

ECONOMY, CULTURE AND TOURISM SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	13 th March 2025
REPORT OF	Statutory Scrutiny Officer
SUBJECT	Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme
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 its key partnerships. 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 Priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report reflects on the 2024/25 municipal year and the work undertaken by the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel. The panel will also consider, within its terms of reference, suggestions to be included in the 2024/25 work programme ahead of confirmation of the work programme at the first meeting of this panel in the new Municipal Year.

MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

The panel is invited to reflect on the 2024/25 work programme, noting any matters it would like to highlight within the Annual Scrutiny Report, and consider any suggested items for inclusion in next year's work programme.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 This report and its appendix summarises the 2024/25 agreed work programme and the panel's timetable of activities to undertake this work.
- 1.2 During the course of the year, the panel has considered the following issues:
 - Cabinet reports focusing on the Library and Archives review, the Freshney Place Leisure Scheme and the Freshney Place Business Plan. Part of these discussions led to the panel recommending further recommendations to Cabinet.
 - Updates on the Boating Lake and Dynamic understanding of the Natural Environment (DUNE), Sports and Physical Activity Dashboard, Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre and Kasbah Partnership Schemes.
 - Regular updates on the Council Plan and Finance Monitoring.

A range of other areas have been received in the Municipal year 2024/25, these can be seen in the appendix to this report.

- 1.3 The Annual Scrutiny Report is due to be submitted to the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2024 and will include a full summary of the work undertaken by this panel during the current year. If panel members wish to highlight

particular work within this report then they are invited to do so.

- 1.4 The panel will also have an early opportunity to consider any topics it may wish to retain in or add to next year's work programme.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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

The work programme demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations included within this report.

5. CLIMATE CHANGE, NATURE RECOVERY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. 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, nature recovery and environmental implications by the author(s) concerned.

6. 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, the Section 151 Officer or the Assistant Director People and Organisational Development.

7. WARD IMPLICATIONS

May impact on all wards

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual report of scrutiny 2023/24
Panel tracking reports

9. CONTACT OFFICER(S)

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel 2024/25

15 th July Special	1st August	3 rd October	5 th December	23 rd January	3 rd March Joint	13 th March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LUF – Pier Gardens • LUF – Market Place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023/24 Provisional Outturn report • Q4 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring report • Panel work programme 2024/25 • Regeneration Partnership Performance Report Q1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring report • Regeneration Partnership Performance Report Q2 • Boating Lake – update on any future works. • Tourism Dashboard • Library & Archives Review • Kasbah Regen Prog 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme Review • Q2 Finance and Council Plan Monitoring report • Library and Archives Service • Freshney Place Leisure Scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regeneration Partnership Performance Report Q3 • Lincs Inspire – Annual users survey • Sport and Physical Activity Strategy • Creativity Strategy and Action Plan • Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre update • Freshney Place business plan • Kasbah PSiCA 1 review & update on new grant scheme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Strategy – 6 months update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q3 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring report • Regeneration Partnership Performance Report Q4 • SHIIP • Work Programme for 2025/26 • RLNI update

Standing agenda items:

- Question time
- Tracking actions of the panel
- Forward Plan
- Questions to the Portfolio Holder
- Calling in of key decisions

Items identified for Work Programme 2024/25 (To be scheduled in):

- Devolution (specifically around Tourism) – Jan 25

