

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	8 th January 2026
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>	Operations Director, Equans/ Assistant Director, Safer & Partnerships	Update on 20.11.25 Ms Paterson reported that there would be some quarterly performance updates to come forward.
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	Update: The Assistant Director Environment would speak with relevant officers and arrange for a suitable communication message to residents.
4.09.25	<p><u>SPC.19 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS (STATISTICS /WHITE RIBBON)</u></p> <p>RESOLVED That progress against the Action Plan to include annual updates on how the council were delivering against the action plan be built into this panels work programme.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	Update on 20.11.25 It be requested that both design out crime and VAWG is considered as part of the design phase of the Transport Hub project and that this be referenced in the forthcoming Cabinet report early in 2026.

4.09.25	<p><u>SPC.20 2025/26 Q1 COUNCIL PLAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT</u></p> <p>That further information be provided to the panel around how bulky waste services were performing to include collection time and date and how successful those collections were.</p>	Assistant Director Policy Strategy & Resources	Update: This was in hand.
4.09.25	<p><u>SPC.21 FOOD POVERTY ASSESSMENT</u></p> <p>That the Food Poverty Action Plan be added to this panels Tracking Report to monitor progress against the Action Plan.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	Update: Added to tracking to monitor progress.
Joint Panel 7.10.25	<p><u>JSPCT.16 CALLING IN OF DECISIONS – SELECTIVE LICENSING</u></p> <p>RESOLVED – That the report and comments be noted and that the final decision be reported back to the Communities Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:- That the Cabinet decision of 20th August regarding Selective Licensing be released for implementation noting concerns regarding potential impact on charities and requesting that an Equality Impact Assessment is revisited prior to implementation.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	Update on 20.11.25 Selective Licensing it be requested that a further update be brought back to this panel within a year of selective licensing being implemented.
Joint Panel 7.10.25	<p><u>JSPCT.17 HOUSING OVERVIEW</u></p> <p>RESOLVED -That when the information was available the cleansed housing register data be shared with members in due course.</p>	Director Adult Social Care	Update on 14.10.25: The housing register data is going to take a few months to cleanse, details will be forwarded in due course.
20.11.25	<p><u>SPC.29 UPDATE FROM DEPUTY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER</u></p> <p>RESOLVED - That a site visit to the force control room be arranged for communities' scrutiny panel members.</p>	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	Update: Jo Paterson organising a date for the new year.

20.11.25	<u>SPC.30 2025/26 QUARTER 2 COUNCIL PLAN RESOURCES AND FINANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT</u> RESOLVED–That a briefing note be provided to cover improvements to and understanding recycling rates in different communities.	Assistant Director Environment	Update: A Briefing Note will be forthcoming.
20.11.25	<u>SPC.31 CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) UPDATE</u> RESOLVED - That a site visit to the CCTV control room be arranged for panel members and this be extended out to all elected members.	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	Update: Jo Paterson organising two sessions for 12 th and 13 th January 2026.
20.11.25	<u>SPC.34 QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER</u> 2)That Councillor Bonner’s question be referred to the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) operational group for further investigation. 3)That Councillor Bonner provide further evidence when available to support the concerns raised around public safety at taxi ranks as the current crime statistics do not identify that this is a current issue of concern. 4) That a further report could be brought back to scrutiny with anonymised data showing how persistent antisocial behaviour and repeated breaches are handled	Portfolio Holder Safer & Stronger Communities Councillor Bonner Portfolio Holder Safer & Stronger Communities	Update: Councillor Shepherd has progressed. Update: Ongoing Update: In hand.