

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	4th September 2025
REPORT OF	Jo Robinson (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
SUBJECT	Tracking the recommendations of the Communities Scrutiny Panel
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 the strategic partnership. 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 Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each scrutiny panel monitors the progress made on their recommendations through a tracking table, which is included as an appendix of this report.

MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

Members are asked to look at the progress against the recommendations and agree to sign off any recommendations that have been completed or are no longer considered to be an efficient use of resources or where priorities have changed.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

Each scrutiny panel has a standard agenda item so that they can check progress against the recommendations they have previously made.

Members are asked to look at the progress against the recommendations and agree to sign off any recommendations that have been completed, so that they can be removed from the table. It would also be effective to sign off any recommendations that have not been completed but which are no longer considered to be an efficient use of resources, or where priorities have changed.

Appendix A lists progress on tracked items within the terms of reference of this new panel.

Appendix B lists the remaining recommendations from a review of environmental street scene.

Appendix C lists the nine recommendations from the enforcement scrutiny working group.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Risk assessments will already have been carried out on the reports that these recommendations have come from.

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. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not applicable to this report.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

The panel's tracking report demonstrates that the panel monitors progress on its recommendations and required actions. This report further demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny.

5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on Children and young people as a direct result of this report. The reports that these tracked items have come have been assessed for impact on children and young people.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations included within this report, beyond scrutiny's enhanced role in monitoring delivery of the council's budget and medium-term financial plan.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. The reports that these tracked items have come from will have been assessed for impact.

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.

8. 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 (legal), Section 151 Officer (finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead (human resources).

9. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Potentially impacts on all wards.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes from the Communities Scrutiny Panel
[Events from June 22 - 25 March 2024 | Democracy \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

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TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS – COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
07.09.23	<p><u>SPC.28 CCTV UPDATE</u></p> <p>RESOLVED -</p> <p>1.That further information be provided to the panel on the number of CCTV cameras located in parks across the borough.</p> <p>2.That further comparison data for School CCTV be provided to members.</p>	Operations Director, Equans/ Assistant Director, Safer & Partnerships	Update on 27.02.2025 This was to remain on tracking to monitor progress.
9.01.25	<p><u>SPC.52 REPORT ON PROGRESS OF THE COUNCIL REGISTERING TO BECOME A HOUSING PROVIDER</u></p> <p>RESOLVED – That a field trip be organised for the panel to look at sites in Doncaster and Scunthorpe with Ongo.</p>	Assistant Director – Infrastructure, Environment Economy and Infrastructure)	Update: To remain on tracking to monitor progress.
27.02.25	<p><u>SPC.64 WEED CONTROL</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:-</p> <p>Fully phase out Glyphosate in parks and open spaces but retain use on highways and paths until a cost-effective option is available and instigate a trial to phase out in a specific area for highway and report back to scrutiny.</p>	Scrutiny and Committee Advisor	<p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>1. That the principle of carrying out a range of low cost or no cost trials, including the cessation of spraying altogether in identified locations in wards across North East Lincolnshire be approved.</p> <p>2. That the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Net Zero be delegated authority to consult with all</p>

			<p>ward members to identify any suitable area to conduct a trial, thereafter, implement such trial and carry out appropriate levels of monitoring.</p> <p>3. That the outcome of the trial be reported back to scrutiny by the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure with an invitation that scrutiny makes recommendations to Cabinet in a further report.</p> <p>Update: The recommendation made by the Panel to Cabinet has now been approved (as above).</p>
27.02.25	<p><u>At SPC.38 FOOD POVERTY ACTION PLAN</u></p> <p>The Chair was aware that this was now near complete, and members agreed this should remain on tracking.</p>		<p>Update: The Food Poverty Assessment would be received by the panel at the 4th September meeting for comment prior to producing the Action Plan.</p>
3.07.25	<p><u>SPC.11 QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER</u></p> <p>RESOLVED That it be recommended to the Local Plan Overview Board Development Group to make sure that major developments include a detailed management plan that includes detailed information on regular maintenance.</p>		<p>Update: Assistant Director Environment Economy and Infrastructure to provide update at the meeting.</p>