COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE 19th November 2026

REPORT OF Jo Robinson – Statutory Scrutiny Officer

SUBJECT Communities Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme

STATUS Open

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIM

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 the bi-annual review of the 2026/27 work undertaken by the Communities Scrutiny Panel 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.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

This report and its appendix summarise the 2026/27 agreed work programme and the panel's timetable of activities to undertake this work.

The panel may also consider any topics it wishes to retain, postpone or add to this or next year's work programme as the work programme remains flexible. It is good practise to keep the work programme under review and the half-year stage seems an appropriate time to do so.

The panel may wish to comment on achievements to date, mindful of the Annual Scrutiny Report that will be submitted to the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2027.

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. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on children and young people 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 children and young people implications by the author(s) concerned.

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. PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH INEQUALITIES AND MARMOT IMPLICATIONS

North East Lincolnshire Council has committed to becoming a Marmot Place and to embedding the Marmot Principles across policy development, service delivery and decision-making. Whilst this report relates to the scrutiny work programme, scrutiny activity plays an important role in supporting the Council's ambition to reduce health inequalities by considering how policies, services and decisions may impact on the wider determinants of health. Through its review and challenge function, the panel can help ensure that recommendations contribute to creating fairer, healthier and more equitable outcomes for residents across North East Lincolnshire

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 (Chief Legal Officer), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead.

9. WARD IMPLICATIONS

May impact on all wards

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual report of scrutiny 2025/26
Panel tracking reports
Panel work programme

11. CONTACT OFFICER(S)

Beverly O'Brien – Scrutiny and Committee Advisor

SHARON WROOT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

NO RESTRICTIONS

ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION: Communities Scrutiny Panel and the Crime and Disorder Committee: 2026/27

Thursday 2ND July 2.00 p.m.	Thu 3rd September 2.00 p.m.	Thu 17th September 2.00p.m. Special	Thu 8th October 2.00 p.m. Crime & Disorder Committee	Thu 19th November 2.00 p.m.	Thu 7th January 2.00 p.m.	Thu 25th February 2.00 p.m.
Work Programme 2026/27 Update on Full Council budget amendments Crisis and Resilience Fund – information and advice	2026/27 Q1 Council Plan Resources and Finance Performance Report Household Waste Delivery Plan Borough wide introduction of PSPO for Nuisance vehicles Domestic Abuse Strategy	Environment Budget Amendment Projects	Receive findings of Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment around crime and anti-social behaviour including Community consultation results and subsequent proposed Priorities of the statutory Community Safety Partnership. ASB –Town Centre. Play area within the Borough	2026/27 Q2 Council Plan Resources and Finance Performance Report Review Work programme Update 2026/27 VAWG – Progress update/Action Plan Update on the four recs to improve safety and lighting around Fuller Street Bridge. Food Poverty Action Plan	Implementation of the Armed Forces Covenant Weed Control outcome of trials Crisis and Resilience Fund	2026/27 Q3 Council Plan Resources and Finance Performance Report Work Programme Update 2025-26 (including items for the next municipal year).
	CCTV – quarterly performance updates (Paul Caswell) Border Control Posts (Slipped)					

Other items for consideration:-

- River and Water Health - That a further report come back to scrutiny detailing what the Council is doing to protect our coast and rivers. To invite Anglian Water and Environment Agency.
- Update on Domestic Abuse Action Plan/Implementation update
- 6 monthly update from DA Board.

Site Visits

- Police Control Room (via Deputy Police Crime Commissioner)

Joint Meetings

- Domestic Abuse – joint with Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny