

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	7 th September 2023
REPORT OF	Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
SUBJECT	Tracking the recommendations of the Communities 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

Each scrutiny panel has a standard agenda item so that they can check progress against the recommendations they have previously made.

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.

Appendix A lists progress on tracked items within the terms of reference of this new panel.

Appendix B lists the remaining recommendations from a review of environmental street scene.

Appendix C lists the nine recommendations from the enforcement scrutiny working group.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Risk assessments will already have been carried out on the reports that these recommendations have come from.

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. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not applicable to this report.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

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.

5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on Children and young people as a direct result of this report. The reports that these tracked items have come have been assessed for impact on children and young people.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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.

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.

8. MONITORING COMMENTS

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

9. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Potentially impacts on all wards.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes from the Communities Scrutiny Panel
[Events from June 22 - 25 March 2024 | Democracy \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](https://nelincs.gov.uk)

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TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS – COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
16.9.21	<p><u>SPC.22 Registered Housing Provider</u></p> <p>A report be brought back to a future panel meeting on the progress of registering to become a housing provider.</p>	Assistant Director Housing, Highways and Planning	<p>Update on 23.02.23</p> <p>The panel agreed that this remains on tracking to monitor progress.</p>
05.01.23	<p><u>SPC.48 Financial Monitoring report 2022-23 – Quarter 2</u></p> <p>A Member asked whether for the household support fund the panel could receive a ward breakdown of figures. Ms Issacs confirmed that this information could not be provided until the end of March at which time this could then be circulated to Members.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That a request be made for a breakdown of spend for the Household Support Fund after the end of March 2023.</p>	Assistant Chief Executive	<p>Complete: 6.07.23</p> <p>Ms Isaacs updated that a report had been received by cabinet in April which included the delivery plan. The Council would be working with the DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) to meet statutory guidelines. Ms Issacs gave members a brief outline of the allocation details and referral arrangements.</p>
6.07.23	<p><u>SPC.8 Tracking the Recommendations of Scrutiny</u></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That further information be provided to this panel on the management of Homestead Park in relation to the new Resort PSPO</p> <p>That further information be provided to this panel on a defined area for the PSPO prohibitions</p>		<p>Update from Ms Logan on 11.07.23: This is not NELC area which is maintained by NELC. Immingham Town Council would need to ask for it to be included and speak with Head of Regulatory & Enforcement Services team and liaise with legal services to amend the PSPO.</p>

			Complete: weblink circulated to members on 6.07.23.
6.07.23	<p><u>SPC. 9 Provisional Financial Outturn Report 2022/23</u></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That further information be provided to this panel on reserve provisions held by the Council.</p> <p>That further information be provided to this panel on the take up of direct debit payments for council tax collection.</p> <p>That further information be provided to this panel on the total staffing costs for the previous year.</p>		<p>Complete: Email circulated to members on 12.07.23</p> <p>Complete: Email circulated to members on 11.07.23</p> <p>Complete: Email circulated to members on 12.07.23</p>
	<p><u>SPC.10 Council Plan Performance Report 2022/23 – Quarter 4</u></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That further information be provided to the panel data on the number of fly tips per hectare.</p> <p>That further information be provided to the panel the temporary accommodation placements figure and asked if they could have a breakdown of this figure and the associated cost.</p>		<p>Complete: Email circulated to members on 13.07.23</p> <p>Complete: Briefing note circulated to Members on 18.07.23.</p>
	<p><u>SPC.11 Broadcasting of Meetings</u></p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</u></p> <p>That the audio and visual be upgraded with 1 microphone for</p>		

	<p>2 members just for Council Chamber in Grimsby Town Hall with any technical decision be delegated to officers.</p>		<p>Complete: The recommendation from Scrutiny was agreed by Full Council at its meeting on 27th July 2023.</p>
<p>15.08.23</p>	<p><u>SPC.3 PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW</u></p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: That no changes to existing governance or electoral arrangements be made in; Ashby Cum Fenby, Barnoldby-Le- Beck, Bradley, Brigsley, Great Coates, Habrough, Healing, Humberston, Irby, Laceby, New Waltham, Stallingborough and Waltham Parish Councils.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</u></p> <p>That for Immingham Town Council no change be made to the existing governance and electoral arrangements except that the Town Wards be changed to a North and South split, as per option 2 with 7 Town Councillors representing the North Town Ward and 8 Town Councillors representing the South Town Ward. These changes would be implemented with effect from the next full Town Council elections.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</u></p> <p>1. That Council receives and noted the feedback received during the first consultation phase of the parish council community governance review as set out in Appendix 2 and 3 of the report now submitted.</p>		<p>Update: The Recommendations from the Special Communities Scrutiny Panel will be taken through Full Council on 28th September 2023.</p>

	2. That Council instructs the Assistant Chief Executive to forward any parish council related issues raised during the review to the relevant parish clerk for their attention.		
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