

# Transport, Infrastructure and Housing Scrutiny Panel

<b>DATE</b>	14/07/2026
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Statutory Scrutiny Officer
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2026/27
<b>STATUS</b>	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 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 work undertaken by the Transport, Infrastructure and Housing Scrutiny Panel, within the panel's terms of reference, to identify topics to be included in the 2026/27 work programme. The panel is asked to agree the work programme.

## MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The panel is asked to consider and agree the work programme for the ensuing municipal year.

### 1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

The appendix to this report summarises the suggested work programme and the panel's likely timetable of activities during 2026/27 to undertake this work. The report will be a live document and progress on each of the work programme items will be monitored throughout the year.

In addition to the work programme items, there will be the opportunity for members to identify agenda items from the forward plan, the Council's quarterly performance and resources report (with a focus on those issues relevant to the remit of the panel) and the tracking of its recommendations.

The panel may also consider any issues it may wish to remove or add to this year's work programme. The panel may also respond to issues of public concern.

### 2. RISKS, OPPORTUNITIES AND EQUALITY ISSUES

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, NATURE RECOVERY 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. 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.

### **8. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

May impact on all wards.

### **9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Annual report of scrutiny 2025/26

### **10. CONTACT OFFICER(S)**

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14 July 6.30 p.m.	15 September 6.30 p.m.	10 November 6.30 p.m.	12 January 6:30 p.m.	2 March 6.30 p.m.
		<b><i>Housing Themed</i></b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Plan Year End Performance &amp; Provisional Financial Outturn Report</li> <li>• Panel Work Programme 2026/27</li> <li>• Standing Item – Corporation Bridge update</li> <li>• Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy</li> <li>• Local Flood Risk Management strategy – Cabinet Report</li> <li>• Local Transport Plan/grant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring</li> <li>• Standing Item – Corporation Bridge update</li> <li>• Highways Maintenance Policy</li> <li>• Stagecoach be invited to present plans for a modern bus service.</li> <li>• Pot Hole Report - Comms</li> <li>• Water Leaks – Full Council Rec.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Programme (Update 2026/27)</li> <li>• Q2 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring</li> <li>• Social Affordable Housing Strategy</li> <li>• Empty Homes</li> <li>• Strategy to improve speed efficiency to repair the borough’s infrastructure.</li> <li>• Review of Street Works Charter</li> <li>• Pot Hole Policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standing Item – Corporation Bridge update</li> <li>• Asset Management – queries on asset management plan</li> <li>• Transport Hub</li> <li>• TRO Strategy – Full Council Rec</li> <li>• Funding GL</li> <li>• Bus Concession</li> <li>• AI technologies in relation to road surveys and relevant schemes</li> <li>• Housing Strategy Refresh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q3 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring</li> <li>• Standing Item – Corporation Bridge update</li> <li>• Electric Vehicle infrastructure update</li> </ul>

**Suggestions for 2026/27 (to be timetabled):**

- Grimsby West Master Plan
- Selective Licensing – a year update from implementation (Municipal year 27/28)
- Review of Local Plan – August (Special)
- Changes to the scheme of delegation (Before October)
- Road Safety Strategy (Request from Cllr Hendersen)

**Briefing notes:** Quarterly reports – anticipated rise in capital borrowing | Council's approach to junction safety on strategic roads | Additional Licensing Article 4 HMOs

### **For Information - Full Council Decisions**

- **Timetabled for January** - Traffic Regulation Orders (24<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – RESOLVED – That this Council instruct the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport to:
  1. Review and expand Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for verge and footpath parking across all suitable wards, in consultation with local communities and ward councillors.
  2. Identify streets where the road layout means drivers are routinely forced onto pavements, consider excluding these areas from TROs, and look into other practical measures to better support residents and address the problem in a fair and workable way.
  3. Consult access and disability groups to help identify and priorities areas for action.
  4. Improve the online reporting system with a clear category and landing page to report pavement parking, with simple guidance on what evidence to submit, and regular updates on reports and outcomes. Allocate officer capacity to respond promptly with clear feedback to residents.
  5. Run a new, public campaign to promote the improved system, encourage responsible community participation, and explain how photographic evidence can support enforcement.
  6. Publish quarterly updates on pavement parking reports by ward, actions taken, PCNs issued, and hotspots addressed.
  7. Report back to the Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel within six months of launch to review impact and next steps.)
  
- **Timetabled for September.** Water Leaks (25<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - RESOLVED –
  1. That the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport be requested to submit a report to the Transport Infrastructure and Housing Scrutiny Panel within the next six months, to include:

Trends in Section 81 notices over the past five years;  
Geographic distribution of notices and repeat locations;  
The Council's assessment of underlying infrastructure issues;  
The effectiveness of responses received from Anglian Water;  
The impact of leaks on highway condition and associated costs.  
The economic impact of repeated bursts on local businesses, public transport and accessibility, with a particular focus on key commercial areas such as Freeman Street.

2. To invite Anglian Water to attend the Transport Infrastructure and Housing Scrutiny Panel to provide an update on issues relating to water infrastructure and Section 81 notices, and should they be unable to attend, to provide a written briefing addressing:

Their assessment of high-risk locations;  
Their decision-making around pipe replacement;  
The implications of reducing water pressure;  
Their investment plans for North East Lincolnshire.

3. That the Leader of the Council be requested to write formally to Anglian Water, challenging the adequacy of currently proposed mitigation measures and requesting a borough-wide action plan identifying replacement priorities and timescales for high-failure locations, including Freeman Street.
4. That the Leader of the Council be requested to write to the relevant Secretary of State and to Ofwat, urging the introduction of stronger statutory duties on water companies regarding leak reduction, infrastructure investment, and timely response to failures of the network.
5. That the Leader of the Council be requested to report back to all elected members within the next six months on the responses received from Anglian Water, Ofwat, and the Secretary of State.)