

# ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL

<b>DATE</b>	9 January 2024
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Tracking the recommendations of the Economy Scrutiny Panel
<b>STATUS</b>	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/>

### **10. CONTACT OFFICER(S)**

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**TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS – ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL**

DATE	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	<p><b><u>SPE.37 Local Plan Review – Scoping and Issues</u></b></p> <p>The panel agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• methods of engagement with councillors, including the possibility of a scrutiny workshop, be explored.</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Numbers and methods of engagement would be measured and reported to the panel in due course</li> <li>• Future workshop still proposed to develop policy options for incorporation in draft plan</li> <li>• Requested update included in tracking report 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</li> </ul>	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 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023</p>
10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<p><b><u>SPE.54 – Freshney Place Market Hall</u></b></p> <p>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 2024/25

12 September 2023	<p><b><u>SPE.20 – Gypsy and Traveller Negotiated Stopover Sites (NSS) – Update</u></b></p> <p>The panel agreed to an update in 12 months (September 2024)</p>	Estate and Business Development Manager/ Operations Director, Equans	Update to panel September 2024
7 November 2023	<p><b><u>SPE.29 – Forward Plan – regarding Local Plan Review</u></b></p> <p>A special meeting of this panel to be held in December 2023 for pre-decision scrutiny of the Local Plan Review</p>	Assistant Director Regeneration	Complete – remove from tracking. Special meeting held 19 December 2023
7 November 2023	<p><b><u>SPE.32 - Freshney Place Management Plan and Report</u></b></p> <p>A briefing note to be provided to members setting out the operating costs for Freshney Place over the first 12 months of the council's ownership.</p>	Assistant Director Regeneration	Await response
7 November 2023	<p><b><u>SPE.33 Bus Service Improvement Plan and Partnership</u></b></p> <p>A briefing note to be provided to members explaining how bus electrification had been explored by this authority.</p>	Assistant Director Housing and Infrastructure	Await response
19 December 2023	<p><b><u>SPE.43 – Q2 Council Plan Resources and financial monitoring</u></b></p> <p>Written responses to panel members on queries about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of RAG ratings and other performance terms</li> <li>• Reprofiled budgets for heritage assets at risk.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cont/d overleaf</b></p>	<p>Assistant Director Policy Strategy and Resources</p> <p>Assistant Director Finance (Deputy Section 151 Officer)</p>	Await response

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flexible use of capital receipts</li><li>• Details of assets sales</li><li>• Details of highways works that are slipping to 2024/25</li><li>• Details of flytipping prosecutions taken to court</li></ul>		
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