

To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 26th September 2024

ECONOMY, CULTURE, AND TOURISM SCRUTINY PANEL

1st August 2024 at 10.00am

Present:

Councillor Brookes (in the Chair) Councillors Bright, Crofts, Lindley, Mickleburgh and Morland

Officers in attendance:

- David Baker (Business Contract Manager Governance and Performance)
- Nick Browning (Head of Culture, Heritage, Leisure and Tourism)
- Bev O'Brien (Scrutiny Advisor)
- Jo Robinson (Assistant Director Policy, Strategy and Resources)
- Claire Swainson (Strategic Lead Finance)
- Paul Thorpe (Operations Director)

Also in attendance:

Councillor Dawkins (Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy)

There was one member of the press present.

SPE.6 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Jervis for this meeting.

SPE.7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

SPE.8 MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 14th March 2024 be agreed as a correct record.

SPE.9 QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public for this meeting.

SPE.10 FORWARD PLAN

The panel considered the current Forward Plan and were asked to identify any items for examination by this panel via the predecision call-in procedure.

Mrs O'Brien confirmed that a special Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel meeting would be called to consider the Library and Archives Review before the decision was taken by Cabinet in September 2024.

RESOLVED - That the Forward Plan be noted.

SPE.11 TRACKING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCRUTINY

The panel received a report from the Assistant Chief Executive tracking the recommendations of the Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel.

Mrs O'Brien confirmed that all tracking actions had been completed and added to the panels work programme for the municipal year 2024/25. Members were happy for all completed actions to be removed from tracking.

RESOLVED – That items SPTVE.47, SPTVE.49 and SPTVE.58 be removed from the tracking report.

SPE.12 2023/24 COUNCIL PLAN YEAR END PERFORMANCE AND PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL OUTTURN REPORT

The panel received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets providing key information and analysis of the Council's plan year end performance and provisional financial outturn review 2023/24. RESOLVED – That the 2023/24 Council Plan year end performance and provisional financial outturn report be noted.

SPE.13 REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORT

The panel received a report from EQUANS containing a summary of performance against key performance indicators for the period January to March 2024.

A Member welcomed a discussion around reinstating the ward member sponsorship scheme. Officers indicated that they were currently reviewing the scheme to see if it was of any benefit.

RESOLVED – That the regeneration partnership performance report be noted.

SPE.14 ECONOMY, CULTURE AND TOURISM SCRUTINY PANEL - WORK PROGRAMME

The panel considered a report from the Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer). The panel considered, within its terms of reference, suggestions to be included in the 2024/25 work programme.

One Councillor asked that the Grimsby Minster Clock be added to the work programme for consideration during this municipal year.

RESOLVED – That the additional item mentioned above be added to the work programme of the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel for 2024/25.

SPE.15 QUESTIONS TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER

There were no panel members' questions to the Portfolio Holder.

SPE.16 CALLING IN OF DECISIONS

There were no formal requests from members of this panel to call-in decisions taken at recent meetings of Cabinet.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.14 a.m.