

TRACKING OF FULL COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS – COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

FULL COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS/COMMENTS	DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION
<p>Pest Control Service (19th February 2026 Budget Amendment - to hold a review looking into demand across the Borough for pest control).</p>	<p>Assistant Director Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for transformational support submitted Feb 2026. • Recruitment of resource completed May 2026. • Post filled 1st July 2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project scope & project plan to be place by end of July 2026. • Implementation to be confirmed once project plan in place
<p>Large item waste collection (19th February 2026 Budget Amendment – to offer, for a trial period of 9 months (to allow officers time to plan and implement the trial) a free collection of large item waste (1 item per household) with a view to reducing fly tipping across the areas in the borough).</p>	<p>Assistant Director Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for transformational support submitted Feb 2026. • Recruitment of resource completed May 2026. • Post filled 1st July 2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project scope & project plan to be place by end of July 2026. • Implementation to be confirmed once project plan in place
<p>Extra large wheelie bin hire service (19th February 2026 Budget Amendment – to offer, for a trial period of 9 months (allowing officers time to plan and implement the proposal), the provision of extra large waste bins (similar in size to those used commercially) for residents to hire for a day, at a reduced commercial rate, across fly tipping hotspots in North East Lincolnshire).</p>	<p>Assistant Director Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for transformational support submitted Feb 2026. • Recruitment of resource completed May 2026. • Post filled 1st July 2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project scope & project plan to be place by end of July 2026. • Implementation to be confirmed once project plan in place

<p>Trial focused 'skip it' events (19th February 2026 Budget Amendment - to trial an updated version of skip it events focusing on those wards with the worst fly tipping incidents).</p>	<p>Assistant Director Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for transformational support submitted Feb 2026. • Recruitment of resource completed May 2026. • Post filled 1st July 2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project scope & project plan to be place by end of July 2026. • Implementation to be confirmed once project plan in place
<p>Community payback provision (19th February 2026 Budget Amendment - to enter into discussions with the probation service regarding expansion and enhancement of the current pilot scheme to look at training opportunities and where possible coordination with community groups).</p>	<p>Assistant Director Safer & Stronger Place</p>	<p>Following discussions with the Probation Service Payback Scheme, a proposed programme of works has been developed in collaboration with Payback managers and NELC. The programme focuses on a range of environmental improvement and regeneration activities across parks, open spaces and key locations such as Cleethorpes resort. Work will include maintenance, clearance, painting, and wider enhancement works. This schedule is currently being refined to ensure it aligns with local priorities, operational capacity, and the intended community benefits. Further updates will be provided as the schedule is finalised, with progress reports on completed projects, before-and-after outcomes, and wider community impact brought forward to the Communities Scrutiny Panel on a quarterly basis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Plan to be place by end of July 2026. • Implementation commenced

<p>Dog waste and clean up patrols in high footfall areas (19th February 2026 Budget Amendment - to trial a dog waste response unit of 2 P/T Council staff focusing on high footfall areas such as routes to/from school, shopping streets and tourist areas. Given the number of trial periods that the Environmental team were implementing linked with the proposals within this budget amendment, the trial period for the dog waste patrol was recommended to be across the final quarter of the year).</p>	<p>Assistant Director Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for transformational support submitted Feb 2026. • Recruitment of resource completed May 2026. • Post filled 1st July 2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project scope & project plan to be place by end of July 2026. • Implementation to be confirmed once project plan in place
<p>Take-up of discretionary council tax hardship support in North East Lincolnshire.</p> <p>19th February 2026 Budget Amendment - to implement a data-led early intervention referral gateway within the existing council tax recovery process. The referral gateway model would be reviewed after 12 months against arrears escalation, enforcement progression, collection performance and resident outcomes.</p> <p>The amendment allocated funding in 2026/27 to commission additional accredited debt advice capacity through appropriately accredited VCSE partners to increase specialist accredited debt advice capacity;</p>	<p>Assistant Director Housing and Communities</p>	<p>Discretionary Council Tax Hardship Support</p> <p>Funding to support this initiative was included within the Crisis and Resilience Fund Delivery Plan (within the crisis payment strand). The Delivery Plan was approved by the then Portfolio Holder in April 2026.</p> <p>A new IT system will be in place by November 2026. In the meantime, short and medium term measures have been put in place to support the work.</p> <p>In the short term, the scheme's community referral partners are</p>	<p>18 May 2026</p>

<p>support residents referred through the early intervention gateway; provide accredited advice covering council tax arrears, rent, utilities and other priority debts; and address underlying financial issues to prevent escalation into enforcement.</p>		<p>supporting 1 to 1 conversations, identifying and reporting households at risk via submission of a Crisis Payment Application. An NELC panel then assess need, review benefit/council tax status, refer into Discretionary Housing Payments and, if appropriate, consider further hardship support with council tax debt.</p> <p>This process involves advice providers, guiding individuals to make contact and request 60-90 days of respite from the debt. This is known as breathing space, giving time to support budget management and income maximisation.</p> <p>A crisis payment of up to £250, alongside advice and breathing space, could prevent enforcement if there is early engagement.</p> <p>Starting from July 2026, we will review cases internally and identify households at risk that could benefit from advice and a crisis payment. This proactive process will be in addition to our advice partners delivering outreach services within the community.</p> <p>Capacity to deliver targeted support and outreach will be strengthened on completion of the CRF advice service</p>	<p>8 July 2026</p>
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<p>School Uniform Grants</p> <p>19th February 2026 Budget Amendment – extending school uniform grants - to expand the current provision in offering support to families to help with purchasing school uniforms across the borough, for a trial period of one year.</p>	Assistant Director Housing and Communities	<p>Funding to support this initiative was included within the 26/27 Crisis and Resilience Fund Delivery Plan (within the crisis payment strand). The Delivery Plan was approved by the then Portfolio Holder in April 2026.</p> <p>We have approached local school uniform swap groups to explore shared learning and opportunities to collaborate and reach more households and schools.</p> <p>The School Uniform Network was established and plans are now in place to collect donated items from 18 drop off points to support three events.</p> <p>Volunteers are currently being recruited to support collections, event preparations and stewarding. Each event will include space for statutory and voluntary sector partners to promote wider services to support families (27 organisations to be invited).</p> <p>Network members will evaluate the impact and explore next steps in September 2026.</p>	<p>Event dates and locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 August Cleethorpes Memorial Hall - 17 August Immingham Civic Centre - 24 August Grimsby (venue to be confirmed)

<p>Adopting the Preston model of local procurement (19th February 2026 Budget Amendment - to develop a Preston model of procurement which is focused on community wealth building)</p>	<p>Assistant Director Policy Strategy & Resources</p>	<p>Further detailed analysis of expenditure with local suppliers is being undertaken to understand the value of both on and off contract spend, identify procurement categories, and establish mechanisms for effective progress tracking and reporting.</p> <p>Information is being gathered to map the local supplier profile in NEL of Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) and Voluntary and Community Social Enterprises (VCSE).</p> <p>Assistant Director Policy Strategy & Resources has recently requested a meeting with Cllr Mill (as the elected member who put forward the recommendation to full council) to discuss the full ambitions of implementing the Preston model for procurement in NEL to build on this work.</p>	
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