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

**20<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Chase (in the Chair)  
Councillors Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Brookes, Cairns, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Freeston, Goodwin, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hyldon-King, Jackson, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Mill, Nichols, Nici, Oxby, Patrick, Pettigrew, Procter, Rodwell, Rogers, Shepherd, Sheridan, Silvester, Swinburn, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson.

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| <b>OFFICERS:</b> | Rob Walsh    | Chief Executive   |
|                  | Simon Jones  | Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer                                  |
|                  | Sharon Wroot | Director of Finance, Operations and Resources - Section 151 Officer |
|                  | Paul Windley | Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager                                |

NEL.57 **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor welcomed all those present to this meeting.

The Mayor reported on her attendance at a variety of events, all of which she had thoroughly enjoyed and been honoured to be part of. She offered her thanks to all involved for their time and commitment to the communities of North East Lincolnshire.

NEL.58 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Barber, Cracknell, Darby, James, Parkinson, Rudd and Shreeve.

NEL.59 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and the special meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were approved as correct records.

On the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, Councillor Jackson noted that there were four written responses to questions that had yet to be received. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that this was in hand and the responses would be issued shortly.

NEL.60 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Bolton, Fenty, Goodwin, Lindley, Patrick, Shepherd, Silvester and P. Wheatley declared a personal interest in item NEL.63 in their capacity as a school governor.

NEL.61 **THE LEADER'S STATEMENT**

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

The Leader reported that engagement with the Government and private sector partners continued to further develop the Town Deal. Discussions with ABP were particularly noted as being key to the progress of the deal.

The Leader referred to the recently announced Government review of local enterprise partnerships (LEPs). He explained that the LEPs were introduced to galvanise the voice of business and foster strong partnership working with local authorities. They were often the bodies through which bids were made for Government funding to support growth, infrastructure and regeneration projects. This Council had been successful in obtaining such funding in recent years and was a member of both the Humber LEP and the Greater Lincolnshire LEP. One aspect of the review was a clear signal that such overlaps would no longer be permitted in future arrangements. This had been discussed with Council Leaders across the Humber and Greater Lincolnshire Council and the Leader had made clear his view that the natural LEP geography for North East Lincolnshire was the Humber. Therefore, if a choice had to be made, he saw this Council as a member of the Humber LEP but still committed to working in collaboration with local authority colleagues across Lincolnshire.

The Leader welcomed the success of the 'Skip It' scheme which had been introduced as a three month pilot project to allow for residents to dispose of unwanted household items. He noted that in the first week more than 64 tonnes of rubbish had been collected with over 1,800 residents getting involved. He looked forward to this success continuing.

On the local economy, the Leader was pleased to hear about the 170 new jobs that were set to be created after Innogy had confirmed Grimsby as the base for the Triton Knoll offshore wind farm. He commented that this was another company

recognising the potential that the port of Grimsby has in providing a viable future for companies to invest and expand. Meanwhile, in Cleethorpes, Cabinet had approved plans to change the layout of Sea View Street as part of a £7m masterplan for the area. This had involved extensive consultation with traders and the public and provided further evidence of the Council's commitment to securing the future of our favourite seaside resort.

The Leader acknowledged the key challenges faced, not least the impact of anti-social behaviour on our residents. This Council would continue to work with partners to tackle these challenges and, as an example, he noted that Cabinet were due to consider a report recommending entering an enforcement agreement with Doncaster Council to use a private company to enforce against littering and dog fouling.

The Leader reported on the outcome of the recent inspection of the area's arrangements in respect of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). While this had proved to be challenging and there was work to be done, he assured Members that it would be done.

The Leader concluded by noting how proud he was that North East Lincolnshire had this week hosted the relay of the Women's Suffrage flag on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Representation of the People Act.

NEL.62

### **QUESTION TIME**

No questions had been received from members of the public for consideration at this meeting.

NEL.63

### **NOTICE OF MOTION 1**

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

This Council believes that the level of school exclusions in North East Lincolnshire is unnecessarily high. This has been highlighted recently by reports in the national and local press reporting that two of our secondary academies have had exclusion rates of over 20% in a year.

The Council notes that:

1. Missed days of schooling damage children's education.
2. In some cases it gives opportunities for those excluded children to engage in criminal activity during school hours.
3. In too many cases children will be permanently excluded and this will incur costs to this council and in doing so stretch already tight budgets.

This Council calls on the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education to write to the secondary academy heads in North East Lincolnshire and request that they only use exclusions as a matter of last resort. Furthermore, that she write to our two M.P.s and request their help in reducing exclusion rates by helping to shape government policy to do so.

During the debate on the motion, Councillor Lindley moved an amendment, arising from the debate, that the matter also be urgently referred to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel for consideration. The Monitoring Officer informed Council that, in any case, the issue of school exclusions was due to be considered by the panel at its meeting next week. Councillor Lindley subsequently withdrew his amendment.

Following the debate, a recorded vote was held in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Standing Orders, the votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the motion

Councillors Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Brookes, Cairns, Chase, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Goodwin, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hyldon-King, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Mill, Nichols, Nici, Oxby, Patrick, Pettigrew, Rodwell, Rogers, Sheridan, Silvester, Swinburn, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (31 votes).

Against the motion

Councillors Freeston, Jackson, Procter and Shepherd (4 votes)

The motion was declared and it was

RESOLVED – That the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education write to the secondary academy heads in North East Lincolnshire and request that they only use exclusions as a matter of last resort. Furthermore, that she write to our two M.P.s and request their help in reducing exclusion rates by helping to shape government policy to do so.

NEL.64

**NOTICE OF MOTION 2**

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

North East Lincolnshire Council will note that a significant proportion of women and girls within and out of our borough find themselves in a position where they either can't access sanitary products or can't afford sanitary products.

Period Poverty is a growing issue that is affecting women and girls, with some women spending, well over £10,000 on sanitary products over their lifetime.

The council will note that, as Universal Credit has been introduced and wages have stagnated, some women are forced to make difficult decisions about whether to purchase sanitary products, with the expense being compounded by VAT being charged on sanitary products.

This council is concerned that women and girls are resorting to using items such as socks and tissues in place of sanitary products, putting their health at significant risk.

What is self-evident is that there is a clear and direct correlation between access to sanitary products and the local level of poverty, and with North East Lincolnshire (NEL) ranked 31<sup>st</sup> out of 326 in terms of deprivation, and over a quarter of young people aged 0-16 living in poverty, our population is at higher risk of period poverty, and a recent survey of women and girls aged 14-21 in North East Lincolnshire reflects this:

- 10% of girls aged 14-21 have been unable to afford sanitary wear – that's 661 girls aged 14-21 in NEL
- 15% have struggled to afford sanitary wear – that's 991 girls aged 14-21 in NEL
- 14% have had to borrow from a friend because they couldn't afford their own – that's 925 girls aged 14-21 in NEL
- 12% have had to improvise sanitary wear because they couldn't afford it – that's 793 girls aged 14-21 in NEL
- 19% have had to use a less suitable sanitary product because they couldn't afford it – that's 1253 girls aged 14-21 in NEL

North East Lincolnshire Council believes that women and girls should be able to experience their periods with dignity.

This Council resolves to:

Ensure the Director of Public Health and Wellbeing in his annual report (due to come before Cabinet) includes the impact of use of poor sanitary products and Period Poverty generally on women and girls both directly and indirectly.

Thereafter to share our report with the government, and call on them to conduct their own assessment of levels and the wider social impact of period poverty.

To work with academies, schools and colleges to seek to provide sanitary products at no charge in toilet facilities, and to ask for their support in our campaign to push central government to act on period poverty.

To investigate the practicalities of providing sanitary products at no charge in Council facilities, and to implement such a practice, reporting back to the relevant portfolio holders at the earliest opportunity.

Following a debate, a recorded vote was held in accordance with the requirements of the Councils Standing Orders, the votes cast were recorded as follows:

For the motion

Councillors Barfield, Beasant, Bolton, Brookes, Chase, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Freeston, Goodwin, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hyldon-King, Jackson, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Mill, Nichols, Nici, Oxby, Patrick, Pettigrew, Procter, Rodwell, Rogers, Shepherd, Sheridan, Silvester, Swinburn, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (34 votes).

Abstained

Councillor Cairns (1 vote).

The motion was declared carried and it was

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Director of Public Health and Wellbeing ensure that his annual report (due to come before Cabinet) includes the impact of use of poor sanitary products and period poverty generally on women and girls both directly and indirectly.
- (2) That, thereafter the annual report be shared with the government, with a call on them to conduct their own assessment of levels and the wider social impact of period poverty.
- (3) That this Council work with academies, schools and colleges to seek to provide sanitary products at no charge in toilet facilities, and to ask for their support in our campaign to push central government to act on period poverty.
- (4) That this Council investigate the practicalities of providing sanitary products at no charge in Council facilities, and to implement such a practice, reporting back to the relevant portfolio holders at the earliest opportunity.

NEL.65

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

The Mayor invited Councillor Mill to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Resources, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders:

*“Can the Portfolio holder for Finance, Governance and Resources advise on the level of cut back in revenue support since 2010 from Government and the process for dealing with the pernicious Government led austerity programme in a prudent and constructive manner”*

Councillor Watson, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Resources, responded that nationally there had been a 49.1% real-term reduction in

government funding for local authorities from 2010/11 to 2017/18. Over the same period, there had been a 28.6% real-term reduction in local authorities' spending power. This Council had seen its Revenue Support Grant fall from £52.2m in 2013/14 to £13.4m in 2018/19. The removal of the Revenue Support Grant in 2020 would mean a reliance on council tax and business rates retention to provide the necessary income to balance the books. Growth was therefore essential to increase the tax base and work would continue with business and housing developers to make sure this was achieved. Councillor Watson noted the success of senior officers and Cabinet members in together seeking out grants to allow development to take place throughout the Borough. However, he cautioned that this could not be achieved overnight and the administration had not been afraid to make difficult choices in front line services to enable challenges to be tackled. This had not been easy, and he noted the lack of alternative proposals put forward by the principal opposition, but once again the administration had ended the year with a balanced position and still protected the vital services accessed by the most vulnerable.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Mill referred to the difficult choices being made and enquired what was being done to further protect services such as grounds maintenance and street cleaning.

Councillor Watson commented on the importance of such services and noted that they had been under strain recently but action was being taken. Following a review of the 2017/18 year-end reserves position, capacity of £1m had been identified and this would be used over the next two years to support delivery of the Smarter Neighbourhoods programme. A Street Scene Select Committee had also been established, with cross party membership, to oversee the delivery of these improved services.

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

*"The 'Skip it' scheme has been very well received in my ward, Sidney Sussex and elsewhere. Could the portfolio holder give the chamber a summary of the achievements of the scheme for the first weeks of operation?"*

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Transport and Energy, responded that the scheme had been incredibly well received with over 3,000 visits from residents, 1,000 recycling boxes handed out and over 100 tonnes of waste taken. He offered his thanks to all staff and residents involved. He added that the scheme had only cost £10k to instigate and they were only two-thirds of the way through the scheme.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Rodwell enquired whether the scheme was likely to continue beyond the pilot period.

Councillor Patrick hoped that it would but perhaps in a different form depending on feedback received from residents.

The Mayor invited Councillor Beasant 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:

*"The National Audit Office report, Financial Sustainability of Police Forces in England and Wales 2018 outlines significant budget reductions for policing. Does the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities agree that these funding reductions are having significant impact on crime in England and Wales, but more importantly within North East Lincolnshire?"*

Councillor Bolton, Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities, agreed that it was a damning report and noted that 45,000 police officers had been lost nationally since 2010, with 800 of those in the Humberside Police area. However, he added that there was positive news in that the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Humberside Police area had committed funding to take on a further 300 officers.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Beasant asked whether the portfolio holder agreed that, given the findings of the report, it was wrong in hindsight to invite the Justice Minister to visit the area.

Councillor Bolton responded that it would appear to be a waste of time given the report's conclusion that the Government was in denial on this issue but he would welcome the opportunity to highlight the good work being carried out in this area.

The Mayor invited Councillor Dickerson 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:

*"In view of the increasing prevalence of fly posting which causes our Borough to look so very untidy, could all present fly posters be removed and if new ones appear, prosecutions be instigated against the offenders?"*

Councillor Bolton responded that the street cleansing and planning enforcement teams worked together to deal with this issue. However, flyposting can only be removed immediately on council and highway adopted land. If it is on private land then land ownership needs to be determined and the opportunity given to remove the posters before any action can be taken. Circus advertising is regularly seen in the area and the legislation surrounding this is slightly different. If they follow specific criteria, such as size of advert and length of time displayed and they are removed after the last performance, then as long as they notify the planning authority of these details it is not classed as illegal flyposting/advertising. If this is not followed then they can be removed. Councillor Bolton added that illegal advertising was removed wherever possible with a view to prosecution for repeat offenders but enforcement can be a challenge in terms of fly posting on private land.



In a supplementary question, Councillor Dickerson asked for these details in writing and raised particular concern about circus posters placed on trees all along Humberston Road.

Councillor Bolton agreed to provide the details in writing and look into the circus poster issue.

The Mayor invited Councillor Jackson 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:

*"A Grimsby Live poll on 11 September 2018, where more than 1500 people voted, showed that 96% agree that anti-social behaviour is a problem in Grimsby town centre with 71% saying they avoid shopping there as a result. In response, the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities is reported to have said that groups and individuals need to "stop repeating this false, negative image of Grimsby town centre". Does this not demonstrate complacency and this administration's unwillingness to tackle the "anything goes" culture that has been allowed to develop in certain areas of North East Lincolnshire?"*

Councillor Bolton responded that although he could not deny that there was a problem with anti-social behaviour, the Council and its partners were working really hard to deal with it. He certainly wasn't complacent and he was keen to tackle the problem. He referred to work undertaken in Freshney Place to deter shoplifters and the use of Public Space Protection Orders. A wide-ranging anti-social behaviour summit was also being set up and street scene enforcement would be further enhanced by the introduction of £100 fixed penalty fines for littering and dog fouling. There was an ongoing review of CCTV provision and steps were being taken to crack down on fly tipping and rogue landlords. Councillor Bolton praised the teams involved for their hard work and felt that Members should support them.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Jackson welcomed the additional enforcement but asked whether it was the case that the current administration had failed up to the last year and this improvement was only due to public pressure.

Councillor Bolton responded that failures dated back to previous administrations but he promised there would be action taken.

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

*"During the long-running Tollbar roundabout saga, the Council has clearly stated that it recognises a potential pedestrian safety risk. Why have interim measures, such as a school crossing patrol (lollipop person), not been introduced to mitigate this risk?"*

Councillor Patrick responded that he was sure that the matter would have been resolved by now if it wasn't for the constant call-ins by the principal opposition

group. He explained that it was not standard practice to provide school crossing patrols for secondary schools but he had asked if this could be looked at in this particular case.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Jackson enquired whether the portfolio holder was aware that there was no legislative restriction on the age of pupils for the provision of patrols and that this was at the discretion of local authorities.

Councillor Patrick confirmed that he was aware and noted the use of standard practice within his response to Councillor Jackson's original question. He added that he was happy to work with Councillor Jackson on this matter and avoid it being used as a political football.

The Mayor invited Councillor Procter to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Housing, Skills and Assets, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders:

*"Public toilets in North East Lincolnshire have halved over the last eight years. We had 12 public toilets in 2010 and this has dramatically been reduced to six. In nearby areas such as Hull, they have cut their public toilets at a much slower pace. For example, In Hull, 29 public toilets remain open and they are dealing with similar budget constraints to this council. Could the portfolio holder confirm that no more public toilets will be closed and the potential new external provider will be maintaining all existing public toilets?"*

Councillor Peter Wheatley, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Housing, Skills and Assets, responded by correcting the figures in the question. He stated that there were actually 14 public toilets in 2010 and austerity measures had resulted in the closure of four toilets in 2015. Of the ten remaining public toilets, five had been contracted out to a third party provider to operate and maintain, one was current part of a marketing proposal and there were no plans to close any of the other four. He highlighted that North East Lincolnshire had more public toilets per head of population than Hull.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Procter asked if the portfolio holder agreed that the Council had a moral duty to protect the most vulnerable residents, including disabled users of public toilets.

Councillor Wheatley responded that he was pleased that Councillor Procter was concerned about vulnerable members of society and contrasted this to the increased VAT rate of 20% which he felt had been used as a blunt tool by the Government to adversely impact on the most vulnerable.

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

*"In my ward there is a particular problem with a blind spot at the Timberly Drive junction leading onto Wybers Way. The overwhelming response from residents*

*regarding this problem is that they would like to see double yellow lines on Wybers Way in order to ensure the safety of drivers. I have contacted highways about residents' concerns and their response was that it's not on their priority list. This junction is proven to be unsafe as just recently this year there was a serious crash. Could the portfolio holder work with officers to ensure that this dangerous junction is dealt with and made a priority."*

Councillor Patrick was unable to provide that reassurance as he was unable to alter priorities at a full Council meeting. However, he offered an assurance that the situation was being monitored and he was happy to accompany Councillor Procter on a visit to the junction with highways officers to discuss the matter.

The Mayor invited Councillor Dickerson to present the following question to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education, the question having been submitted on notice in accordance with Council's Standing Orders:

*"Following the extremely disturbing CQC report regarding this Council's SEND services, what immediate and long term solutions are being put in place bearing in mind the findings of the CQC were so very critical of almost all of our services to all our children with special educational needs."*

Councillor Kathryn Wheatley, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education, responded that this was a joint Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) area report covering many organisations and actions were not all directed at the Council. The report highlighted many strengths with the work of Young Minds Matter, the School Nursery Service and partnership working all commended. Nevertheless, a joint response would be issued and a robust action plan would be submitted. The action plan will be monitored by scrutiny and a Member workshop was proposed. She felt that a kneejerk response to the findings was not helpful.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Dickerson enquired why known concerns were not acknowledged with Members, particularly those on the Autism Working Group.

Councillor Wheatley responded that the work of the Autism Working Group formed a very small part of the report. She reminded members that the inspection process was focused on progress with implementation of reforms introduced in 2014 and, in that time, the services had been back with the Council for the last two years. She believed that concerns had been previously raised at scrutiny and reiterated that scrutiny would continue to be involved through monitoring of the action plan.

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

*"Despite weeks of roadworks on Scartho Road where the most recent budget monitoring report lists the cost at £420,000; can the Portfolio Holder assure the residents of Scartho that air quality is not deteriorating due to standing traffic in Scartho ward?"*

Councillor Patrick responded that it was his understanding that the area in question was not currently monitored but historically there had been no issues. However, if there were concerns then he was happy to work with ward councillors through the proper process.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Nici asked if the money spent on the road represented value for money as it now took longer to travel down.

Councillor Patrick explained the purpose behind the works, principally around pedestrian safety, and advised that the hospital and staff had welcomed the improvements.

NEL.66 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

At this point the Mayor 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. if required. This was seconded by Councillor Walker. 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.67 **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2018**

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.68 **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2018**

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.69 **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018**

At CB.31 – A18 Safer Roads Fund Award – Councillor Brookes noted the grant received from central Government to make repairs to a road judged as inadequate

by the District Coroner and asked if the portfolio holder praised both this and other funding provided by the Government.

Councillor Patrick responded that he welcomed any money coming in to the Borough but reminded Councillor Brookes of funding that had been lost in recent years. He was glad that the work was taking place but reminded Members of the tragic loss that had been suffered to make it happen.

At CB.24 – Cleethorpes Regeneration Programme Sea View Street – Councillor Fenty was disappointed that a scrutiny recommendation for one hour free parking had been ignored and he enquired how the proposed 18 parking spaces would be managed.

Councillor P Wheatley responded that this action had been delegated to the Director of Economy and Growth so it would have to wait until she had reported back to him.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Fenty asked if the portfolio holder agreed that there would be a more positive economic benefit from one hour free parking rather than the 18 spaces to be provided.

Councillor P Wheatley reminded Councillor Fenty that the scheme was open to consultation with traders and they had all agreed the way forward highlighted in the plans.

At CB.27 – Abbey Walk Car Park Refurbishment – Councillor Shepherd asked for an assurance that any investment would not be at risk to the Council and would not be used to prop up Engie.

Councillor P. Wheatley noted that the investment was due to be considered again by Cabinet following a recent call-in of the decision.

At CB.33 – Grimsby Strategic Site Acquisition – Councillor Pettigrew asked for an assurance that any site acquisition would be financially viable in the immediate and long term.

Councillor P. Wheatley noted that this matter had been considered following exclusion of the press and public and therefore agreed to provide a written response to Councillor Pettigrew.

At CB.28 – Fleet Replacement – Councillor Rogers asked the portfolio holder whether the procurement of refuse vehicles would result in a change to the system of kerb-side recycling.

Councillor Patrick responded that this would indeed present a golden opportunity to find the best solution to improve recycling.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Rogers enquired whether this would involve the replacement of the current 'three box' system.

Councillor Patrick responded that he was hopeful that it would bring an end to the 'three box' system.

At CB.24 – Cleethorpes Regeneration Programme Sea View Street – Councillor Jackson asked the portfolio holder if it was not the case that the consultation on the scheme had been divided on quite a few aspects, including the loss of parking on Sea View Street.

Councillor P. Wheatley responded that he was quite happy to go along with ideas on how the parking spaces were managed but it would have to wait until the Director of Economy and Growth had reported back on the matter.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 be approved and adopted.

(2) That a written response be provided to Councillor Pettigrew on his question on minute CB.33.

NEL.70

**MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Patrick and seconded by Councillor Watson, subject to the amendment of the date of the meeting on the first page.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder Environment, Transport and Energy meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018 be approved and adopted, subject to the amendment of the date of the meeting on the first page.

NEL.71

**MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2018**

At OSC.7 – Provisional Financial Outturn Report – Councillor Shepherd enquired how scrutiny of environmental finances would be improved if they were only to be seen by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Beasant responded that this could be done in various ways and noted that the Council previously had a central panel looking at financial matters and this had worked well in his opinion; allowing Members to become experts in their field.

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.72

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – CHILDREN AND LIFELONG LEARNING MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018**

Councillor Nichols commented that he had sent his apologies for absence from this meeting to the Chair and Deputy Chair.

At SPCLL.9 – Access Pathway – Councillor Dickerson asked the Chair whether the next update on progress with implementation of the pathway should be brought forward given the outcome of the SEND inspection.

Councillor Lindley, Chair of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel, agreed to request that this be brought back to the panel in November 2018 rather than March 2019 as stated in the minutes.

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Children and Lifelong Learning meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 be approved and adopted, subject to the addition of Councillor Nichols to the apologies for absence from this meeting.

NEL.73

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – COMMUNITIES MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018**

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Communities meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.74

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – ECONOMY MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018**

At SPE.5 – Tracking of Recommendations – Councillor Brookes noted that required savings for public conveniences had been achieved and asked whether these savings would be enough to cover the costs of replacement and repair of the turnstiles that allow entry to the public conveniences.

Councillor P. Wheatley responded that it would.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Brookes asked for confirmation of that in writing.

At SPE.7 – Outcomes Progress Update Report – Councillor Wilson asked the portfolio holder for an update on progress with the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order Policy.

Councillor Patrick responded that he had made amendments to the policy to move away from a flat, prescriptive approach and to put decisions in the hand of the portfolio holder in order to expedite them more quickly.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Wilson asked for an update on the impact of this on two resident parking schemes within his ward.

Councillor Patrick responded that the proposed amendments would include giving the portfolio holder greater involvement in re-prioritising schemes and he hoped that they would be provided in much less time than the 40 week process stated.

At SPE.7 – Outcomes Progress Update Report – Councillor Shepherd enquired whether it was right to invest in the Kasbah area which was privately owned, when this could take business away from the town centre.

Councillor P. Wheatley responded that the owners had spent a considerable amount of money to improve the area and make it more accessible to the public, including changes to the security post.

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

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Economy meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 be approved and adopted.
- (2) That a written response be provided to Councillor Brookes on his question on minute SPE.5.

NEL.75

#### **MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – ECONOMY MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 2018**

At SPE.15 – Cleethorpes Regeneration Programme Sea View Street – Councillor Fenty noted the panel’s recommendation that a tactile granite finish be considered for crossing treatments and asked the Chair whether he shared his view that the bonded resin surface dressing agreed by Cabinet would deteriorate.

Councillor Jackson, Chair of the Economy Scrutiny Panel, responded that he did share that view as he had seen similar deterioration across the Borough. He added that the majority of the panel had shared these concerns and it was unfortunate that Cabinet had chosen to ignore this recommendation.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Fenty asked the Chair if he agreed that this would be a false economy and would cost the Council more in the long term.

Councillor Jackson responded that he did share these concerns.



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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Economy meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.76

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018**

At SPH.10 – Outcomes Framework – Councillor Dickerson asked the portfolio holder whether she was satisfied that serious consideration had been given to historical long term debt for care.

Councillor Hyldon-King, Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care, responded that she would provide a written response.

At SPH.9 – Work Programme – Councillor Wilson asked if the Chair would provide an assurance that mental health would be prioritised within the panel’s work programme and not lose out as a result of the Chair’s personal preference to focus on adult social care.

The Monitoring Officer advised that, in the absence of the Chair, a written response would be sought.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 be approved and adopted.

(2) That a written response be provided to Councillor Dickerson on her question on minute SPH.10.

NEL.77

**MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL – TOURISM AND VISITOR ECONOMY MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018**

At SPTVE.6 – Tracking of Recommendations – Councillor Fenty noted that the minute stated that the coverage of the saltmarsh in Cleethorpes had fallen back but he questioned this and asked if the portfolio holder was aware of the detriment this caused to the seaside economy and the danger that this could turn into another Grange over Sands.

Councillor Rogers, Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Heritage, Culture and Inclusive Communities, agreed to provide a written response.

At SPTVE.9 – Provisional Financial Outturn Report – Councillor Swinburn enquired why there was a £50k allocation within the capital programme for the Immingham Hub when nothing was being spent on the hub.

Councillor Watson agreed to provide a written response.

At SPTVE6 and SPTVE.10 – Cleethorpes Market – Councillor Shepherd asked for an update on the re-provision of the market.

Councillor Rogers responded that the previous proposal had not demonstrated sufficient financial viability so the scrutiny working group had been re-established to relook at the costs to see if the proposal could be deemed viable. A meeting was recently held where Engie had been tasked with a number of actions, which was due to be reported back to the group in October.

At SPTVE.10 – Outcomes Framework Progress – Councillor Lindley enquired whether the CineWorld development was still progressing as planned.

Councillor P. Wheatley responded that this was a private development but he had been informed that work was due to commence in October.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Lindley asked if there was a plan b should the development not go ahead.

Councillor P. Wheatley responded that he did not believe that, having been through the planning process and invested a considerable amount in the development, it would be in the developer's interests to pull out at this stage.

At SPTVE.10 - Outcomes Framework Progress – Councillor Swinburn sought an assurance that there would be an appointment to the Resort Manager post.

Councillor Rogers responded that candidates had been invited to a meet and greet session next week prior to interview.

At SPTVE.11 – Consultation on the Future of the Library Service - Councillor Swinburn asked for an update on the proposed closure of Immingham Library.

Councillor Hyldon-King responded with an assurance that this was being worked on and the outstanding issues were around the proposed one hour closure and staffing but she would get back to Councillor Swinburn once this had been concluded.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel – Tourism and Visitor Economy meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 be approved and adopted.

(2) That a written response be provided to Councillor Fenty on his question on minute SPTVE.6.

(3) That a written response be provided to Councillor Swinburn on his question on minute SPTVE.9.

NEL.78 **MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hyldon-King and seconded by Councillor P Wheatley.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Health and Well Being Board meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.79 **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018**

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July be approved and adopted.

NEL.80 **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018**

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June be approved and adopted.

NEL.81 **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018**

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.82 **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018**

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.83 **MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2018**

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Appointments Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.84 **MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2018**

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Appointments Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.85 **MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018**

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Appointments Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018 be approved and adopted.

NEL.86 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2017-18**

Council received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Resources detailing treasury management arrangements, activity and performance during 2017/18. Members noted that this item was considered by the Audit and Governance Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 and Cabinet on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2018.

Councillor Jackson raised a concern with the increase in the Council's net debt position and suggested that Members needed to keep an eye on this.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

NEL.87 **FLEXIBLE USE OF CAPITAL RECEIPTS**

Council received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and seeking approval of a new "Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy". Members noted that this item was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.

RESOLVED – That the Strategy for the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts be adopted, as set out in the report now submitted.

NEL.88

**AMENDMENTS TO PLACES ON COMMITTEES/PANELS OF THE COUNCIL**

Council received a report advising of proposed changes to places on Committees and Panels of the Council since the Annual Meeting held on 24th May, 2018 2018.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Councillor Mill be appointed to replace Councillor Rodwell on the Economy Scrutiny Panel.
- (2) That Councillor Mill be appointed to replace Councillor Sheridan on the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel and the Licensing and Community Protection Committee with Councillor Sheridan to become a substitute member of the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel and the Licensing and Community Protection Committee.
- (3) That Councillor Silvester be appointed to replace Councillor Brookes on the Audit and Governance Committee with Councillor Brookes to become a substitute member of that committee.
- (4) That Councillors Patrick and Rogers be appointed as substitute members for this Council on the Humber Police and Crime Panel

NEL.89

**MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY**

The Council received the minutes of the meetings of the Humberside Fire Authority held on 25th June, 2018.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings of the Humberside Fire Authority held on 25th June, 2018 be noted.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10.30 p.m.