



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 24th July 2025

ECONOMY, CULTURE AND TOURISM SCRUTINY PANEL

13th March 2025 at 10.00am

Present:

Councillor Brookes (in the Chair)
Councillors Bright, Cairns (substitute for Lindley), Crofts, Mickleburgh,
Morland and Parkinson

Officers in attendance:

- Nick Browning (Head of Culture, Heritage, Leisure and Tourism)
- Damien Jaines-White (Assistant Director Regeneration)
- Simon Jones (Assistant Director Law and Governance, Monitoring Officer)
- Guy Lonsdale (Assistant Director Finance)
- Beverly O'Brien (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Jo Robinson (Assistant Director Policy, Strategy and Resources)
- Helen Thompson (Strategic Lead for Tourism)

Also in attendance:

- Jamie King (Royal National Lifeboat Institution)
- Councillor Dawkins (Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy)
- Councillor Jackson (Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills)

SPE.62 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillor Jervis and Lindley.

SPE.63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

SPE.64 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel meeting held 23rd January 2025 and the special meeting on 10th February 2025 be agreed as a correct record.

SPE.65 QUESTION TIME

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

SPE.66 FORWARD PLAN

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

RESOLVED - That the Forward Plan be noted.

SPE.67 TRACKING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCRUTINY

The panel received a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer tracking the recommendations of the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel.

RESOLVED – That SPE.53 be removed from the tracking report and all other actions be noted.

SPE.68 ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION (RLNI)

The panel received a verbal update on the Cleethorpes Lifeboat Station. Mr King detailed the current status of the building, beach, memorial benches, road access and the work that was due to take place inside. He expressed how they were on track with the building being completed and works were to start inside on the 31st March 2025.

The panel asked for some clarification on the mud call outs, what area coverage the RLNI had and why the road closure was still in place. Mr King answered all of the panels queries and invited the panel to come and see the building when it was complete.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

SPE.69 REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORT

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

Members were given the opportunity to submit questions before the scrutiny meeting. Responses were given to those Members that submitted questions beforehand, via email.

RESOLVED – That the Regeneration Partnership Performance Report be noted.

SPE.70 2024/25 QUARTER 3 COUNCIL PLAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT

The panel received a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets presenting the Finance and Council Plan Performance Report for quarter three of 2024/25.

RESOLVED – That the Finance and Council Plan Performance Report for quarter three of 2024/25 be noted.

SPE.71 SOUTH HUMBER INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INWARD INVESTMENT

The panel received a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure that outlined the South Humber Industrial Investment Programme (SHIIP) priorities and progress, and information on Economic Development and Inward Investment across the borough.

RESOLVED – That the South Humber Industrial Investment Programme report be noted.

SPE.72 ECONOMY, CULTURE AND TOURISM SCRUTINY PANEL - WORK PROGRAMME REVIEW 2024/25 AND WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

The panel received a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer which reflected on the 2024/25 municipal year and the work undertaken by the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel. The panel also considered suggestions to be included in the 2025/26 work programme.

The panel requested the following to be added to the work programme for 2025/26:

- Light Railway extensions update
- Library and Archives Review
- Pier Gardens, Cleethorpes
- Market Place, Cleethorpes
- Freshney Place Leisure Scheme
- Boating Lake update
- Sea Road Development
- Tourism Dashboard
- Lincs Inspire Ltd – Annual use survey
- Fishing Heritage Centre update

RESOLVED – That the report and members' comments be noted

SPE.73 QUESTIONS TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER

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

SPE.74 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.75 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.76 OFFICER DECISION RECORD - CLEETHORPES LEVELLING UP FUND (LUF) PROJECTS

The panel considered an Officer Decision Record on a Cleethorpes Levelling Up Fund Project.

The panel asked for some clarification on the lettable space. Officers present were able to clear up the panels queries. The panel commented on how they were happy to support the decision.

RESOLVED – That the Officer Decision Record on the Cleethorpes Levelling Up Fund Project be supported and noted.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.31 a.m.