

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL AGENDA
for the meeting on
Thursday 26th February 2026 at 2.00 p.m.
In Grimsby Town Hall

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1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> To record any apologies for absence.	-
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> To record any declarations of interest by any Member of the Panel in respect of items on this agenda. Members declaring interests must identify the agenda item and the type and detail of the interest declared.	-
3.	<u>Minutes</u> To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Panel held on 8th January 2026 (copy attached).	9
4.	<u>Question Time</u> To invite members of the public to put questions to the Communities Scrutiny Panel. To ensure a satisfactory response, members of the public are requested to give at least 5 working days' notice of any question they may have, in writing, to Democratic Services.	-
5.	<u>Forward Plan</u> To consider the current forward plan and to identify any items for examination by this panel via the pre-decision call-in procedure. Members should refer to the Forward Plan electronically in advance of the meeting. Please see the attached link to the latest forward plan: https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/your-council/decision-making/forward-plan-of-key-decisions/	
6.	<u>Tracking the Recommendations of Scrutiny</u> To receive a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer tracking the recommendations of the Communities Scrutiny Panel (copy attached).	19
7.	<u>Call In – Fuller Street Bridge and the North Wall, Cleethorpes</u> To consider a formal request from members to call-in the above Portfolio Holder decision (copy attached).	25

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| 8. | <u>2025/26 Q3 Council Plan Resources and Finance Performance Report</u> | 43 |
| | To receive a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills that provides information and analysis of the of the Council's financial performance during the third quarter of 2025-26. | |
| | Please note this report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 11 th February and was referred to all scrutiny panels. | |
| 9. | <u>Green Futures Annual Report</u> | 181 |
| | To receive a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure noting the annual updates for each plan as detailed in the appendices, (copy attached). | |
| 10. | <u>Biodiversity Statutory Duty Report</u> | 229 |
| | To receive a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure seeking the panels views and consideration of the Council's Biodiversity Duty report, (copy attached). | |
| 11. | <u>Weed Control Update</u> | 245 |
| | To receive a report from the Assistant Director Environment, which provides an update on the progress to identify suitable locations for weed control trials and consultation with Ward Councillors (copy attached). | |
| 12. | <u>Armed Forces Covenant</u> | 251 |
| | To receive a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure that provides feedback on the outcome of the review and proposed next steps. (copy attached). | |
| 13. | <u>Communities Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme Review 2025/26 and Work Programme 2026/27</u> | 265 |
| | To receive a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer which reflects on the 2025/26 municipal year and the work undertaken by the Communities Scrutiny Panel. The panel will also consider, within its terms of reference, suggestions to be included in the 2026/27 work programme (copy attached). | |
| 14. | <u>Questions to Portfolio Holder</u> | - |
| | To consider any panel members' questions to the Portfolio Holder. | |
| | To ensure a satisfactory response, members are requested to give three clear working days' notice of any question they may have, in writing, to Democratic Services. | |

15. Calling in of Decisions -

To consider any formal requests from Members of this Panel to call in decisions of recent Cabinet and Portfolio Holder meetings.

16. Urgent Business -

To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.

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