

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	21 st November 2024
REPORT OF	Rob Walsh (Chief Executive)
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://www.nelincs.gov.uk/Events-from-June-22-to-25-March-2024)

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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: An urgent update had been requested which would be circulated to the panel in due course.
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	<p><i>*N.B To remain on tracking to monitor progress*.</i></p> <p>Update on 5.09.24: This had been considered as part of the recent capital investment, but it was felt that there was insufficient funding to cover the work required. However, cameras would be updated where there were existing masts covering park areas. If further funding became available, then extending this to parks not currently covered by CCTV would be looked at.</p>
22.02. 24	<p><u>SPC. 67 UPDATE ON GRIMSBY & IMMINGHAM BORDER CONTROL POST.</u></p> <p>RESOLVED - That a site visit to the new BCP Post be organised in the new municipal year.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	Complete: A further visit to the BCP has been arranged for 11 th November at 2:15pm.
23.07.24	<p><u>SPC.10 COUNCIL PLAN YEAR END PERFORMANCE & PROVISIONAL OUTTURN REVIEW 2023-24.</u></p>		

	That a link to the new dashboard which would include some guidance about how to use it be circulated to the panel.	Assistant Director Policy, Strategy and Resources	Complete: Guidance circulated to members on 30.10.24.
5.09.24	<p><u>SPC.22 HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND / EXIT STRATEGY</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet take stock of the funding situation after the Chancellor’s statement and the Council’s financial settlement, as there may be further decisions that impact on household finances. 2. That the council continue to promote and inform residents of the range of advice and support available to them. 3. That the council continue to work with the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to identify opportunities to alleviate cost of living pressures. 4. That Cabinet receive, in due course, public health plans to address the wider determinants of health in North East Lincolnshire. 5. That the council continue to support food bank and other food providers, as part of the VCS, to reduce demand and dependency on emergency food, promoting growing, 		<p>Update: This will be for Cabinet to consider as part of the Council’s budget-setting process and subsequent to receipt of the financial statement.</p> <p>Complete. Information is provided on the Council’s website - Financial support, advice and guidance NELC</p> <p>Update: A person has been appointed to administer the Household Support Fund until 31st March 2026 and this post will include close liaison with the VCS.</p> <p>Update: This would be picked up in the Director of Public Health’s Annual Report received by the Health and Well Being Board. Any key decisions emanating from that report would be directed to Cabinet. Cabinet has the option of requesting a specific report on this matter.</p> <p>Update: Funding has been provided as part of the latest round of HSF. The Portfolio Holder for</p>

	<p>healthy eating, budgeting and skills to improve access to and the quality of food in North East Lincolnshire.</p> <p>6. That a letter be sent by the Portfolio Holder for Safer and Stronger Communities to the Chancellor the Exchequer requesting further clarification of the Government's plans beyond the additional six-month funding period.</p>		<p>Safer and Stronger Communities chairs the Food Forum.</p> <p>Update: This has been done. The Government indicated in the Budget that HSF and discretionary housing payments would continue. Further details are awaited on this.</p>
5.09.24	<p><u>SPC.26 DEPOT RATIONALISATION PROJECT</u></p> <p>RESOLVED - That a detailed breakdown of the piling work undertaken as part of this project be investigated and reported back to this panel.</p>	Assistant Director Environment	Complete: Information circulated on 11.11.24.
Crime & Disorder Committee 10.10.24.	<p><u>CDC.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE</u></p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>1. That the topic of (Violence against Women & Girls) be added to next year's work programme.</p> <p>2. That a ward breakdown of domestic abuse cases be provided to the Committee in due course.</p>	<p>Scrutiny & Committee Advisor</p> <p>Chief Inspector Mirfin/Domestic Abuse Coordinator.</p>	<p>Complete: This has been added onto next year's Work Plan.</p> <p>Complete: Information circulated to panel on 8.11.24.</p>