

ECONOMY, CULTURE AND TOURISM SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	27 th November 2025
REPORT OF	Assistant Director of Policy Strategy and resources (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
SUBJECT	Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme Review
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 on progress with the panel's work programme at the half-year stage and provides a formal opportunity for the panel to update its work programme as it considers appropriate.

MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

The panel is asked to consider progress made to date with its work programme and update it if it is felt that items need to be re-prioritised, removed or added. There is also the opportunity for an informal workshop if the panel feel that further discussions are required ahead of any formal scrutiny work.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 This report and its appendix summarises the 2025/26 agreed work programme and the panel's timetable of activities to undertake this work.
- 1.2 The panel's work programme remains flexible and the panel has the opportunity to amend it at any point throughout the Municipal Year. It is good practice to keep the work programme under review and the half-year stage seems an appropriate time to do so.
- 1.3 The review of scrutiny arrangements undertaken earlier this year did recommend that an informal scrutiny panel session be held half-way through the Municipal Year to monitor progress against their individual work programmes. This recommendation is acknowledged but, mindful of the pressures on Members' time, this report is brought to a formal meeting to ensure that the necessary review is undertaken but also to allow the panel the option of a further informal workshop session should it be considered appropriate.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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. IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

There are no impacts on children and young people as a direct result of this report. The panel will have the opportunity to consider to any implications for children and young people as it considers individual items within its work programme.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE 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

Panel tracking reports

Work programme report submitted to this panel on 31st July 2025.

10. CONTACT OFFICER(S)

Beverly O'Brien – Scrutiny Advisor

JO ROBINSON
(STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER)

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

7 th July Special	31 st July	11 th September Special	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 (MJ) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Action Plan – Progress 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 • Kasbah Tour & update • Sport & Physical Strategy • Grimsby Masterplan • Status of Library Services Select Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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:

- Children and Lifelong Learning and Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel – Skills Strategy (*Took place on 11th Sept 2025*)
- Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing and Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel – Local Plan – *Members were invited to attend the TISH Scrutiny Panel on 18th November 2025.*