

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE 9th January 2025

REPORT OF Jo Robinson (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	Update: A report was now being taken to the 9 th January 2025 panel meeting.
07.09.23	<p><u>SPC.28 CCTV UPDATE</u></p> <p>RESOLVED -</p> <p>1.That further information be provided to the panel on the number of CCTV cameras located in parks across the borough.</p> <p>2.That further comparison data for School CCTV be provided to members.</p>	Operations Director, Equans/ Assistant Director, Safer & Partnerships	Update on 21.11.24 This was to remain on tracking to monitor progress.
21.11.24	<p><u>SPC.34 TRACKING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCRUTINY</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:</p> <p>1. That the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities send a further letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, advocating for adjustments to the Household Support Fund to account for inflation from 2025 onwards. The letter should also emphasise the specific needs of our area, highlighting why sustained or increased funding is critical, with no reductions compared to previous years.</p>	Scrutiny and Committee Advisor	Update: The additional recommendation was taken through the December Cabinet.

21.11.23	<u>SPC.35 COUNCIL PLAN REVIEW</u> RESOLVED - That further information on the street lighting upgrade come back to this panel via a briefing note.	Assistant Director, Environment.	Update: A Briefing Note is being devised and would also be shared with the TISH panel.
21.11.23	<u>SPC.38 WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE 2024/25</u> RESOLVED – 1. That a further update on the Food Poverty Action Plan be provided to the panel. 2. That a Briefing Note detailing how the Household Support Fund was being distributed and advertised be circulated to all council members.	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor Jo Robinson	Update: A Food Poverty Action Plan is to be produced by the Health and Wellbeing Board and that this be considered, in due course, by both this panel and the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel. Update: Briefing Note circulated to panel on 16.12.24.
	<u>SPC.39 QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER</u> RESOLVED - That the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport and Assistant Director Environment Economy and Infrastructure send a letter on behalf of this panel to Lincolnshire Housing Partnership requesting a representative to attend a future panel meeting to discuss empty properties.	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor.	Update: Representative from Lincolnshire Housing Partnership has been invited to attend the January panel meeting.