

ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	7 November 2023
REPORT OF	Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
SUBJECT	Tracking the recommendations of the Economy Scrutiny Panel
STATUS	Open

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each scrutiny panel monitors the progress made on their recommendations through a tracking table, which is included as an appendix of this report.

MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

Members are asked to look at the progress against the recommendations and agree to sign off any recommendations that have been completed or are no longer considered to be an efficient use of resources or where priorities have changed.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 Each scrutiny panel has a standard agenda item to check progress against the recommendations they have previously made.
- 1.2 Members are asked to look at the progress against the recommendations and agree to sign off any recommendations that have been completed, so that they can be removed from the table. It would also be effective to sign off any recommendations that have not been completed but which are no longer considered to be an efficient use of resources, or where priorities have changed.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 of this report lists the recommendations previously made by and which fall within the terms of reference of this Economy Scrutiny Panel.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 2.1 Risk assessments will already have been carried out on the reports that these recommendations have come from.
- 2.2 Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include risk assessment(s) by the author(s) concerned

3. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The panel's tracking report demonstrates that the panel monitors progress on its recommendations and required actions. This report further demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial considerations included within this report, beyond scrutiny's enhanced future role in monitoring delivery of the council's budget and medium-term financial plan.

5. IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- 5.1 There are no impacts on children and young people as a direct result of this report. The reports that these tracked items have come from will have been assessed for any such impact.
- 5.2 Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include children and young people implications by the author(s) concerned.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. The reports that these tracked items have come from will have been assessed for impact.
- 6.2 Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include climate change and environmental implications by the author(s) concerned.

7. MONITORING COMMENTS

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

8. WARD IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Potentially impacts on all wards.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Minutes from the Economy Scrutiny panel <https://democracy.nelincs.gov.uk/meetings/>

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TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS – ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
8 th November 2022	<p><u>SPE.37 Local Plan Review – Scoping and Issues</u> The panel agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • methods of engagement with councillors, including the possibility of a scrutiny workshop, be explored. • The panel to be updated at a future meeting, date to be determined, on how the local plan consultation responses would be assessed and how this influence or impact would be evidenced • Numbers and methods of engagement would be measured and reported to the panel in due course • Future workshop still proposed to develop policy options for incorporation in draft plan • Requested update included in tracking report 28th February 2023. 	Assistant Director for Housing and Infrastructure / Spacial Planning Manager	<p>Panel agreed to keep this item in tracking.</p> <p>Proposals for an all member session to talk through the key evidence and options. With a view to begin to outline the implications of the options. More details will be available following the Local Plan Board meeting to be held on 30th October 2023</p>
8 th November 2022	<p><u>SPE.39 New Homes Performance</u> The result of a Housing Assessment (currently being undertaken) to be reported to the panel in the new municipal year.</p>	Assistant Director for Housing and Infrastructure.	<p>Complete.</p> <p>Included in agenda November 2023</p>
10 th January 2023	<p><u>SPE.54 – Freshney Place Market Hall</u> A report to be brought back to this panel to allow consideration and comment on detailed proposals as arrangements for the new market hall progress.</p>	Executive Director of Environment, Economy and Resources	Date(s) to be determined likely January 2024

11 July 2023	<p><u>SPE.8 Regeneration Partnership Performance Report Jan – Mar 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding disabled facilities grant; report, when published, to be circulated to panel members for information. 	Assistant Director Housing /Head of Housing	Complete Report(s) forwarded to members 27 September 2023
12 September 2023	<p><u>SPE.18 - Q1 Council Plan Resources and Finance Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regarding actual revenue budget variance, officer agreed to provide more detail outside of this meeting. Regarding earmarked reserved, officer agreed to provide additional detail and breakdown outside this meeting. Regarding red/amber/green (RAG) rating and being able to correctly interpret performance information, officer committed to further work with service areas to establish and provide targets and other information to allow effective performance monitoring. Regarding an apparent disconnect between children’s services financial position and stated performance officer agreed to refer to the service area and respond in writing to the panel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Section 151 Officer Deputy Section 151 Officer Assistant Director Policy Strategy and Resources Assistant Director Policy Strategy and Resources 	Complete Briefing note circulated to members 24 October 2023. Additional financial information sent via excel spreadsheet 24 October 2023
12 September 2023	<p><u>SPE.19 – Q2 Regeneration Partnership Performance Report</u></p> <p>Regarding compulsory purchase orders and property at Pasture Street, Mr Thorpe committed to provide members with further information outside this meeting</p>	Assistant Director Housing and Infrastructure / Operations Director, Equans	Complete. Included in briefing note to members sent 24 October 2023

12 September 2023	<u>SPE.20 – Gypsy and Traveller Negotiated Stopover Sites (NSS) – Update</u> The panel agreed to an update in 12 months (September 2024)	Estate and Business Development Manager/ Operations Director, Equans	Update to panel September 2024
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