

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	27 th February 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 had been taken to the 9 th January panel meeting. A field trip to Ongo was to be arranged for mid February for the panel.
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 9.01.2025 This was to remain on tracking to monitor progress.
21.11.23	<p><u>SPC.35 COUNCIL PLAN REVIEW</u></p> <p>RESOLVED - That further information on the street lighting upgrade come back to this panel via a briefing note.</p>	Assistant Director, Environment.	Update: A Briefing Note is being devised and would also be shared with the TISH panel.
21.11.23	<p><u>SPC.38 WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE 2024/25</u></p> <p>RESOLVED – That a further update on the Food Poverty Action Plan be provided to the panel.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	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.

9.01.25	<p><u>SPC.49 CALLING IN OF DECISIONS</u></p> <p>RESOLVED - That the Call-In decision on selective licensing be released for implementation with a commitment from this panel to reevaluate the landlords charter within a year of it being implemented.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	Complete: Decision now released for implementation.
9.01.25	<p><u>SPC.51 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS</u></p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>2. That the topic of cycling within the Town Centre be added to the panel’s work programme for next year.</p> <p>3. That further a summary be provided to the panel around the types of PSPO signage, placement and costs.</p> <p>4. That a breakdown of the FPN’s issued under the dog control PSPO by type be provided for the panel.</p> <p>5. That briefing note be provided to the panel around education work underway to educate residents on dog fouling and the impact on the community.</p> <p>6. That the Council explore undertaking a campaign around dog fouling and encouraging the community to clear.</p>	Regulatory Services Strategic Lead, Environment	Update: Briefing Note provided to members on 14.02.25.
9.01.25	<p><u>SPC.52 REPORT ON PROGRESS OF THE COUNCIL REGISTERING TO BECOME A HOUSING PROVIDER</u></p> <p>RESOLVED – That a field trip be organised for the panel to look at sites in Doncaster and Scunthorpe with Ongo.</p>	Assistant Director – Infrastructure, Environment Economy and Infrastructure)	Update: Site Visit to Ongo arranged for members for 28 th Feb 2025.