

ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	6 July 2021
REPORT OF	Assistant Chief Executive
SUBJECT	Economy Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme
STATUS	OPEN

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIM

The scrutiny panels act as a reviewing mechanism for decisions made relating to the strategic policy, performance and resources required to deliver the ambitions of the Council and its key partnerships. The aim of the scrutiny process is to make sure decision making is robust by providing constructive challenge. This contributes to the Council being effective and efficient, and therefore it is integral to the delivery of the Council Priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report reflects work undertaken by the Economy Scrutiny Panel; members have suggested, within the panel's terms of reference, topics to be included in the 2021/22 work programme. The panel is asked to agree the work programme.

MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

The appendix to this report summarises the suggested work programme and the panel's likely timetable of activities during 2021/22 to undertake this work. The report will be a live document and progress on each of the work programme items will be monitored throughout the year.

In addition to the work programme items, there will be the opportunity for members to identify agenda items from the forward plan, the Council's quarterly performance and resources report (with a focus on those issues relevant to the remit of the panel) and the tracking of its recommendations. The panel may also respond to issues of public concern.

Members are asked to consider and agree the work programme for the ensuing municipal year.

The panel may also consider any issues it may wish to remove or add to this year's work programme.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include risk assessment(s) by the author(s) concerned.

3. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

The work programme demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations included within this report.

5. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include climate change and environmental implications by the author(s) concerned.

6. MONITORING COMMENTS

In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance or physical assets). As a result, no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (Chief Legal Officer), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead.

7. WARD IMPLICATIONS

May impact on all wards

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual report of scrutiny 2020/21
Panel tracking reports

9. CONTACT OFFICER(S)

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Economy Scrutiny Panel

Work programme 2021/22

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1. The role of scrutiny

Effective overview and scrutiny should:

- Provide constructive ‘critical friend’ challenge - examine and review the council’s decisions
- Amplify the voices and concerns of the public - review and report on issues that affect local people
- Drive improvement in public services - consider the work of partners and other public organisations which affect local residents
- Contribute to the development of future policies and strategies that will help improve services for local people
- Involve local people in council decision making
- Co-ordinate the Councillor Call for Action

You can find out more about scrutiny on the council’s website:

<https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/councillors-and-democracy/decision-making/scrutiny/>

This document sets out the priorities, outcomes and actions which relate directly to the Economy Scrutiny Panel and forms the basis of its work programme for the next municipal year. It also provides a guide for prioritising items for scrutiny.

This document is ‘work in progress; the updating of the work programme is an ongoing task. The work programme in detail describes the panel’s desired outcomes, objectives, intentions, outputs and progress. Topics may be added or withdrawn to react to changing priorities.

2. Terms of reference

The scrutiny panels are responsible for scrutinising any matters affecting North East Lincolnshire within their remit. For the Economy Scrutiny Panel these include:

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| ◇ Economic strategy | ◇ Transport and traffic regulations (including parking) |
| ◇ Economic development | ◇ Business and education partnerships |
| ◇ External funding and inward Investment (including renewable energy) | ◇ Strategic housing |
| ◇ Regeneration projects | ◇ Asset management (including business centres) |
| ◇ Local enterprise and growth | ◇ Flood risk management |
| ◇ Regeneration Partnership performance monitoring | ◇ Energy and climate change |
| ◇ Local Plan | ◇ Empty and derelict property |
| | ◇ Emergency planning and civil contingencies |

3. Scrutiny of the budget

A key element of the work programme is annual scrutiny of the Council's proposed priorities and budget prior to formal approval by Cabinet and Council in February 2022.

The Executive Scrutiny Liaison Board will determine how budget scrutiny, performance monitoring issues and matters of a corporate nature which affect the Council as a whole, are dealt with.

North East Lincolnshire Council's finance and commissioning plan 2021-22 – 2023-24 as approved in February 2021 can be found [here](#).

4. The Council Plan

The council plan sets out the priorities for this council and is due to be initially considered by Cabinet in July 2021. The plan will then need to be referred to scrutiny prior to eventual agreement by full Council. As set out above, the panel's work programme remains a flexible document and may need to be adjusted to reflect this panel's role in monitoring council plan priority interventions within its remit. It is anticipated that the scrutiny panels will receive regular updates on progress with the key actions contained within the council plan.

5. Focus for the Economy Scrutiny Panel –

The forward work programme of each scrutiny panel should be linked to the delivery of the council's priority outcomes. The work of this scrutiny panel must be focussed on these priorities when making recommendations on important policy matters and must hold the executive and other decision makers to account on those terms. It is important that panels maintain this focus when examining issues and setting agendas. At its March 2021 meeting, members were given the opportunity to identify potential items for the panel's 2021/22 programme.

Panel suggestions March 2021:

- Aspects related to COVID recovery plan including effect on current programmes.
- Implementation of the freeport proposal (update in 6 months with full business case.) Including impact on SHIP programme
- Economic strategy review, influence (gap analysis and monitoring delivery of strategy) – (Joint with TVE?)
- Housing Strategy (empty homes, social housing update (and how we influence output/outcomes), other focussed updates. (from 2020/21 Housing Zone Action Sites / Playing Pitch Strategy)
- Monitoring the delivery of the Town Centre Master Plan (outputs), including evaluating success (outcomes), Definitions of success criteria.
- Carparking strategy (especially in relation to other strategies e.g. Town Centre masterplan)

The panel will also continue monitoring via regular reporting on :

- key projects (included in the council's commissioning plan (outcome framework).
- Highways schemes
- Local transport plan
- Monitoring the performance of the regeneration partnership via quarterly report
- Monitoring the improvement of the regeneration partnership via regular reporting.
- Financial monitoring via quarterly budget reports

The panel retains its interest in the following topics carried over from the scrutiny annual report.

- Gypsy and traveller designated stopover site – pre cabinet
- Energy Programme/ carbon energy roadmap – regular updates
- Local plan review

These were considered by the panel at a work programme workshop on 15 June 2021 where the following topics were also agreed:

- Flood
- Levelling up fund

How the panel will approach this work is included in section 9.

6. Who's who

Chair of the Economy Scrutiny Panel
Deputy Chair

- Councillor Tom Furneaux
- Councillor Stephen Harness

Councillor Philip Jackson : Leader and lead Cabinet member for:

- Town Deal
- Climate change and the green agenda
- Decarbonisation
- Strategic economic collaboration

Councillor Callum Procter: Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Housing and Tourism

- Economic strategy
- Regeneration, inward investment and growth
- Business support and local enterprise

Councillor Stan Shreeve: Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets

- Financial strategy and corporate governance
- Revenue budget and capital programme
- Digital strategy, inclusion and development
- Shared services and commercial development
- Financial inclusion
- Assets (corporate, commercial, community) and estate management

Councillor Stewart Swinburn: Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport

- Planning, development control, highways and transportation
- Traffic management, parking and regulation
- Waste, recycling and environmental management
- Neighbourhood services, street scene, parks, open spaces

7. Panel Membership 2021/22

Membership

Conservative -	James Cairns Bob Callison Hayden Dawkins Tom Furneaux Stephen Harness Mark Smith
Labour -	Gemma Sheridan

Please note: there is a panel membership vacancy pending the result of a by-election to be held 1 July 2021 in the Heneage ward.

Substitutes

Conservative:	Henry Hudson Oliver Freeston Keith Brookes Daniel Wescott Garry Abel Martyn Sandford
Labour:	Karl Wilson

8. Scheduled meetings of the panel 2021/22

All meetings start at **6.30 p.m.** in **Grimsby Town Hall** unless otherwise stated on agenda papers.

Tuesday 6 July 2021
Tuesday 31 August 2021
Tuesday 26 October 2021
Tuesday 4 January 2022
Tuesday 1 March 2022

The panel may call special meetings to consider issues in a timely manner or to give focus to important items.

9. DRAFT - ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION: Economy Scrutiny Panel 2021/22

9 June 6.30pm	6 July 6.30 p.m.	31 August 6.30 p.m.	26 October 6.30 p.m.	4 January 6.30 p.m.	1 March 6.30 p.m.	6.30 p.m.	6.30 p.m.	6.30 p.m.
SPECIAL								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Investment fund Projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020/21 Provisional outturn report Engie performance report end of year Energy Carbon Road map Levelling up (cabinet 16 June) Panel work programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review subs Bus Services Engie performance first quarter Council Plan (post Cabinet/ pre-council) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engie Improvement plan update.. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engie performance Q2. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Work programme 2021/22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . . 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . .
Cabinet 16 June	Cabinet 14 July 11 Aug	Cabinet 8 Sep 6 Oct	Cabinet 3 Nov 1 Dec	Cabinet 12 Jan 16 Feb	Cabinet 9 Mar 6 Apr			
STANDING / GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking Forward Plan **Engie Performance ***Engie Improvement LTP quarterly *Finance quarterly Public questions Questions to PH 								
WORKING GROUPS / WORKSHOPS :	Work Programme Workshop	Economic Strategy Review Deferred - Economy & TVE (also requires formal meeting) TBC "Autumn 2021)	Local Plan Review Tracked item, deferred pending Gov't white paper	Joint panels Budget workshop All panels workshop -NOV & JAN				
All other topics, as referenced in section 5 to be allocated.								

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