COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE 19th November 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 Full Council budget recommendations to show updates/progress of each scheme.

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. PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH INEQUALITIES AND MARMOT IMPLICATIONS

North East Lincolnshire Council has adopted the Marmot Place approach as a core framework for reducing health inequalities and improving outcomes across the borough. As health is shaped by the social, economic and environmental conditions in which people live, work and age, all council policies, services and decisions have the potential to affect health equity. Scrutiny panels therefore have a key role in challenging, influencing and monitoring how decisions support the Marmot Principles, promote prevention and early intervention, and address the wider determinants of health. Recommendations arising from scrutiny should, where appropriate, demonstrate how they contribute to reducing inequalities, improving healthy life expectancy and supporting the Council's ambition to create a fairer and healthier North East Lincolnshire.

9. 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).

10. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Potentially impacts on all wards.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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Appendix A

TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS – COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
07.09.23	**SPC.28 CCTV UPDATE** RESOLVED - That further information be provided to the panel on the number of CCTV cameras located in parks across the borough. To remain on tracking to monitor progress i.e. quarterly report by the 15th of the following month.	Assistant Director, Safer & Partnerships	Update at meeting on 2.07.26: an update was to be sent out at the end of each quarter, and this would remain on tracking for monitoring. This was recently sent out to all panel members via email on 19th August 2026.
20.11.25	**SPC.29 UPDATE FROM DEPUTY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER** RESOLVED - That a site visit to the force control room be arranged for communities' scrutiny panel members.	Scrutiny & Committee Advisor	Update at meeting on 2.07.26: A site visit to the force control room was to be organised. The Chair stressed the urgency of this visit as it would become inaccessible once the licence came into fruition.
20.11.25	**SPC.35 QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER** That a further report could be brought back to scrutiny with anonymised data showing how persistent antisocial behaviour and repeated breaches are handled. Questioned by the Chair whether this sat correctly with the Communities' Panel. To be taken to the Executive Scrutiny Liaison Board to discuss whether it more appropriately sat with the Children's Panel.	Democratic Services	The Democratic Service Manager is to email both Communities and Children and Lifelong Learning Panel Chairs to confirm they are happy with the change. If confirmed that they are, it will be discussed with the Monitoring Officer to make the change to the constitution. The original action will then be transferred to the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel.

2.07.26	**SPC.9 COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL - WORK PROGRAMME 2026/27** That the River and Water Health report be added to this panels work programme with an invitation extended to Anglian Water and Environment Agency to participate in discussions. That a joint meeting with Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny to discuss Domestic Abuse be organised. That the Play Areas in the Borough item encompassing issues such as anti-social behaviour, vandalism, bin provisions and security measures be added to this panels work programme linking this in with the community payback scheme.	Scrutiny and Committee Advisor/ Chair. Scrutiny and Committee Advisor Scrutiny and Committee Advisor	The Chair is currently reaching out to Anglian Water and Environment Agency to invite to a future panel meeting. The date is yet to be confirmed. To be discussed as part of the work programme agenda item. This has been received as part of the Crime and Disorder Committee meeting on the 8th October 2026.
3.09.26	**SPC.19 HOUSEHOLD WASTE DELIVERY PLAN** 2. That as a matter of priority a full analysis report be received by the panel on the environment impact the Household Waste Delivery scheme has.	Environmental Strategy and Sustainability Manager	In progress with the Environment Team.
3.09.26	**SPC.21 DOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2026-2030** RECOMMENDED TO CABINET - That Officers establish a reporting process to provide the Communities Scrutiny Panel with more frequent progress updates on the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2026-2030, including opportunities for the Panel to consider and comment on the associated Action Plan as it is developed.	Scrutiny and Committee Advisor	This was received by Cabinet on the 16th September 2026 and was approved to be implemented.

17.09.26	**SPC.26 ENVIRONMENT BUDGET AMENDMENT PROJECTS** RESOLVED – 1. That Officers liaise with Ward councillor when the Skip It events were organised to help promote the events taking place in their wards. 2. That Officers share data on the time of year when dog fouling was reported the most. RECOMMENDED TO CABINET – 1. Notes the progress made to date, including the initial delays in developing implementation plans following Full Council approval in February 2026, and approves the continuation of the trials and the carry forward of allocated Transformation Reserve funding into the next financial year as required to deliver the approved objectives. 2. Approve the continuation of the Pest Control Service Review and Sewer Baiting Programme, including ongoing benchmarking, data analysis and partnership discussions with Anglian Water, with a further report to be presented setting out recommended delivery options and any associated procurement requirements. 3. Approve the use of Council Tax Support as the eligibility threshold for the trial, noting that this reflects the data lawfully available to the Council, and support further consideration of a targeted, data-led phased implementation, enabling officers to balance affordability, operational capacity and the objective of	Assistant Director Environment Scrutiny and Committee Advisor	This was sent to all panel meeting on the 4th November 2026. A briefing note on these recommendations is to be received by Cabinet at their meeting on the 11th November 2026.

	reducing fly-tipping while maximising the impact of the available funding. 4. That due to technical difficulties with the 1100 litre bins and capital costs, residents be offered up to 3x 360litres bins instead of the 1100 litre bins. 5. Endorse the proposed data-led methodology for the delivery of the five Skip It events and note the progression of initial events in East Marsh and West Marsh, subject to the necessary statutory, regulatory, landowner and operational approvals being obtained. 6. Note the effectiveness of the current dog fouling response arrangements and see that the budget amendments be carried on with to clear away hotspot areas and use data to inform where the money be spent.		