

**ECONOMY, CULTURE AND TOURISM SCRUTINY PANEL
AGENDA
for the meeting on
Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**

- 1. Apologies for Absence** -

To record any apologies for absence.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** -

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. Minutes** 7

To approve as a correct record the draft minutes of the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 22nd January 2026 (copy attached).
- 4. Question Time** -

To invite members of the public to put questions to the Economy, Culture and Tourism 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. Forward Plan** -

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. Tracking the recommendations of Scrutiny** 15

To receive a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer tracking the recommendations of the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel (copy attached).

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| 7. | <u>2025/26 Q3 Council Plan Resources and Finance Performance</u> | 19 |
| | 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 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.
(copy attached) | |
| 8. | <u>Library Services Select Committee Findings</u> | - |
| | To receive an interim report from the chair of the Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel on the Library Services Select Committee findings (copy to follow). | |
| 9. | <u>Cleethorpes Draft Wayfinding Strategy and Concept Design</u> | 157 |
| | To consider a report from the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and the Visitor Economy seeking support and approval of the proposed wayfinding strategy, concept design and an allocation of £300K Pride in Place funding to support the delivery of the wayfinding strategy (copy attached) | |
| 10. | <u>Freshney Place Business Plan</u> | 209 |
| | To receive a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Regeneration, Devolution and Skills summarising performance and setting out of the business plan objectives for the following period (copy attached). | |
| 11. | <u>Temporary Library – Three Month Review</u> | 215 |
| | To receive a three-month review on the temporary library, offer in Grimsby Town Centre (copy attached). | |
| 12. | <u>UK Town of Culture</u> | 219 |
| | To receive a report from the Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure to review the plan for Grimsby to submit an Expression of Interest to the UK Town of Culture 2028 competition (copy attached). | |
| 13. | <u>Safer Town Review</u> | - |
| | To receive a briefing note that details the change in resources as part of the Safer Town Review (copy to follow). | |

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| 14. | <u>Economy, Culture and Tourism Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme Review 2024/25 and Work Programme 2025/26</u> | 225 |
| | To receive a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer which reflects on the 2024/25 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 2025/26 work programme (copy attached). | |
| 15. | <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. | |
| 16. | <u>Calling in of Decisions</u> | - |
| | To consider any formal requests from Members of this Panel to call in decisions of recent Cabinet and Portfolio Holder meetings. | |
| 17. | <u>Urgent Business</u> | - |
| | To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted. | |
| 18. | <u>Exclusion of Press and Public</u> | - |
| | To consider requesting the press and public to leave on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose exempt information within the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). | |
| 19. | <u>Library Services Select Committee Findings</u> | - |
| | To receive the closed appendix referred to at item 8 on the agenda (copy attached). | |
| 20. | <u>Freshney Place Business Plan</u> | 231 |
| | To receive the closed appendix referred to at item 10 on the agenda (copy attached). | |

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