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NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

22nd September, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor McGilligan-Fell (in the Chair)
 Councillors Barber, Barfield, Beasant, Bramley, Brookes, Brown, Burton, Cairns, Colquhoun, Darby, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Goodwin, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Hyldon-King, Jackson, Lindley, Mickleburgh, Oxby, Patrick, Pettigrew, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson, Stockton, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson.

OFFICERS:	Rob Walsh	Chief Executive
	Tony Maione	Monitoring Officer
	Sharon Wroot	Director of Finance, Operations and Resources
	Tracy Frisby	Registrars and Civic Services Team Manager
	Iain Lovell	Group Manager Customer and Communications
	Paul Windley	Democratic and Scrutiny Team Manager
	Paul Wisken	Civic and Mayoral Officer

The proceedings were opened with prayers by Reverend Paul Hunter.

NEL.54 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor welcomed all present to this meeting of Council. The Mayor thanked everyone involved in making the previous week's Civic Sunday such a successful event and thanked those members who had attended.

NEL.55 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Bolton, Chase, Cracknell, James and Parkinson.

NEL.56 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on July 14th 2016 were approved as a correct record.

NEL.57 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jackson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item NEL.61 as an Executive Director of the Lincolnshire Partnership Foundation Trust, a provider of children's mental health services (CAMHS).

Councillor Dickerson declared a personal interest in any items relating to her role as a member of the Council of Governors of the Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Fenty declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in NEL.69 (Minute CB.42 – Community Stadium) as a shareholder and Director of Grimsby Town Football Club.

Councillor Sutton declared a personal interest in item NEL.61 as a trustee of Linkage Community Trust.

Councillor Barber declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item NEL.63 as his son managed a bookmakers and a personal interest in any items relating to his role as a premises licence holder.

Councillor Darby declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item NEL.61 as an employee of Navigo.

Councillor Lindley declared a personal interest in item NEL.64 as a Governor of the Grimsby Institute and the Grimsby Academy.

Councillor Stockton declared a personal interest in any items relating to his position as the Vice Chair of Centre4.

Councillor Rogers declared a personal interest in item NEL.61 as her employment involved special educational needs responsibilities.

Councillor Stinson declared a personal interest in item NEL.61 as family members had been diagnosed with Aspergers.

Councillor Barfield declared a personal interest in item NEL.61 as a family member had been diagnosed with autism.

NEL.58 **THE LEADER'S STATEMENT**

The Council received a statement from the Leader of the Council updating Council in respect of key issues of significance to the social, economic or environmental well-being of the area.

The Leader noted that despite there being a new Government and Prime Minister in place, this administration was well established and delivering on its promises to enable a stronger economy and stronger communities within the Borough. In doing so it was protecting the most vulnerable, creating local opportunities and raising aspirations. He referred to 2020 as a new dawn for local government, with the 100% business rate retention having a significant effect on the funding of local services. This was likely to bring more tough choices but this administration would not avoid its responsibilities and he vowed to lobby the Government at every opportunity for a fair funding model. There would be a continued focus on affordability and outcomes and the Leader commented on the need to look to the long term on issues such as housing. He referred to the formation of Develop NEL to stimulate the local economy and the Council's influencing approach which had contributed to today's announcement of Dong Energy's multi-million investment in Grimsby through the expansion of its offshore wind maintenance hub. The Leader also recognised the importance of stepping in to protect the area's heritage assets, as exemplified by the Council's intervention on Victoria Mill. This was leading to recognition from national bodies such as Historic England and the Homes and Communities Agency. He acknowledged that we remain in a volatile climate and he was saddened by the news of the closure of Pleasure Island. However, he felt that this shouldn't detract from Cleethorpes being a vibrant, growing resort and he gave an assurance that every effort would be made to make the best of the various opportunities for the site. The Leader noted that the Council would next month be required to take what he felt was the most significant long-term decision for the Borough since this Council was created in 1996. If the devolution deal was agreed then it would open opportunities for funding, growth and further development.

The Leader concluded by noting that a paper providing an update on the implementation of Motions previously resolved at the preceding Council meetings had been circulated at the meeting. In addition, it was noted that no special urgency decisions had been taken to date by Cabinet or the Portfolio Holders during the current Municipal Year.

NEL.59

CALL-IN – HUMBERSTON FITTIES

The Council considered a call-in of a decision taken by Cabinet at its meeting on 8th June, 2016 in relation to the Humberston Fitties Chalet Park. This call-in was subsequently referred to Council at the joint meeting of the Regeneration, Housing and Environment Scrutiny Panel and the Tourism, Leisure and Culture Scrutiny Panel held on 12th July, 2016.

The Mayor invited the Monitoring Officer to comment on additional representations that had been circulated to members in the lead up to this meeting. Mr. Maione advised that all papers should be considered but the greatest weight given and regard had, in respect of this subject matter should be given to the work of the independent flood risk experts, including input from the Environment Agency. This would help in evidencing rational and reasonable decision making.

The Mayor informed Council that she had received requests from three tenants of the Chalet Park to address Council. In the interest of balance, she had also requested that a representative from Black and Veatch, the independent flood risk advisor, address Council with both sides being given the same time allocation to speak. Standing Orders were suspended for this purpose.

The Mayor invited Ms Linda Hague, Secretary of the Humberston Fitties Tenants Association, to address Council. She commented that chalet owners were upset by the proposed extension of the closed season. She referred to the evacuation plan that had been put in place, one of few sites in the area to have one, which she felt made them better prepared in the event of flooding. She also highlighted the flood risk assessment that had accompanied a recent application to put extra caravans on the nearby Tertia Trust site, which appeared to contradict the advice provided by Black and Veatch. She further commented on the loss of rental income for the Council if the closed season was extended as well as the impact on chalet sales.

The Mayor invited Mr Paul Harwood to speak on behalf of the Fitties Community Association. Mr Harwood noted that there had been five separate flood risk assessments and the only point that they all agreed on was that there was a very high possibility that there wouldn't be a breach. He pointed out that the Chalet Park did not flood during the tidal surge in 2013. He felt that the flood risk was shared across the rest of Grimsby and Cleethorpes and as long as any risk to life was mitigated then, in his opinion, the risk was negligible. He further commented that the proposal was already having an impact on tenants' health and wellbeing as well as threatening the conservation area and tourism.

The Mayor invited Mr Alex Hamilton, a tenant of the Chalet Park, to address Council. Mr Hamilton referred to the impact of the proposal on three key strategies and plans as included in the Council's policy framework. The Council Plan focused on regeneration but he felt that the proposal would turn a jewel in the Borough's crown into the Marie Celeste for four months a year. The Health and Well-being Strategy targeted the underlying issues that affect people's well-being. The chalet part lifestyle has been found to be beneficial to the well-being of residents with existing long-term health conditions and this would be placed at risk by the proposed extension of the closed season. The Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Plan was aimed at improving community safety. The established Neighbourhood Watch group on the chalet park had been commended by the police and, as well as helping to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, the group includes patrollers with a working knowledge of the tides. This free resource would be put under strain by any extension of the closed season. He concluded that it was his view that the proposal was therefore contrary to the policy framework and therefore Council should act to reinstate the closed season.

The Mayor invited Mr Tim Paddison from Black and Veatch to address Council. He explained why the assessment had been commissioned and how the flood risk had been assessed. The modelling system showed that most of the site would over-top in the event of a flood, carrying a risk to all, including the general public and the emergency services. Taking seasonality into consideration, it was recommended

that the closed season be extended to include November and December and also that the practice of short-term leases be maintained. While the evacuation plan had been welcomed, it did not change their advice.

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion advised Council on the decision taken by Cabinet. He commented on the need to make sure that everyone was safe from flooding all year round and the resulting requirement to take all reasonable precautions to make sure that happened. He set out the risk and felt that there was nothing unique about the current closed months. He commended residents on the evacuation plan but the independent advice was clear and had not changed. He therefore stood by Cabinet's decision.

Councillor Fenty, one of the members who had called in the decision, addressed Council. He felt that the report was unhelpful in that it didn't seek to defend the Council's position by means of mitigation measures. He referred to the massive impact on tenants and noted that the proposal did not align with the closed season for neighbouring holiday parks. He suggested that the Council seek to dispose of the chalet park first and then let a decision be taken on the closed season. He moved that the matter be referred back to Cabinet with a recommendation that the closed season remain at two months. This was seconded by Councillor Shreeve, who had also called the matter in.

Following a debate, the motion was put to the vote. Upon a show of hands, the motion was declared carried by 24 votes to 11.

RESOLVED – That the decision taken by Cabinet at its meeting on 8th June, 2016 be referred back to the decision-maker with a recommendation that the closed season remain at two months.

NEL.60

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

At this point the Mayor moved a short adjournment of the meeting and also 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 Oxby. 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.61

PETITION FOR DEBATE – DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM IN CHILDREN

The Council considered a petition requesting improvement to the arrangements for diagnosing autism in children in North East Lincolnshire, submitted in accordance with the Council's Constitution. The Mayor invited Ms Cora Leeson, to present the petition on behalf of the petitioners.

Ms Leeson raised concerns that very few children in North East Lincolnshire were being diagnosed with high functioning ADHD or Aspergers. She noted that, following a series of freedom of information requests, she had established that only

nine children had been diagnosed with autism (ASD) in the last three years. She highlighted issues she had faced with the diagnosis of her son. Ms Leeson reminded Council that there could be grounds for litigation if it was shown that a child had suffered as a result of issues with the diagnosis process.

In response, and in the absence of the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing thanked the petitioners for bringing this matter to the Council's attention. She recognised the strength of feeling on this matter and offered her commitment to providing the right support for children and young people. However, she also noted that the Council had only a facilitating role and was therefore limited in the direct action that it could take. Councillor Hyldon-King informed Council that a workshop would be held on 17th October, 2016 to look at access to the service. In addition, she noted that Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) were currently subject to review by scrutiny. She therefore moved that, (i) as part of its continuing remit on ASD, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel receive an update following the event planned for 17th October 2016; (ii) the Deputy Chief Executive be asked to write to the Chief Executive of the North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group on behalf of Council describing the petition received, summarising members views and seeking assurance that there are adequate sign-posting measures in place for dissatisfied individuals and (iii) for the response to that to be circulated to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel. This was seconded by Councillor Oxby.

Members debated the petition and supported the motion but felt that scrutiny involvement should be broadened to include the Health Scrutiny Panel.

The motion was put to the vote. Upon a show of hands, the motion was unanimously declared carried.

RESOLVED – That (i) as part of its continuing remit on CAMHS, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel and the Health Scrutiny Panel receive an update following the event planned for 17th October 2016; (ii) the Deputy Chief Executive be asked to write to the Chief Executive of the North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group on behalf of Council describing the petition received, summarising members views and seeking assurance that there are adequate sign-posting measures in place for dissatisfied individuals and (iii) for the response to that to be circulated to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel and Health Scrutiny Panel.

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

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

North East Lincolnshire Council calls for a government review into gaming machine stakes to be launched immediately, and supports new powers for Councils to address the saturation of betting shops.

In particular it notes:

- the 34,000 Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBT) machines in the UK where players can stake £100 in a single 'spin' lasting 20 seconds – and can lose up to £18,000 an hour.
- that within North East Lincolnshire there was £22,856,091 inserted into FOBTs and that £5,714,023 was lost by the general public in just one year.
- that councils have no powers to restrict their proliferation on high streets and reduce the risk of harm they pose to people vulnerable to problem gambling.
- that figures show nearly a fifth (18 per cent) of problem gamblers in the UK have reported debts of between £20,000 and £100,000, with counselling sessions increasing by 29 per cent between 2012/13 and 2014/15.

This Council calls for:

- The current £100 maximum FOBT stake to be brought in line with maximum stakes for other gaming machines allowed elsewhere on high streets (£2) and in casinos (£5);
- Cumulative impact tests to be introduced to enable councils to reject applications for new betting shops where there are already existing clusters of shops;
- Licensing law to be updated to allow councils to take health issues associated with problem gambling and anti-social behaviour concerns into account when considering applications.
- For the Leader and Chief Executive to write to the Culture Secretary, Karen Bradley MP, and our local MPs calling for an urgent review and new powers so that North East Lincolnshire Council can do more to help some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

An amendment to the Motion had been received, in accordance with the Constitution, and was moved by Councillor Hyldon-King seconded by Councillor Mickleburgh, requesting that:

Under "This Council calls for..."

- Add "and for the Gambling Act 2005 be aligned with licensing legislation to ensure a joined up approach to dealing with this issue." to the end of the first bullet point.
- That the word "Statutory" be added to the start of the second bullet point.
- The fourth bullet point be amended to read:

“For the Leader and the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt MP and the Home Secretary, Amber Rudd MP and the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Karen Bradley MP together with our local members of parliament, Melanie Onn MP and Martin Vickers MP calling for an urgent review and new powers so that North East Lincolnshire Council can do more to help some of the most vulnerable people in our community”

- For a fifth bullet point to be added:

That Council notes the work initiated by Newham Council who submitted a Sustainable Communities Act proposal to reduce the maximum fixed odds betting terminal stake to £2 and further notes, following the Government’s rejection of that proposal, the efforts made by the Local Government Association to pursue this debate on behalf of concerned Councils and accordingly for the Leader and the Chief Executive to write to the Local Government Association expressing the Council’s support.

Members debated this amendment and at the conclusion of the debate, it was agreed to take the vote on the motion as amended. 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 as Amended

Councillors Barfield, Beasant, Bramley, Brookes, Brown, Burton, Cairns, Colquhoun, Darby, De Freitas, Dickerson, Fenty, Goodwin, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Hyldon-King, Jackson, Lindley, McGilligan-Fell, Mickleburgh, Oxby, Patrick, Pettigrew, Rogers, Rudd, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson, Stockton, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (36 votes).

Against the Motion as Amended

None.

RESOLVED – That this Council calls for:

- The current £100 maximum FOBT stake to be brought in line with maximum stakes for other gaming machines allowed elsewhere on high streets (£2) and in casinos (£5); and for the Gambling Act 2005 be aligned with licensing legislation to ensure a joined up approach to dealing with this issue;
- Statutory cumulative impact tests to be introduced to enable councils to reject applications for new betting shops where there are already existing clusters of shops;
- Licensing law to be updated to allow councils to take health issues associated with problem gambling and anti-social behaviour concerns into account when considering applications.

- The Leader and the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt MP and the Home Secretary, Amber Rudd MP and the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Karen Bradley MP together with our local members of parliament, Melanie Onn MP and Martin Vickers MP calling for an urgent review and new powers so that North East Lincolnshire Council can do more to help some of the most vulnerable people in our community.
- The noting of the work initiated by Newham Council, who submitted a Sustainable Communities Act proposal to reduce the maximum fixed odds betting terminal stake to £2, and further noting, following the Government's rejection of that proposal, the efforts made by the Local Government Association to pursue this debate on behalf of concerned Councils and accordingly for the Leader and the Chief Executive to write to the Local Government Association expressing the Council's support.

NEL.64

NOTICE OF MOTION 2

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

This Council welcomes Government proposals to reverse the ban on new grammar schools and believes that such a school within North East Lincolnshire would benefit the Borough and its students.

Following a 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, Bramley, Brookes, Cairns, Colquhoun, Dickerson, Fenty, Harness, Hasthorpe, Hudson, Jackson, Lindley, McGilligan-Fell, Pettigrew, Shepherd, Shreeve, Stinson and Stockton (18 votes).

Against the Motion

Councillors Barber, Beasant, Brown, Burton, De Freitas, Goodwin, Hyldon-King, Mickleburgh, Oxby, Patrick, Rogers, Rudd, Sutton, Walker, Watson, K. Wheatley, P. Wheatley and Wilson (18 votes).

Note – Councillor Darby left the meeting prior to the vote on this matter.

Upon the Mayor's casting vote, the Monitoring Officer declared the motion carried.

RESOLVED – That this Council welcomes Government proposals to reverse the ban on new grammar schools and believes that such a school within North East Lincolnshire would benefit the Borough and its students.

NEL.65

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

“Given that the use of allotments are a cheap way of achieving many of the Authority's core aims and empty allotments are a loss of income, what has North East Lincolnshire Council done to actively promote their use in 2015-2016?”

Councillor Patrick, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion, responded that research suggested that allotments can bring a number of improvements to our lives, including improving people's quality of life, increasing physical exercise, encouraging a nutritious diet, supporting more sustainable waste management, building cohesive communities and securing our food supplies. Allotments had been marketed through publications provided free of charge, primarily to doctors surgeries, throughout the Borough. The Council's own website also provided information, such as details of each specific site and how to apply for a plot. In previous years the Council had provided various methods of promoting the allotments, including stalls in the town centre and children's centres, but with limited success. The Council would be making use of social media to improve visibility of vacant plots to ensure that the opportunity for community benefit was maximised and the income was realised.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Rudd enquired whether, given the number of food banks in the area, allotments should be better utilised. Councillor Patrick agreed.

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

“Would the Portfolio Holder give an undertaking that in these times of austerity and cuts to council services he will not countenance the disposal of any Council land over one hectare for house building or other commercial development without realising the maximum possible financial benefit to the council of such a disposal?”

Councillor Patrick responded that best value, state aid, public procurement and pre-determination had to be taken into account when considering disposal of land by the Council. The Council was able to dispose of land as it saw fit as long as it gets the best consideration it can. Consideration' does not just mean money. The General Disposal Consent 2003 enables the Council to dispose of land to (i) promote or improve economic well-being; (ii) promote or improve social well-being; (iii) promote or improve environmental well-being. The European Commission has drawn up general guidance covering the use of state aid. Where a sale of land/buildings follows an open procedure or auction, accepting the best or only bid was by definition at market value and therefore did not constitute State Aid. Public Procurement considerations were limited to, for example, awards of land contracts with separate awards of works contracts. There were cases where if the Council and the works contractor were committed to the works contract at the same time

as the land contract the two get treated as a single transaction which then must comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The Portfolio Holder noted that these issues were covered by advice from the Council's professional officers prior to any disposal for best consideration or in accordance with the General Disposal Consent 2003. Any disposal for less than best was required to comply with the Council's Constitution that requires the Monitoring Officer to state that the proposal complies not only with the Constitution but in line with the General Disposal Consent 2003. Pre-determination must be avoided and the request for an assurance cannot be given as that would render members liable to accusations that they operated with closed minds in relation to proposals for transactions at less than best.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Barfield sought clarification as to whether this was a yes or no response to his original question. Councillor Patrick responded that this was bound by the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

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

"What contingency does the Council have for burials when the presently used Scartho Road Cemetery is full?"

Councillor Watson responded that there was around 50 years' capacity left in Scartho Road Cemetery as at today's date. Even though there was 50 years' capacity left, further potential burial land adjacent to Scartho Road Cemetery had been identified. In the event of that potential burial land ceasing to be available for any reason, it would be necessary for alternative potential burial land to be identified. That would be a consideration for the Planning Committee in the event of development being proposed that would render an alternative provision necessary.

In a supplementary question, Councillor De Freitas enquired whether this included woodland burials. Councillor Watson confirmed that it did.

The Mayor invited Councillor Beasant 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 of the Council assure this Council that sufficiently robust measures are in place to ensure that Engie work for the benefit of the Council and its residents rather than pursuing their own agendas and interests?"

Councillor Oxby responded that Engie were appointed by North East Lincolnshire Council in 2010 as its regeneration partner following a thorough procurement process. The Services Agreement had robust governance structures in place. These included an officer integrated management team, an Operational Board which the Portfolio Holder (Councillor Watson) sits on and a Partnership Board which included Elected Members. Scrutiny receive regular updates on

Engie's performance against a number of performance indicators that its work was measured against.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Beasant sought clarification as to whether this was a yes or no response to his original question.

Councillor Oxby responded that it was his view that Engie was providing adequate performance against the indicators it was measured against.

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

"I have been informed that errors in recent years have been made by this Council that have now resulted in the loss of public toilet provision on both the north and central promenades in Cleethorpes. Would the portfolio holder please assure me that this authority has learned from these errors and that this type of mistake will not happen again?"

Councillor Patrick responded that from time to time errors were made by officers of this Council. He was sure that Councillor Brookes would agree that the vast majority of the Council's officers worked very hard and did their best for the Borough but everyone made mistakes from time to time. However, it was important to learn from mistakes and avoid repeating them. The likelihood of errors caused by breakdowns of communication was increased when an organisation, such as the Council, shrank in size. The loss of toilet provision would perhaps be less of an issue if the financial position the Council had been put into did not require charges for toilet use to be introduced. The Council's culture was changing and any silo-working mentality had been challenged, resulting in officers working together far more than they used to.

NEL.66 **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 12TH JULY, 2016**

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 12th July, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.67 **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 3RD AUGUST, 2016**

At CB.27 (Local Transport Plan and Highways Strategy), Councillor Mickleburgh enquired about the current position with the Nuns Corner highways scheme.

Councillor Watson, Portfolio Holder for Energy and Environment, reported that there had been little support for the scheme from the consultation and officers had managed to secure the funding for use elsewhere.

At CB.27 (Local Transport Plan and Highways Strategy), Councillor Fenty enquired about the current position with the Toll Bar roundabout highways scheme.

Councillor Watson responded that this formed part of the consultation on the draft Highways Strategy and the outcome would be forwarded to members in due course.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Fenty sought an assurance that ward councillors would be properly consulted on any scheme that was proposed. Councillor Watson confirmed that they would.

At CB.28 (Review of Operations and Making Waste Pay), Councillor Hasthorpe enquired whether the saving from the £5 increase in garden waste charges allowed for a drop-off in take up of the service.

Councillor Watson responded that this matter had been referred to scrutiny but a balanced approach was being taken.

At CB.28 (Review of Operations and Making Waste Pay), Councillor Jackson enquired whether the Portfolio Holder would agree that the increase in garden waste charges would only further alienate the public and reduce the take up of the service.

Councillor Watson responded that this remained a heavily subsidised service and he didn't think it would affect take up.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Jackson enquired whether a sensitivity analysis had been undertaken in case the savings figure did not materialise.

Councillor Watson responded that it would be undertaken if recommended by scrutiny.

At CB.28 (Review of Operations and Making Waste Pay), Councillor Dickerson enquired why the public would pay the increased charge when the garden waste was combined at the Gilbey Road recycling depot in any case. Councillor Watson commented that this was not his understanding of what happened to the garden waste.

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 3rd August, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.68 **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 18TH AUGUST, 2016**

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 18th August, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.69 **MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON 31ST AUGUST, 2016**

At CB.44 (Local Development Scheme), Councillor Jackson asked for an explanation of why there had been no meeting of the Local Plan Project Board following the end of the consultation on the Local Plan and the decision to undertake further consultation.

Councillor Watson explained that this was not his understanding but he agreed to investigate and respond in writing to Councillor Jackson.

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 31st August, 2016 be approved and adopted.
- (2) That a written response be provided to Councillor Jackson on the matter of whether any meetings of the Local Plan Project Board had been held following the end of the consultation on the Local Plan and the decision to undertake further consultation.

NEL.70 **MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER MEETING – FINANCE, RESOURCES AND INCLUSION HELD ON 27TH JUNE, 2016**

At PH.FR.2 (Petition opposing 30p charge to use public toilets in Cleethorpes), Councillor Brookes asked for an explanation of why it was taking so long to address the issues raised within the petition.

Councillor Patrick responded that a review of public toilets was currently being undertaken and was expected to be reported to Cabinet in November, 2016.

At PH.FR.2 (Petition opposing 30p charge to use public toilets in Cleethorpes), Councillor Jackson enquired whether the Portfolio Holder was aware that entry barriers to public toilets had broken down and were permanently open.

Councillor Patrick was not aware of the detail but on being asked a supplementary question about the procurement of the barriers, he noted that this would be picked up as part of the review of public toilets.

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

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Portfolio Holder meeting (Finance, Resources and Inclusion) held on 27th June, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.71 **MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE) MEETING HELD ON 7TH JULY, 2016**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Lindley, seconded by Councillor Colquhoun.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Children and Young People) held on 7th July, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.72 **MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (HEALTH) MEETING HELD ON 29TH JUNE, 2016**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Dickerson, seconded by Councillor Mickleburgh.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Health) held on 29th June, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.73 **MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (REGENERATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT) MEETING HELD ON 26TH JULY, 2016**

At SPREH.7 (Urgent Business – Saltmarsh, Cleethorpes), Councillor Fenty enquired whether the Chair shared his concerns that the situation at Grange-over-Sands, where a seaside attraction had been ruined by saltmarsh growth, could be repeated here.

Councillor Jackson, Chair of the Regeneration, Housing and Environment Scrutiny Panel, did share those concerns and noted that a full report on the situation was due to be reported to the Panel in November, 2016, allowing the matter to be explored in more depth. He was very concerned that, despite regular assurances from the Portfolio Holder, it was clear that the matter was not under control.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Fenty asked whether the Chair shared his concerns about the clay deposits from the saltmarsh which were causing a risk to life due to people getting stuck in the them.

Councillor Jackson was concerned by this and that staff did not appear to have the necessary equipment and training to deal with the situation. He noted that six people recently had to be rescued by the Beach Safety team, so it was a potential danger.

At SPREH.9 (Provisional Outturn Report), Councillor Stinson enquired whether the independent review of the car parking strategy would cover the reasons why anticipated savings of £500k within this area had not been made.

Councillor Jackson explained that he had also asked a number of questions on the review but had no additional information on this matter.

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Regeneration, Environment and Housing) held on 26th July, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.74

MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES) MEETING HELD ON 21ST JULY, 2016

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve, seconded by Councillor Colquhoun.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Safer and Stronger Communities) held on 21st July, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.75

MINUTES OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL (TOURISM, LEISURE AND CULTURE) MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY, 2016

At SPTLC.8 (Grimsby Leisure Centre – Ice Rink Facility), Councillor Hasthorpe asked for an update on the future of the ice rink. Councillor Hyldon-King, Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, provided a reassurance that the matter was still being looked at and the Panel would be kept informed.

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Hasthorpe, seconded by Councillor Shepherd.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Scrutiny Panel meeting (Tourism, Leisure and Culture) held on 13th July, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.76

MINUTES OF THE JOINT SCRUTINY PANEL (REGENERATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM, LEISURE AND CULTURE) MEETING HELD ON 12TH JULY, 2016

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Joint Scrutiny Panel meeting (Regeneration, Housing and Environment and Tourism, Leisure and Culture) held on 12th July, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.77 **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14TH JULY, 2016**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve, seconded by Councillor Sutton.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting held on 14th July, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.78 **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25TH AUGUST, 2016**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Shreeve, seconded by Councillor Sutton.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting held on 25th August, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.79 **MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD MEETING HELD ON 4TH JULY, 2016**

At HWBB.1 (Apologies for Absence), Councillor Jackson enquired whether the Chair shared his concerns that of the 13 Board members, 8 had sent their apologies for absence from this meeting. Councillor Hyldon-King, Chair of the Health and Well Being Board, responded that she did have concerns and would follow up the matter.

In a supplementary question, Councillor Jackson asked whether their absence was an indication that the Board was not giving the strategic lead required. Councillor Hyldon-King commented on the tremendous amount of good work carried out by the Board and noted that further improvements were being made to the Board's working arrangements.

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

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Health and Well Being Board meeting held on 4th July, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.80 **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22ND JUNE, 2016**

The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Burton and seconded by Councillor Colquhoun.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 22nd June, 2016 be approved and adopted.

- NEL.81 **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20TH JULY, 2016**
- The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Burton and seconded by Councillor Colquhoun.
- RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20th July, 2016 be approved and adopted.
- NEL.82 **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17TH AUGUST, 2016**
- The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Burton, seconded by Councillor Colquhoun.
- RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 17th August, 2016 be approved and adopted.
- NEL.83 **MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2016**
- The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Fenty.
- RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Community Protection Committee held on 7th September, 2016 be approved and adopted.
- NEL.84 **MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS REFERRALS PANEL MEETING HELD ON 29TH JUNE, 2016**
- The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Brown.
- RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Referrals Panel held on 29th June, 2016 be approved and adopted.
- NEL.85 **MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25TH JULY, 2016**
- The minutes of the above meeting were moved by Councillor Oxby, seconded by Councillor Watson.
- RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Committee held on 25th July, 2016 be approved and adopted.
- NEL.86 **MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2016**

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

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Committee held on 5th September, 2016 be approved and adopted.

NEL.87 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2015/16**

The Council received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Inclusion detailing treasury management arrangements, activity and performance during 2015/16. This item was considered by the Audit and Governance Committee on 14th July, 2016 and Cabinet on 3rd August, 2016 and was referred to Council with a recommendation to note the content of the report.

RESOLVED - That the Treasury Management Report 2015/16 be noted.

NEL.88 **AMENDMENTS TO PLACES ON OUTSIDE BODIES OF THE COUNCIL**

The Council considered a report advising of a proposed change to a place on an Outside Body of the Council.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Lindley be appointed to replace Councillor Shreeve on the Fostering Panel.

NEL.89 **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY**

The Council received the minutes of the meetings of Humberside Fire Authority held on 18th March, 25th April, 9th May and 27th June, 2016 and the Annual Meeting held on 6th June, 2016.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings of Humberside Fire Authority held on 18th March, 25th April, 9th May and 27th June, 2016 and the Annual Meeting held on 6th June, 2016 be noted.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 11.33 p.m.