



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 12th December 2024

ECONOMY, CULTURE AND TOURISM SCRUTINY PANEL

3rd October 2024 at 10.00am

Present:

Councillor Parkinson (in the Chair)

Councillors Bright, Crofts, Jervis, Lindley, Mickleburgh and Morland

Officers in attendance:

- Levi Andersonjordan (Environmental Sustainability Manager)
- David Baker (Business Contract Manager Governance and Performance)
- Nick Browning (Head of Culture, Heritage, Leisure and Tourism)
- Dee Hitter (Head of Environmental Sustainability)
- Damien Jaines-White (Assistant Director Regeneration)
- Guy Lonsdale (Assistant Director Finance)
- Eve Richardson-Smith ((Deputy Monitoring Officer)
- Bev O'Brien (Scrutiny Advisor)

There were two members of the press and one member of public present at this meeting.

SPE.17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

SPE.18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

SPE.19 MINUTES

A panel member asked that the discussion around reinstating the ward member sponsorship scheme be added to the minutes for 1st August 2024.

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 1st August 2024 be agreed as a correct record, subject to the amendment mentioned above, and that the minutes of the special Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 15th August 2024 be agreed as a correct record.

SPE.20 QUESTION TIME

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

SPE.21 FORWARD PLAN

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

Mrs O'Brien informed the panel that there were two items of interest for the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel. They were the Library and Archives Review and the Freshney Place Leisure Scheme. Mr Jaines-White explained that the reports for these subjects would need to be considered by scrutiny before a special Cabinet meeting, anticipated in November.

RESOLVED - That the Forward Plan be noted.

SPE.22 TRACKING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCRUTINY

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

RESOLVED – That the Tracking report be noted.

SPE.23 2024/25 QUARTER ONE COUNCIL PLAN RESOURCES AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The panel received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets providing key information and analysis of the Council's resources position at the end of quarter one.

A panel member asked about improving retail in Freshney Place to bring more people into the town centre. Officers reminded Members of the Town Centre master plan, and how it was now coming to fruition.

RESOLVED – That the 2024/25 quarter one council plan resources and financial performance report be noted.

SPE.24 REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORT

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

RESOLVED – That the Regeneration Partnership performance report be noted.

SPE.25 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE TOURISM DASHBOARD

The panel considered a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure on the data and statistics for the 2023 tourism season in North East Lincolnshire.

Members asked for some clarification on the numbers around footfall on Cleethorpes Promenade in 2023 and Cleethorpes Station. Officers informed the Panel that there had been a positive recovery in 2024.

Members also wondered whether the extra events at the Meridian Showground were now benefiting the economy. Officers confirmed that they were.

RESOLVED – That the North East Lincolnshire Tourism Dashboard be noted.

SPE.26 CLEETHORPES BOATING LAKE AND DYNAMIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (DUNE) PROJECT UPDATE

The panel received an update from the Assistant Director Environment on Cleethorpes Boating Lake.

A panel member asked for some clarification about the funding of the works particularly if the bid was unsuccessful.

RESOLVED – That the Cleethorpes Boating Lake project update be noted.

SPE.27 QUESTIONS TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER

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

SPE.28 CALLING IN OF DECISIONS

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

SPE.29 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That the press and public be requested to leave on the grounds that discussion of the following business was likely to disclose exempt information within paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

SPE.30 CLEETHORPES BOATING LAKE AND DYNAMIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (DUNE) PROJECT UPDATE

The panel received the closed appendix to the report referred to at SPE.26 above.

Members asked for clarification on the dredging costs included in the report.

RESOLVED - That the matters of concern be noted.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.00 a.m.