



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## **JOINT MEETING OF THE ECONOMY, CULTURE AND TOURISM AND THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL**

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 4.30pm**

### **Present:**

Councillors Bright, Brookes, Cairns, Freeston, Henderson, Kaczmarek (substitute for Jervis), Morland, K. Swinburn and Wilson.

### **Officers in attendance:**

- Carolina Borgstrom (Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure)
- Katie Brown (Director of Adult Social Care)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Jo Robinson (Assistant Director of Policy, Strategy and Resources)

### **Also in attendance:**

- Councillor Dawkins, Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy.
- Councillor Shreeve, Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care.

There were no members of the press or public present.

### **JSPEH.1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED – That Councillor Wilson be appointed Chair for this special joint scrutiny panel meeting.

COUNCILLOR WILSON IN THE CHAIR

### **JSPEH.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Crofts, Jervis, Lindley and Mickleburgh for this meeting.

## **JSPEH.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **JSPEH.4 COUNCIL PLAN REVIEW**

The panel considered the draft Council Plan 2025-28.

### **Stronger Economy**

Member felt there should be more focus on health, getting people healthy and back into work, especially as there were older people who wanted to work and needed support in reskilling. Members highlighted that an older population could be perceived as a pressure on adult social care but if there were employment opportunities for older people it helped them to remain active for longer and could bring more people to the area.

A member suggested that the focus also needed to be on lifetime/all age skills.

### **Stronger Communities**

Members suggested that a bullet point be included around good and sustainable homes referring to support for disabled people through the disabled facilities grant and continued improvements to the efficiency of that service.

Referring to the bullet point 'support to create greener homes through retrofit and new build', members felt that it needed to be changed so that it was clearer about what this meant in practice.

### **Greener Future**

Members felt that the waste and recycling section did not take account issues in some areas such as fly tipping in alleys that led to other problems and suggested that there be some wording about what the vision was to improve this.

The panel suggested that 'parks and open spaces' could include a reference to the importance of biodiversity, for example, in areas like Weelsby Woods and around the Freshney.

### **Effective and Engaging Council**

Members highlighted that the financially stable section talked about responding quickly to risk and uncertainty, but it could say more about both risk and opportunities, for example children's residential, and opportunities relating to older people.

In the accessible and engaging section, members felt there needed to be more included about how the Council wanted to work better with the voluntary sector and community groups.

'Digitally smart borough' was discussed and members suggested that officers could refer to how we used digital and artificial intelligence to improve the delivery of services and not create digital inequality. The reference to 5G and broadband was a Greater Lincolnshire project but was not linked to the Combined Authority. Ms Robinson confirmed this needed amending.

### **Performance Measures**

Where possible members preferred to see outcome measures, but appreciated that wasn't always easy to collect and report on.

With regard to penalty charge notices (PCN) indicators, it was suggested that those relating to numbers issued be reconsidered and alternative measures used because it was unclear what was being indicated by these figures. For example, if more PCNs were issued for littering, was that good or bad? A better indicator of success would be that people didn't litter in the first place.

A member asked if the reports made through the self-service portal could be a source of data to inform members about how many reports were made and in which areas.

A member referred to a measure that related to hospital admissions for alcohol specific conditions and asked whether there was a similar measure for drug related conditions.

The feedback overall was extremely positive but the Chair suggested that it laboured too much on the past and needed to focus more on looking ahead.

Ms Robinson thanked members for their feedback and noted that the points raised would be fed back to officers for inclusion in the final version of the Council Plan 2025-28.

**RESOLVED** – That the feedback from the joint scrutiny panel be incorporated into the final draft of the Council Plan 2025-28.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.00 p.m.