the public toilet in the town centre as not being a visitor destination.

Councillor Fenty declined to answer as he did not feel that the question was worthy of a response.

On the same question, Councillor Hyldon-King asked why residents of Grimsby were being discriminated against.

Councillor Fenty responded that the review was all about driving footfall to the resort and he felt that the free toilets would help to bring repeat visits to the resort.

On the same question, Councillor Goodwin asked if Grimsby town centre should be classed as a tourism destination.

Councillor Fenty responded that the town centre was principally a shopping centre and he repeated that free toilets were available in Freshney Place.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 be approved and adopted.

Note – Councillor Mickleburgh left the meeting during the asking of questions on these minutes.

## **NEL.18 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2020**

At CB.5 (Local Plan Review), Councillor Patrick asked if a working group could be established to look at the review.

Councillor Jackson confirmed that he would be supportive of establishing a working group.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Fenty.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.19 MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2020**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Jackson and seconded by Councillor Shreeve.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.20 MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER – ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019**

At PH.ETE.29 (Tracking Report), Councillor Wheatley enquired when the parking permit schemes would commence on Kew Road and Hinkler Street, Cleethorpes.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, consultation on the schemes had not been able to commence.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Wheatley asked when the consultation was likely to commence.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that he hoped it would commence as soon as possible.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor S Swinburn and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.21 MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER – ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2020**

At PH.ETE.33 (Tracking Report), Councillor Wheatley enquired again when the parking permit schemes would commence on Kew Road, Cleethorpes.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that the matter was being considered by the Highways team.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Wheatley asked what was the usual timescale for implementation of a residents parking scheme.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that there was usually a 42 week timescale.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor S Swinburn and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be approved and adopted.

## **NEL.22 MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER – ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020**

At minute PH.ETE.36 (Traffic Regulation Order – Abbey Area Residents Parking Scheme), Councillor Barfield noted that this had gone significantly over the 42 week timescale for implementation of a residents parking scheme and asked if this was acceptable.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that this matter had been ongoing before the current administration was established and there had been a significant number of consultation responses. He was pleased to see that the scheme was now scheduled to be in operation.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Barfield asked the portfolio holder if he would take steps to ensure similar schemes do not over-run in the future.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that he would raise this with the Highways team.

At minute PH.ETE.41 (Tracking Report), Councillor Wheatley again asked when the residents parking scheme in Kew Road would commence as she was aware a temporary scheme that had commenced very quickly in St Peter's Avenue, Cleethorpes and surely something similar could have been done here.

Councillor S Swinburn responded by referring to his previous answer and added that each scheme was dealt with on its own merits.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor S Swinburn and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 be approved and adopted.

## **NEL.23 MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER – ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2020**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor S Swinburn and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.24 MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER – FINANCE AND RESOURCES MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder – Environment and Transport meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.25 MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2020**

At minute SPCLL.49 (Call in of the new approach to the support and specialist assessment for children with additional needs), Councillor Barfield sought an assurance from the Chair that this matter would continue to be tracked by the panel.

Councillor Freeston, Chair of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel confirmed that it would.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Freeston and seconded by Councillor Goodwin.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.26 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019**

At minute SPC.43 (Local Cycling and Walking Strategy Update), Councillor Sheridan sought a reassurance from the portfolio holder that the bid for the second tranche of active travel funding would include more cycling provision.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that the bid for second tranche had been submitted and he was confident that it would address cycling provision. He added that further funding was anticipated through the new cycling strategy.

At minute SPC.42 (Arson), Councillor Rogers enquired what consideration had been given to engagement with residents who lived in properties without front gardens and were at risk from arson attacks on wheelie bins.

Councillor S Swinburn repeated that consultation was due to take place with residents living at the 2,000 properties identified as having a potential issue with the provision of additional recycling bins.

At minute SPC.38 (Outcomes Progress Report), Councillor Beasant sought an assurance that funding for the anti-social behaviour team would continue.

Councillor Shepherd responded that the team did a fantastic job and as long as it could be maintained then it would continue.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Beasant enquired whether there would be any reduction in hours or numbers in the near future.

Councillor Shepherd agreed to provide a written response to Councillor Beasant. At minute SPC.42 (Arson), Councillor Beasant enquired what enforcement action had been taken in relation to obstruction to highways caused by wheelie bins.

Councillor Shepherd responded that he did not have the enforcement figures at hand and agreed to provide a written response to Councillor Beasant.

At minute SPC.43 (Local Cycling and Walking Strategy Update), Councillor Beasant noted that the Prime Minister saw cycling as a major priority and asked the portfolio holder what additional plans he intended to bring forward to address this.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that the cycling strategy was being reviewed and he anticipated more funding would become available.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Silvester and seconded by Councillor Shepherd.

RESOLVED –

1. That the minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 be approved and adopted.
2. That a written response be provided to Councillor Beasant with regard to his supplementary question on the anti-social behaviour team and to his question on enforcement of obstruction to highways caused by wheelie bins.

## **NEL.27 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Councillor Patrick moved that the Council's Standing Orders governing the length of meetings be suspended to permit this meeting to continue beyond 10.00 p.m. This was seconded by Councillor Wilson. Upon a show of hands, the motion was carried and it was

RESOLVED - That the Council's Standing Orders governing the length of meetings be suspended to permit this meeting to continue beyond 10.00 p.m.

## **NEL.28 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

At minute SPC.49 (Street Scene Select Committee 12 Month Update), Councillor Wilson asked for clarification of the policy on pavement gully cleaning

Councillor S Swinburn responded that a new strategy was now in place for gully cleaning and it was working well.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Wilson asked the portfolio holder if he was aware that a number of pavement gullies in West Marsh ward had not been cleaned for some time.

Councillor S Swinburn agreed to refer this matter back to the service.

On the same minute, Councillor Beasant enquired when there would be engagement on the use of wild flowers in the East Marsh ward as none had been seen yet.

Councillor S Swinburn agreed to ask officers to contact Councillor Beasant to discuss this further.

On the same minute, Councillor Wilson asked if there was a budget for wild flowers.

Councillor S Swinburn agreed to provide a written response.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Wilson asked if the response could include details of schemes approved so far out of this budget.

Councillor S Swinburn agreed to this.

On the same minute, Councillor Beasant enquired whether officers were any closer to developing a community-led pilot for clearing alleyways across the borough.

Councillor S Swinburn commented that there were plans in place but they were at a very early stage.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Silvester and seconded by Councillor Shepherd.

RESOLVED –

1. That the minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 be approved and adopted.
2. That a written response be provided to Councillor Wilson on whether there was a budget for the provision of wild flowers, to include details of any schemes that had been approved out of that budget.

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING  
HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020**

At minute SPC.56 (Public Facing CCTV), Councillor Wilson asked the Chair when the report on the old CCTV system, considered by the panel, was commissioned.

Councillor Silvester, Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Panel, agreed to provide a written response to Councillor Wilson.

At minute SPC.57 (Waste Strategy and Consultation), Councillor Beasant noted reference to the provision of smaller bins and enquired whether that was still the case or would residents only receive larger bins.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that there would be an opportunity for residents to contact the service if they were having problems with the larger bins.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Beasant noted that some of the residents in his ward had said that they would have difficulties with the larger bins and he asked if it was the case that they could have a smaller bin.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that it wasn't the case until the new system had been rolled out. If residents were having difficulties with the larger bins once they had been delivered, then they could contact the service and someone would visit them to discuss options.

On the same minute, Councillor Goodwin enquired whether there would be a charge for changing their bin.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that he thought it would be unlikely that a charge would be made for changing to a smaller bin although he could not commit to this.

On the same minute, Councillor Wilson enquired how many people, from the identified 2,000 properties where there may be difficulties with recycling, had responded to the consultation.

Councillor S Swinburn responded that he did not have this information.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Wilson asked if the panel needed strengthening to ensure the right questions were asked when looking at such issues.

Councillor Silvester didn't believe that it did and he felt that it had provided good cross-party scrutiny.

At minute SPC.56 (Public Facing CCTV), Councillor Green asked if it was the intention to ask residents who were having cameras installed near their properties, whether they had any objections.

Councillor Shepherd responded that the cameras were deployed for various reasons and the council was not always informed of the reasons why. He suggested that if residents had a camera installed near their property and they weren't sure why then they should contact the anti-social behaviour team.

At minute SPC.60 (Questions to Portfolio Holder), Councillor Beasant referred to the number of dangerous buildings in his ward and noted that the portfolio holder had promised to keep in touch with ward councillors but, having not heard anything, was it the case that there was no solution.

Councillor Fenty responded that the council was having difficulties with owners who were allowing properties to fall into a state of disrepair. Appropriate notices had been served and when further detail was available, ward councillors would be contacted.

At minute SPC.59 (Depot and community recycling centre rationalisation), Councillor Wilson asked the Chair in which wards were the community recycling centres situated.

Councillor Silvester responded that one was based in Immingham and the other was in the West Marsh ward.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Wilson asked if the Chair agreed that a ward councillor asking questions about the community recycling centres deserved an answer.

Councillor S Swinburn noted that Councillor Wilson had received a response from him to his questions.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shepherd and seconded by Councillor Pettigrew.

RESOLVED –

1. That the minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 be approved and adopted.
2. That a written response be provided to Councillor Wilson on the commissioning of the report on the old CCTV system.

### **NEL.30 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2020**

At minute SPC.3 (Covid-19 Pandemic), Councillor Patrick asked the Chair what extra financial support would he like to see from central government and directed to which issues caused by Covid-19.

Due to technical issues at the meeting, the Chair was unable to provide an answer and it was agreed to submit a written response.



On the same minute, Councillor Wheatley enquired how many homeless people had been housed at the height of the lockdown.

Councillor Silvester agreed to provide a written response.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Wheatley asked how many were still housed.

Councillor Silvester agreed to include that in the written response.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Silvester and seconded by Councillor Pettigrew.

RESOLVED –

1. That the minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 be approved and adopted.
2. That a written response be provided to Councillor Patrick on the extra financial support that the Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Panel would like to see from central government and directed to which issues caused by Covid-19.
3. That a written response be provided to Councillor Wheatley on the number of homeless people that had been housed at the height of the lockdown and including the number still being housed.

### **NEL.31 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hasthorpe and seconded by Councillor Wilson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 be approved and adopted.

### **NEL.32 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2020**

At minute SPE.57 (Call In Gypsy and Traveller Designated Stopover Site), Councillor Patrick asked the portfolio holder for a reminder of which sites were dropped from the original shortlist.

Councillor Fenty noted that there were over 1300 sites originally which were brought down to five sites following review by scrutiny. Of those five, two sites (Orwell Street and a site in Freshney ward) were found to be in flood risk zones and they were removed from the shortlist. Cabinet subsequently came forward with a revised shortlist of five sites as referred to in the minute.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Patrick understood that there were a number of reasons why the sites were removed and the Orwell Street site was largely due to the concerns of local businesses, one of which was Cool Energy Holding Ltd, and he asked who owned that particular business.

Councillor Fenty responded that he owned the business but he clarified that a consultation with local businesses was conducted by the previous administration and the businesses were informed by the then portfolio holder that it was highly unlikely that the site would be pursued for a number of reasons.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hasthorpe and seconded by Councillor Barfield.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be approved and adopted.

### **NEL.33 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020**

At minute SPE.68 (Local Transport Plan Delivery Plan), Councillor Wilson asked for an update with moving forward the capital programme so that the Europarc bridge could be progressed.

Councillor S Swinburn confirmed that a report on this matter was scheduled to be considered by Cabinet in September, 2020.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hasthorpe and seconded by Councillor Barfield.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 be approved and adopted.

### **NEL.34 MINUTES OF THE ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hasthorpe and seconded by Councillor Barfield.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 be approved and adopted.

### **NEL.35 MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY, 2020**

At minute SPH.51 (Scrutiny Panel Work Programme Progress Update), Councillor Wheatley asked the Chair if he would consider a joint meeting with the

Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel to look at the issue of children's dentistry.

Councillor Hudson, Chair of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel, agreed that this would be a sensible idea and he would look to progress it.

At minute SPH.47 (Oncology Service Provision), Councillor Wilson asked the Chair if he agreed that the shortage of specialists in this area was a concern.

Councillor Hudson was concerned about this as well as shortages in other service areas. However, he was hopeful that everything possible was being done to resolve the issue.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Wilson asked if there had been a lack of investment in training.

Councillor Hudson didn't think there was a lack of investment as there were trained oncologists but they wanted to work in the large teaching hospitals. The plan was to train people locally in the hope that they would then be retained in the area.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hudson and seconded by Councillor Furneaux.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020 be approved and adopted.

### **NEL.36 MINUTES OF THE TOURISM AND VISITOR ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Parkinson and seconded by Councillor Freeston.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 be approved and adopted.

### **NEL.37 MINUTES OF THE TOURISM AND VISITOR ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020**

At minute SPTVE.47 (Cultural Development Fund Update), Councillor Rogers asked the portfolio holder for an assurance that the refurbishment project for St. James House, Grimsby was now moving forward.

Councillor Procter, Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Heritage and Culture, responded that discussions continued with the diocese but he was unable to commit to any outcome at present.

On the same minute, Councillor Wilson asked the portfolio holder if he would keep ward councillors updated on the future of St. James House.

Councillor Procter agreed to do so.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Brookes and seconded by Councillor Parkinson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.38 MINUTES OF THE BUDGET SCRUTINY MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2020**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hudson and seconded by Councillor Goodwin.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Budget Scrutiny meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.39 MINUTES OF THE BUDGET SCRUTINY MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 2020**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Cairns.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Budget Scrutiny meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.40 MINUTES OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019**

At minute CDC.3 (Community Safety Partnership Arrangements), Councillor Beasant asked if the portfolio holder could provide an assurance that the early intervention teams would continue their valued work in the East Marsh and West Marsh wards.

Councillor Shepherd responded that this work was essential and assured Councillor Beasant that while we can we will continue to support the work.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Beasant asked if the portfolio holder was aware that the teams no longer existed in the wards mentioned.

Councillor Shepherd was aware that other provisions were being put in place and the council was working with Humberside Police, with an action plan being put in place to maintain the work of the teams.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Silvester and seconded by Councillor Woodward.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Crime and Disorder Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.41 MINUTES OF THE PLACE BOARD (OPERATING AS THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD) MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

At minute HWBB.10 (Director of Public Health Annual Report), Councillor Beasant asked the Chair if actions could be expected in relation to access to open spaces.

Councillor Cracknell, Chair of the Health and Well Being Board), acknowledged the differences in certain wards of the borough in relation to quality of life. However, she felt that the Director of Public Health and other areas of adult care were doing as much as possible to ensure that access to open spaces was being addressed. She offered to remind colleagues of the importance of those aspects of people's lives.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Beasant asked if the Chair would take this issue away and refer it to the appropriate scrutiny panel for consideration.

Councillor Cracknell responded that she would and welcomed specific information on particular areas of concern from Councillor Beasant so that a two way conversation could be undertaken.

On the same minute, Councillor Rogers if the Chair would investigate impact of standing traffic on Cleethorpe Road with regard to air quality.

Councillor Cracknell responded that air quality was monitored at Riby Square and she agreed to provide information on this to Councillor Rogers.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Cracknell and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Place Board (operating as the Health and Well Being Board) meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019 be approved and adopted, subject to the addition of Mr Barnes and Ms Overton to the attendance list for this meeting.

**NEL.42 MINUTES OF THE PLACE BOARD (OPERATING AS THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD) MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Cracknell and seconded by Councillor Jackson.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Place Board (operating as the Health and Well Being Board) meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.43 MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2020**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Harness and seconded by Councillor Furneaux.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.44 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Harness and seconded by Councillor Pettigrew.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 be approved and adopted.

**NEL.45 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL**

There being no further questions, it was proposed by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Fenty, that the Council receive en bloc the minutes of the remaining meetings of the Committees of the Council as set out in the Minute Book. This was agreed by Council, subject to the amendment of minute P.81 of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 to clarify that Councillor Pettigrew declared the interest and not Councillor Mickleburgh.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the following meetings of the Committees of the Council be approved and adopted:

Planning Committee	8 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020 5 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020 20 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020
Licensing and Community Protection Committee Standards Referrals Panel	19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020 9 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020 6 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020
Appointments Committee	13 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020 24 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020 12 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020

There being no further business, the Deputy Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10.57 p.m.