

Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel

DATE	31/07/2025
REPORT OF	Statutory Scrutiny Officer
SUBJECT	Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2025/26
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 work undertaken by the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel, within the panel's terms of reference, to identify topics to be included in the 2025/26 work programme. The panel is asked to agree the work programme.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The panel is asked to consider and agree the work programme for the ensuing municipal year.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

The appendix to this report summarises the suggested work programme and the panel's likely timetable of activities during 2025/26 to undertake this work. The report will be a live document and progress on each of the work programme items will be monitored throughout the year.

In addition to the work programme items, there will be the opportunity for members to identify agenda items from the forward plan, the Council's quarterly performance and resources report (with a focus on those issues relevant to the remit of the panel) and the tracking of its recommendations.

The panel may also consider any issues it may wish to remove or add to this year's work programme. The panel may also respond to issues of public concern.

2. RISKS, OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUALITY ISSUES

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. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on children and young people 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 children and young people implications by the author(s) concerned.

6. 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 and environmental implications by the author(s) concerned.

7. 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 (Chief Legal Officer), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead.

8. WARD IMPLICATIONS

May impact on all wards.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual report of scrutiny 2024/25

10. CONTACT OFFICER(S)

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel 2025/26

7 th July Special	31 st July	2 nd October	27 th November	22 nd January	12 th March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call in – Temporary Library relocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024/25 Provisional Outturn report • Q4 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring report • Panel work programme 2025/26 • Equans Performance Report (Dec – June) • Clee Regen project (verbal) • Investment update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring report • Library Review - Phase 2 • Tourism Dashboard • Safer Towns Review (Resort Element) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme Review • Q2 Finance and Council Plan Monitoring report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport & Physical Strategy/Lincs Inspire Ltd – Core Provision • Creative/Culture Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q3 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring report • Work Programme for 2025/26 • Fishing Heritage Centre update

Standing agenda items:

- Question time
- Tracking actions of the panel
- Forward Plan
- Questions to the Portfolio Holder
- Calling in of key decisions
- Children and Lifelong Learning and Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel – Skills Strategy.
- Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing and Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel – Local Plan

Further Topics identified (to be scheduled in):

- Pier Gardens, Cleethorpes (Briefing note)
- Market Place, Cleethorpes (Briefing note)
- Freshney Place Leisure Scheme
- Sea Road Development (Briefing note)
- Refresh Masterplan (1st session Workshop, 2nd Formal Report)
- Economic Strategy (1st session Workshop, 2nd Formal Report)
- Industrial Strategy
- Future Highstreets Taskforce
- Strategy to look after Town Centres
- Devolution – how it will impact our Borough/Tourism.
- Strategic Overview – what we expect from Visitor Economy.
- Strategic Policy CCA

Joint Working:

