TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	10th November 2026
REPORT OF	Joanne Robinson (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
SUBJECT	Tracking the recommendations of the Transport, Infrastructure and Housing 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.

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

Minutes from the Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel
https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/meetings/category/scrutiny-panel-transport-infrastructure-and-strategic-housing/list/?eventDisplay=past

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TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS – TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
13th January 2026	**SPTISH.60 TRANSPORT HUB** That future reports to this panel on the Transport Hub reference how accessibility and tackling anti-social behaviour and violence against women and girls was incorporated into the design of the project.	Assistant Director Infrastructure	To be addressed within the Transport Hub report that is due to be received by the panel at their January 2027 meeting.
3rd March 2026	**SPTISH.72 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE** Updated from meeting, 14th July 2026: That the issues raided by this panel on the Asset Management Plan around biodiversity be further reviewed and brought back to this panel by January 2027.	Head of Estates and Asset Strategy/ Democratic Services	Included on the work programme to be received at the January 2027 meeting.

14th July 2026	**SPTIH.8 COUNCIL PLAN PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE REPORT – QUARTER 4 2025/26** RESOLVED – 2. That a written response be provided to members of this panel clarifying the reasons that the decarbonisation project within the Greener Future – Our Green Ambition priority had not progressed. 3. That details of highways and transport spend against budget be included within the report on highways maintenance that was due to be submitted to the next ordinary meeting of this panel. 4. That further information be provided to members of this panel on the 77 uncompleted projects within the council's corporate backlog maintenance programme and on plans to rename the programme.	Assistant Director Environment Assistant Director Infrastructure	The further information on the 77 uncompleted projects was sent to all panel members via email on the 23rd September 2026.

14th July 2026	**SPTIH.10 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW** RESOLVED – That representatives from the Environment Agency be invited to a future meeting of this panel to further discuss its plans for the River Freshney and Buck Beck.	Assistant Director Infrastructure/ Democratic Services	The Environment Agency confirmed they now have the funding to carry out a full modelling study of the River Freshney. This study will give the full picture of any improvements needed to the river, such as silt removal, i.e. dredging, or improvements to the Riverhead pumping station etc. Once the EA have the results of this study, then they'll come to Scrutiny. For the query about maintenance work frequency on Buck Beck in Cleethorpes, I contacted the Drainage Board works supervisor. He confirmed vegetation on the Beck's banks was cut 3 or 4 times a year. Also, the vegetation in the Beck's channel is removed annually. All of this work has the effect of maximising flow rates in the Beck during times of high flow.
8th September 2026	**SPTIH.18 PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT LOCAL PLAN - PUBLIC CONSULTATION** Although the Panel supported the recommendations in the report, including the revised recommendation circulated at the meeting, it also agreed to recommend the following additional matters to Cabinet for consideration: RECOMMENDED TO CABINET - 1. That the proposed Strategic Site SH1 (Ref HOU342, Land west of Laceby Acres and Wybers Wood, Grimsby) is removed from	Scrutiny and Committee Advisor	These recommendations were received by Cabinet on the 16th September 2026. Cabinet made the decision to refer all of the

	the draft local plan in its current format at this time. 2. That the Biodiversity Net Gain requirement be increased from the statutory 10% to 15%. 3. That within the relevant section of the draft Local Plan, appropriate policy wording to be included to manage the concentration, density and parking impact of HMO's. 4. That it be noted within the draft Local Plan that any outfalls from developments into rivers should be clean water. 5. That the draft Local Plan includes a requirement for updated Conservation Area Appraisals. 6. That the proposed allocated sites HOU287A, HOU338, HOU384 and HOU374 be removed from the draft local plan.		recommendations on to Full Council.
15th September 2026	**SPTIH.26 POTHOLE RESILIENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS** RESOLVED - That the Highways Maintenance Policy due to be received at the November meeting include hard data on pothole repair targets, historical comparisons, and cyclist-	Assistant Director Infrastructure	To be received as part of this meeting's agenda.

	specific impacts.		
15th September 2026	**SPTIH.28 HOME CHOICE LINCS ALLOCATIONS POLICY** RESOLVED - That the updated version of the FAQ be shared with the panel when completed.	Assistant Director Housing and Communities	This will be done when the policy has been implemented.
15th September 2026	**SPTIH.29 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE PERMIT SCHEME AND SECTION 81 (NEW ROADS AND STREETWORKS ACT 1991) DUTIES.** RESOLVED - That the Assistant Director for Infrastructure facilitate Officers to investigate whether we can systematically track recurring water utility problems and provide evidence that elected members can use to challenge utility companies and raise issues with the relevant decision-makers.	Assistant Director Infrastructure	In addition to main agenda item for TIH where 'GIS Storymap and Streetworks Charter' contains suggested mutual commitments for utility providers for consideration by the panel. It is expected this will provide a unified commitment to coordination across utility providers and NELC to improve on overall coordination in the borough. More specifically, NELC have recently completed a recruitment campaign for a new Streetworks Inspector expected to start on 17 November, with a focus on S81s.
15th September 2026	**SPTIH.30 CARR LANE ALLOTMENTS WATER SUPPLY** RECOMMENDED TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE, RESOURCES AND	Scrutiny and Committee	The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets received this scrutiny recommendation at his portfolio meeting and following consideration, this has not been adopted as the preferred option due to the financial uncertainty and associated

	ASSETS – That Standpipes be installed along Claremont Road with the ability to service each allotment lane.	Advisor/ Head of Property Services	delivery risks, and because standpipes along Claremont Road would not provide equitable access for all plot holders across Carr Lane Allotments. Instead, communal rainwater harvesting Intermediate bulk containers (IBC) stations will be provided at multiple locations across the site, supported by the existing mains fed water point, plot holder water butts, the Plot Helper Scheme and practical water filling assistance during prolonged dry periods.