EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report outlines the Annual Report of Scrutiny for 2012-13. The report also outlines issues that Scrutiny will focus on during 2013-14 as part of the work programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. To note that working groups aligned to the Scrutiny Panels will be used to consider the outcome reviews at the gateway process key stages.

REASONS FOR DECISION
To ensure that all members are aware of the breadth of work undertaken by scrutiny during 2012-13 and the contribution that this work has made to the overall work of the council. In addition, this report makes Members aware of proposed work programme issues for 2013-14.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE COUNCIL PLAN/STRATEGIC AIMS
The scrutiny panels and the Scrutiny Chairs’ Liaison Group 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 Joint Theme Boards. The aim of the scrutiny process is to make sure decision making is robust by providing constructive challenge. This contributes to the priority of being an effective and efficient council.

RISK ASSESSMENT
Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of future reports, which will be risk assessed by the directorate(s) concerned.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

1.1 The Annual Report of Scrutiny during the municipal year 2012-13 is appended for approval by Council.
1.2 The report sets out the work undertaken by the council’s scrutiny panels (Regeneration and Environment; Health, Housing and Wellbeing; Tourism and Culture; Children and Young People; Safer and Stronger Communities; and Policy, Performance and Resources) and the Scrutiny Chairs’ Liaison Group during the last year and highlights some of the main achievements and issues of note.

1.3 Proposed issues for the 2013-14 work programmes are also included in this report.

1.4 At the meeting of the Scrutiny Chairs Liaison Group on 25th April 2013, the Scrutiny Chairs agreed to use working groups aligned to Panels to consider the outcome reviews at the gateway process key stages. This would enable speed and flexibility of decision making, and thereby better enable robust governance of the proposals under consideration.

1.5 Members are asked to consider the content of the appended report.

2. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2.1 Not applicable to this report.

3. CONSULTATION WITH SCRUTINY

3.1 The Scrutiny Panels and Scrutiny Chairs Liaison Group have been involved in reviewing the 2012/13 work programme and identifying issues for consideration next year.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications included within this report, beyond the existing budget provision for scrutiny activity.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Constitution provides that Council must approve the Annual Scrutiny Work Programme for each municipal year.

6. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct human resources implications arising from the report.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are none directly arising from this report.

8. WARD IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Potentially impacts on all wards.
9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 Minutes from the 2012-13 meetings of the scrutiny panels can be found on www.nelincs.gov.uk.

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A Foreword from the Scrutiny Chairs

Welcome to our annual report, which highlights the key scrutiny activities and developments at North East Lincolnshire Council during the 2012-13 municipal year.

Scrutiny Members have continued to play an important part in delivering the best possible public services for residents by highlighting areas of concern and establishing how the council can make improvements. In doing so, Members learn from experts and best practice and gain an in-depth understanding from people who both deliver and receive services. This ensures that our recommendations get to the heart of the matter and add value to the work of the Council.

Apart from the scheduled scrutiny meetings, we have also held a number of select committees and working groups and have engaged with residents and stakeholders, covering topics such as Humberston Fitties, Great Coates Community Governance Review and Speed Limit / Road Safety.

Members have also visited schools as part of review of pupil exclusions and observed partner groups in operation (e.g. retail crime group) to see how effectively they operate.

Scrutiny Members have also had the opportunity to be involved in regional scrutiny work, most notably the review of children’s congenital cardiac services in Leeds.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere thanks to all Members who have served selflessly and who have contributed to the work of the Scrutiny Panels. You have put in a substantial effort during the course of the year and we look forward to working with you all next year.

We commend this report to Council.
1. Introduction

1.1 In 2012/13, scrutiny was delivered through six panels, coordinated by the Scrutiny Chairs’ Liaison Group. The panels were chaired as follows:

- Chairman of the Scrutiny Chairs’ Liaison Group – Councillor Karl Wilson
- Chairman of the Scrutiny Panel for Policy, Performance and Resources – Councillor Ray Sutton
- Chairman of the Scrutiny Panel for Children and Young People – Councillor Matthew Brown
- Chairman of the Scrutiny Panel for Tourism, Leisure and Culture – Councillor Terry Walker
- Chairman of the Scrutiny Panel for Safer and Stronger Communities – Councillor Jon-Paul Howarth
- Chairman of the Scrutiny Panel for Health, Housing and Wellbeing – Councillor Peggy Elliott
- Chairman of the Scrutiny Panel for Regeneration and Environment – Councillor Karl Wilson.

1.2 The purpose of this document is to provide a resume of the work undertaken by the six scrutiny panels and the Scrutiny Chairs’ Liaison Group, and highlight achievements from scrutiny’s work in 2012-13, and to outline the work programme items for 2013-14.

1.3 A target has been set for at least 25% of all appropriate items on the Cabinet agenda to have been considered previously by scrutiny. During 2012/13, approximately one third of these items were considered in advance of Cabinet.

1.4 All agendas and report items considered by the panels during 2012-13 are available on the council’s website under “Your Council”, or by contacting scrutiny@nelincs.gov.uk.
2. **Highlights and Headlines**

2.1 **Humberston Fitties Select Committee** - The scrutiny panel formed a select committee, which was held in October 2012, to review the principal terms of the lease in respect to the length of term proposed and the closed season. The scrutiny panel engaged with Humberston Fitties Chalet Owners, the Environment Agency, Balfour Beatty Workplace and officers of the Council as part of the select committee. Ten recommendations were made to Cabinet, which were approved in January 2013 and the progress being made towards these is now being monitored.

2.2 **Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust** - Following a report which showed that mortality rates were high, the Chief Executive of Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has attended each meeting of the scrutiny panel to provide an update and answer questions specifically around mortality rates. The panel has been kept up to date with the actions that are being taken to improve the position.

2.3 **Speed Limit / Road Safety Select Committee** - A select committee was formed to undertake a review of all the evidence and consultation responses for seven proposed speed limit traffic regulation orders. Having heard evidence from witnesses and visited the roads affected, fourteen recommendations were made to the Portfolio Holder relating to the specific traffic regulation orders and road safety issues in general.

2.4 **Alcohol Intervention Select Committee** – The Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel formed a select committee to look at a co-ordinated approach to alcohol intervention work. In addition, a task and finish group was formed to investigate the perceived and actual issues of proxy buying. The select committee findings report helped to secure additional funding from the police reserve fund.

2.5 **Sport, Leisure, Tourism and Cultural Services Alternative Service Delivery** - The panel received a presentation on the various options for alternative service delivery available. Following consideration of the options available, the panel recommended that Cabinet creates a wholly owned and controlled social enterprise holding company. This was subsequently agreed by Cabinet on 9th July 2012.

2.6 **Pupil Exclusions** - In scrutinising pupil exclusions, Members of the Children and Young People Panel have successfully gained appointments to meet with head teachers, principals and governors to discuss sensitive issues and professional experiences. This informal and confidential approach has worked remarkably well as an evidence gathering method and has exceeded our expectations. Participants have been welcoming and open. Relationships have been built.
3. **Scrutiny Chairs’ Liaison Group**

3.1 The Scrutiny Chairs’ Liaison Group first met on 14th June 2012 and appointed Councillor Wilson as their chairman.

3.2 The following matters were considered by the Scrutiny Chairs’ Liaison Group during the 2012-13 municipal year:

- Quarterly Resources and Performance Report
- Portfolio Holders Role at Scrutiny
- Forward Plan
- Work Programme for Scrutiny Panels
- Humberston Fitties
- Performance Information
- Local Authority Scrutiny Arrangements
- Council’s Petition Scheme
- Outcome Reviews
- Website / ICT accessibility.

3.3 These meetings provided chairs with the opportunity to share work programmes items, thus avoiding any duplication of effort. This also was an opportunity to agree the allocation of an issue to a particular panel if it cut across the work of more than one panel (e.g. parked vehicles for sale on highway, Balfour Beatty Partnership), or join items together as one item rather than considering them separately (e.g. Councillor for Future and Community Governance Review).
4. Tourism and Culture Scrutiny Panel

4.1 The following matters were considered by the Tourism and Culture Scrutiny Panel during the 2012-13 municipal year:

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<th>Sport, leisure, tourism and cultural services alternative service delivery</th>
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<td><strong>Issue:</strong> To consider options for alternative service delivery for Sport, Leisure, Tourism and Cultural Services.</td>
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<td><strong>Outcome:</strong> The panel received a presentation on the various options for alternative service delivery available. The panel recommended that Cabinet creates a wholly owned and controlled social enterprise holding company. This was subsequently agreed by Cabinet on 9th July 2012.</td>
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<th>Call in - sport, leisure, tourism and cultural services alternative service delivery</th>
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<td><strong>Issue:</strong> The panel considered a call-in in relation to the decision made by Cabinet on 9th July 2012 on this item.</td>
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<td><strong>Outcome:</strong> As part of the review, Councillors discussed the composition of the board and financial estimates. The panel then unanimously agreed that the decision of Cabinet be implemented with immediate effect.</td>
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<th>Leisure facilities in North East Lincolnshire</th>
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<td><strong>Issue:</strong> The panel requested an update on the provision of a replacement leisure facility in North East Lincolnshire.</td>
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<td><strong>Outcome:</strong> The panel received a presentation on the replacement leisure facility phase one and design options for the new pool. An online survey had been conducted in November 2012 to reaffirm the community’s views in relation to investment in leisure facilities and an overview of the responses received was tabled. The panel then resolved to recommend to Cabinet that Full Council be asked to agree the design, construction costs and timeline for a new leisure facility, as detailed in the report; and to request officers to submit the planning application and proceed with the construction of the new facility.</td>
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Cabinet and Council subsequently ratified the recommendations on 10 and
13 December 2013 respectively.

Draft Council plan priorities, budget 2013-14 and medium term financial plan for the period 2012-15

Issue: A working group met in November to consider the emerging budget proposals and feedback comments, recommendations and alternative suggestions to the Joint Executive Board (JEB). The panel then met in January to formally consider the draft council priorities and budget proposals.

Outcome: This work gave the panel the opportunity to scrutinise the open and closed business cases and to seek clarity on the implication of the proposals.

Resources and performance report

Issue: The panel received the quarterly monitoring report, so that information could be scrutinised and that any areas of concern could be allocated to the relevant scrutiny panel for further investigation.

Outcome: These quarterly reports showed how the council was performing against the tasks and actions in the 2012-15 Council Plan, including information on the council’s financial position.

4.2 The panel also received written updates on the following issues:-

- Progress on Lincs Inspire (February 2013)
- Update on refurbishment of the Kings George V Stadium (April 2013).
## 5. Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel

### 5.1 The following matters were considered by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel during the 2012-13 municipal year:

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<td><strong>Issue:</strong> There has been a sharp rise in NEETs at 19+. Members were keen to find out how apprenticeships and sponsorships are impacting on the number of NEETs. Also, how do young people access information about higher education and other options and the quality of information available.</td>
<td><strong>Outcome:</strong> The panel received a detailed report and presentation at the meeting held on 29 January 2013. The panel will receive an update regarding how initiatives are impacting on council outcomes at its meeting in June 2013.</td>
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<td><strong>Issue:</strong> Members wanted to gain an understanding of the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board and Children’s Trust.</td>
<td><strong>Outcome:</strong> Panel members were invited to Children’s Trust Conference on 8 March 2013. Future work to be determined within the 2013-14 work programmes.</td>
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<th>Austerity cuts</th>
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<td><strong>Issue:</strong> The panel wanted to monitor impact on outcomes resulting from budget proposals. The panel will be involved in outcome reviews (Vulnerable People – Children) and will consider suitable topics for review throughout the municipal year.</td>
<td><strong>Outcome:</strong> The panel has monitored performance reports through standing agenda items and has been involved in budget consultation. Future work to be determined.</td>
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<td><strong>Issue:</strong> The panel wanted to find out about the troubled families initiative and ensure that funding has the greatest impact possible on outcomes for ‘troubled’ families.</td>
<td><strong>Outcome:</strong> All panel members were invited to the directorate event on 11 December 2012. In addition the panel considered a detailed report at its meeting on 19 March 2013.</td>
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<th>School improvement / standards</th>
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| **Issue:** The panel was concerned on a number of issues:  
- Improving school performance and attainment against a background of the accelerated move to academy status  
- Reviewing the future role of the local authority against the background of the shift of power to individual schools and the loss of capacity and resources in the Council | **Outcome:** The panel received two detailed reports in November 2012 on examination results and phonics screening check results 2012. This was followed with a report in March 2013 which detailed verified results and focussed on achievements of specific vulnerable groups. Members heard that achievement gaps were narrowing in relation to pupils in receipt of free school meals. |
- Difficulties recruiting to all the newly created vacancies at head teacher level
- The disproportionate impact on performance of North East Lincolnshire secondary's of the reduced value accorded to B-Tech and NVQ from this year

However, girls are still out performing boys at a national and local level. A number of reasons were explored for this; a shortage of male teachers, especially at primary level, boy's experience of peer pressure / disengagement and that the curriculum is more interesting to girls. Future work to be determined.

### Schools funding

**Issue:** Members required a greater understanding of implications arising from proposed changes to the dedicated schools grant and schools forum constitution.

**Outcome:** The panel received a detailed presentation on the schools funding formulae at its 29 January 2013 meeting.

### Children’s health

**Issue:** The panel wanted to ensure that the scrutiny of children and young people’s health is a high priority.

**Outcome:** Crossover membership between CYP and health scrutiny panels ensures good links and relationship between panels. Affirmations were received from chairmen that topics of joint concern will be scrutinised together.

### SEN and inclusion financial plan Sept 2011 – August 2014

**Issue:** The panel was highly critical of a lack of information and consultation regarding this important strategy/plan. As a result, reports were presented to the panel on 19 June and at a special meeting held of 21 August 2012.

**Outcome:** The panel received assurances on a number of issues; parental involvement in the implementation of the strategy, the panel’s future engagement in matters relating to the development of SEN strategy, clarification of changes to the schools’ funding formula and national/local educational psychologist ratio data.

### Resources and performance report

**Issue:** The panel reviewed the quarterly council plan performance and resources report.

**Outcome:** The panel regularly challenged targets and performance in the quarterly council plan report and requested further assurances on various issues including:
- Attainment
- NEETs
- Childhood obesity
- Safeguarding training targets
- Alcohol sales to minors
- CAMHS specialist intervention
- The timely presentation of
Children and young people’s plan

**Issue:** The CYP plan refresh for 2012 and performance plan were presented to the panel following approval by the Children’s Trust.

**Outcome:** The panel were made aware of the priorities of the CYP plan. Members were extremely concerned about the impact on CYP (especially looked after children) in NEL as a result of the downgrading of the English GCSE results. This data was duly provided.

Services for children with sensory impairments

**Issue:** The panel was a primary consultee on a replacement model following the withdrawal from joint arrangements for children with sensory impairment. Reports were considered on 19 June, 22 October 2012 (special meeting) and 29 January 2013.

**Outcome:** Recommendations to Cabinet were made relating to a preferred option (2), staff consultation and parental engagement. The minutes of the panel meeting (October) were submitted to Cabinet in full. Positive developments were outlined to panel in January 2013 and Members asked for a progress report in July 2013.

Directors of children’s services / Director of adult social services review report.

**Issue:** The Chief Executive sought the panel’s views on this review of arrangements to combine the statutory role of Director of Children’s Services with that of Director of Adult Social Services.

**Outcome:** At its meeting in November 2012, the panel noted the significant budgets held under these joint arrangements and sought assurance that associated risks were fully analysed.

Community use policy

**Issue:** The panel continued its interest in community use in schools.

**Outcome:** The panel received feedback from the Governors’ Forum at its meeting in November 2012. Members asked for updated data relating to schools’ uptake of the community use policy. A survey was undertaken and redacted results were available at the 29 January panel meeting.

A level provision in NEL

**Issue:** Two compounding issues gave Members cause for concern about ‘A’ level provision in NEL; GIFHE’s decision to cease all ‘A’ level provision and some GCSE provision from September 2012 and Ofsted’s

**Outcome:** A delegation of Members visited Franklin College on 6 July at the invitation of the Principal, Trevor Wray. At a panel meeting in November, Members were reassured that young people in NEL have
inspection of Franklin College awarding an “inadequate” overall assessment. The panel sought assurance that young people in NEL have access to good learning experiences in good establishments and in particular that ‘A’ and AS level provision at Franklin College was good and would continue to improve. Franklin College is invited to a future meeting of the CYP Panel to bring the panel up to date on developments and activities at the college.

Phonics screening check 2012 - standards, progress and performance in NEL

Issue: Members were concerned to learn that nearly half of all five and six year olds in NEL had failed to reach expected levels in reading tests. This made NEL the lowest performing authority in the Yorkshire and Humber region and fifth lowest in the country. Statutory phonics testing took place for the first time in June 2012.

Outcome: The panel called for a report which was presented in November 2012. The panel heard that several schools in NEL reported excellent results and 41 per cent of schools achieved above the national average. The Strategic Director was able to confirm that plans to consolidate and extend recent improvements had been developed with colleagues in schools and early years' settings to help share expertise and good practice and so improve outcomes for all learners.

Schools forum constitution

Issue: A working party of the School’s Forum developed a new constitution in order that NEL’s forum was fit for purpose and met all requirements of the Schools Forum (England) Regulations 2012. The panel was asked to consider the proposed changes before formal consideration by Cabinet.

Outcome: The panel held a special meeting and a workshop to consider the draft constitution. Members raised issues relating to consistent reference to representatives, a commitment to openness and transparency, specified timely access to agendas, papers and minutes and clarity around the formation of sub-groups and special meetings. An amended constitution will be considered by Cabinet in June 2013.

Childhood obesity / healthy weight

Issue: Referring to performance data in June 2012, the panel asked for an update on initiatives to tackle childhood obesity.

Outcome: On 19 March 2013, the panel considered a detailed presentation and information about work to encourage healthy weight in children and visited the children’s gym. Members heard about targeted work in areas/wards where it was known that obesity was more prevalent. The panel recommended
that feasibility of setting up a junior gym in Immingham be explored and that relevant strategies (e.g. the play strategy, playing pitches strategy) be linked to outcomes relating to healthy weight.

Post-16 education funding

**Issue:** The funding structure for post-16 pupils and students has changed. The panel wanted clarification on the changes and the likely impact on young people who are disabled or have special educational needs.

**Outcome:** A detailed report was presented to the panel on 19 March 2013. Members heard about work being undertaken with the council’s partners to enable implementation of the changes. There remained some anxiety around whether there was sufficient funding.

Education psychology (EP) service

**Issue:** The panel sought clarification on the restructured educational psychology service and the role of the local authority in providing EP services.

**Outcome:** At its March 2013 meeting, panel members considered a report detailing the current EP service. The council retains a statutory role in assessing an individual’s need for EP services. However, in addition to this role, over 50% of schools and academies in NEL continue to use the council’s traded service for EP which includes consultation, assessment, training, evaluation, therapeutic intervention and other activities to support schools, parents and the wider community.

School improvement review (Serco contract)

**Issue:** The portfolio holder for people and communities issued a briefing paper (April 2013) outlining the findings of an audit report and Serco’s annual report, regular reports to the contract monitoring board.

**Outcome:** The panel considered the briefing note at its meeting on 17 April 2013. Members raised issues around the changing role of the local authority in an environment of reducing state maintained schools, traded services and structures for provision of special education needs support. Members had an opportunity to take part in a focus group as part of a Department for Education research project to explore the changing role of local authorities.

5.2 In addition, the panel called a select committee to investigate and understand the underlying issues behind a sharp increase in pupil
exclusions during 2010/11. The select committee met formally in September 2012 to hear evidence from witnesses. Members visited schools and academies to talk confidentially and candidly about the issues around pupil behaviour and exclusions. Members met as a working group to consider background documentation and other gathered intelligence before formulating an interim findings report, initial recommendations and comments. Ultimately, Members did not feel that they were in possession of all the information they needed to make final their findings and recommendations, and this work will continue into the new municipal year.

5.3 Some panel members were able to take an opportunity to visit the children’s respite centre. Members were hugely impressed with the facility and were able to meet and talk with staff and children. It was evident that a good balance between facility management, service expertise and creating a homely, caring and personal environment was achieved.

5.4 The panel also held member development sessions on services for vulnerable children and child sex exploitation held in January and March respectively.
6. Health, Housing and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

6.1 The following matters were considered by the Health, Housing and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel during the 2012-13 municipal year:

**Healthwatch**

**Issue:** Local authorities have been in the process of setting up local Healthwatch organisations in preparation for their launch in April 2013. The scrutiny panel was keen to monitor the progress with this.

**Outcome:** The scrutiny panel has received regular updates on the development of a local Healthwatch, and will continue to consider how scrutiny and Healthwatch compliment each other.

**NHS reforms and the Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Issue:** As the NHS reforms begin to come into operation, the scrutiny Panel identified there was an urgent need to gain a thorough understanding of these changes – nationally and locally.

**Outcome:** A member development session on NHS reforms was held in September 2012. The health and well-being strategy has been presented to the scrutiny panel for comment. The chair receives the minutes of the health and well-being board, and a process for scrutiny of the board is being developed.

**Diabetes**

**Issue:** Following previous information received by the scrutiny panel, Members wanted to investigate the support provided to people with diabetes further, including how effective this was, along with measures being put in place to reduce the number of people affected by diabetes.

**Outcome:** The scrutiny panel has received information about the diabetes services for adults and children. The panel has requested that regular progress updates are provided to them, especially around the longer term impact of the work being done by the service.

**Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

**Issue:** Following a report which showed that mortality rates were high, the scrutiny panel requested regular updates from the Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust about the actions put in place to improve and the progress being made towards these.

**Outcome:** The Chief Executive of Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has attended each meeting of the scrutiny panel to provide an update and answer questions specifically around mortality rates.

**East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust**

**Issue:** East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust issued proposals for consultation around their improvement programme “being the

**Outcome:** Representatives from the East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust attended the scrutiny panel in November, and presented the “being
best” which aimed to improve the way the organisation works.

the best” programme. The scrutiny panel gave feedback and comments on the plans at this meeting, as part of the consultation on the programme. They raised their concerns about the potential closure of the Grimsby Ambulance Station.

In March 2013, the revised proposals were released, and subsequently approved by the Trust Board. The board agreed to proceed with proposal which was to develop nine hubs, 19 ambulance stations and 108 community stations. An ambulance station would remain in Grimsby.

Transforming community equipment services

**Issue:** The community equipment service was being reviewed to look at ways to make improvements. The panel wanted to monitor the progress being made with this.

**Outcome:** The scrutiny panel received an update on this issue in September 2012. The project to transform community equipment services had been restructured which included extensive consultation. The scrutiny panel was pleased with the amount of consultation that had taken place and was satisfied that work was ongoing to improve the service.

Allied Health Professionals review

**Issue:** Allied Health Professional are clinical health care professionals providing a range of diagnostic, technical, therapeutic and direct patient care. A review of the services began Autumn 2011 to improve service quality, patient experience, ensure the service meets future demand and is value for money.

**Outcome:** The scrutiny panel supported the vision for these services being a one system approach which puts the patient at the centre. The panel suggested that the model is expanded to include other services providers too, and considered how the role of the commissioners needs to drive efficiency but to also ensure that quality is maintained.

Draft council plan priorities, budget 2013-14 and medium term financial plan

**Issue:** Following a working group in November 2012 to consider emerging budget proposals, the panel met in January 2013 to formally consider the draft budget.

**Outcome:** The panel took the opportunity to question officers further on the outline business case proposals, especially in terms of the impact of the support people programme changes. The panel expressed concern around a number of areas in the draft adult social care
outline business case, which were then addressed in the final version submitted to Cabinet.

### Adult social care performance indicators

**Issue:** The scrutiny panel received the quarterly performance report from the North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group around adult social care indicators.

**Outcome:** The panel has regularly challenged targets and performance in the quarterly performance report and requested further information around some areas which have included the extra care housing and safeguarding. The panel also welcomed the change to the format of the report this year.

### Resources and performance report

**Issue:** The panel reviewed the quarterly council plan performance and resources report.

**Outcome:** The panel has regularly challenged targets and performance in the quarterly council plan report and have requested further information on various issues including:

- ‘Keeping healthy and active’ activities;
- Data quality issues;
- Breastfeeding;
- Smoking.

### Supporting people

**Issue:** Following the outline business case around the supporting people programme, the scrutiny panel wanted to monitor progress of this service area.

**Outcome:** The scrutiny panel has received regular updates throughout the year. The panel has further explored how the programme works in partnership with other organisations in North East Lincolnshire to deliver services.

6.2 Councillor Elliott, as Chairman, has represented the scrutiny panel on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber), specifically formed to consider the outcome of the Safe and Sustainable Review of Children’s Congenital Cardiac Services in England, the subsequent proposals and their associated implications for children and families across the region. The Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee published a report in November 2012 and referred the decision to the Secretary of State for Health for consideration.
7. **Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel**

7.1 The following matters were considered by the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel during the 2012-13 municipal year:

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<th>Violent crime</th>
<th><strong>Issue:</strong> Indicators relating to violent crime remained stubbornly high in NEL. Members wanted to be assured that partners continue to collaborate effectively to reduce incidents of violent crime.</th>
<th><strong>Outcome:</strong> A delegation of members re-visited the partnership’s Reducing Violent Crime Action Group. Members reported good progress on indicators and good cooperation between agencies on targeted work to reduce violent crime. Members took an opportunity to be part of a night time economy operation ‘Operation Ferret’.</th>
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<td>Shop theft</td>
<td><strong>Issue:</strong> The panel wanted assurances that partners are collaborating effectively to tackle shop theft.</td>
<td><strong>Outcome:</strong> A delegation of members attended a meeting of the Retail Crime Group. Members were reassured that the partnership is working effectively to reduce shop crime. The panel resolved to continue to monitor related performance indicators and revisited the group in April 2013. Following that visit, members heard about sharing expertise with colleagues in Lincolnshire and regional national networks to tackle specific issues. Despite targets narrowly being missed, members were confident that progress would continue to be made.</td>
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<td>Vulnerable (young) adults</td>
<td><strong>Issue:</strong> To consider the safety of and support for young people in difficult/exceptional situations.</td>
<td><strong>Outcome:</strong> A small cross party working group met to investigate and consider potential for review. The group’s findings were presented to the panel at the December 2012 meeting. The cross-party member development group supported the recommendation to hold a workshop for all elected members to raise awareness of issues around vulnerable young people and child sex exploitation. This event was held on 14 March 2013.</td>
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### Fixed penalty notices

**Issue:** The panel wanted to be assured that enforcement of offences is consistently and effectively applied by relevant officers / partners in NEL. Enforcement policy and rationale of police, community pride and others to be considered.

**Outcome:** A small cross-party working group met to investigate and consider potential for review. The group’s findings were presented to the panel in December 2012. Recommendations were made to the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Panel regarding consultation processes for reviews, revoking of traffic regulation order, clarity around enforcement agencies. The subsequent responses were presented to the panel in April 2013.

### Dangerous dogs

**Issue:** The panel asked for reassurance that recent legislation to control ownership and protect the public is effectively applied in NEL.

**Outcome:** At the panel meeting in December 2012, police and council officers were able to describe statutory responsibilities of all agencies involved. Members received clarification on byelaws and the schedule of costs for stray dogs.

### Police and Crime Commissioner

**Issue:** Radical changes to the leadership and scrutiny arrangements for police force areas came into power from November 2012.

**Outcome:** The panel received regular updates throughout the year.

### Police and crime plan 2013-17

**Issue:** The panel invited the office of Police and Crime Commissioner to present the draft police and crime plan with a view to responding as part of the formal consultation process.

**Outcome:** The Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner attended the February panel meeting. Members commented on community safety grants, the positive effect and outcomes in wards from Police Community Support Officers, ensuring that positive messages about children and young people and their contributions to community safety are given high profile, raising awareness of ‘111’ service in NEL and achieving a better balance between different elements of drug crime. Members felt that there was an imbalance around crime and combating dealers with a greater emphasis on health and user support. The panel’s comments on the draft plan were noted as part of the
Domestic abuse plan 2012-15

**Issue:** The panel considered the most current plan and monitored progress of this partnership service area.

**Outcome:** The panel heard the latest trends and initiatives to tackle offenders and support victims. Despite measures, there are a stubbornly high number of repeat victims. Multi-agency coordinated community responses to domestic abuse is key to reducing domestic violence in NEL. Members recommended that benchmarking and comparative data be more readily shared with regional/sub-regional and statistical neighbours. This is currently being developed.

Safer communities partnership performance

**Issue:** The panel continued to monitor the performance of the partnership plan

**Outcome:** The panel regularly challenged targets and performance on various issues including:
- The impact of targeted offender management
- The impact of the domestic abuse plan
- Changes in drinking habits in the night time economy
- Drug treatment entrants.

Draft safer and stronger communities partnership plan

**Issue:** The panel was consulted on the Crime Reduction Partnership Plan. The plan is an important document for local residents, detailing how outside organisations and the council will provide local services.

**Outcome:** The panel considered the report and with no further comments approved the plan.

Performance and resources report

**Issue:** To scrutinise performance information relating to the remit of the Panel.

**Outcome:** Performance information was scrutinised on a quarterly basis.

Joint strategic intelligence assessment (JSIA)

**Issue:** The panel routinely receives the findings within the JSIA. Areas highlighted are considered for inclusion in the panel’s future work programme

**Outcome:** The panel raised a number of issues which would be forwarded to the partnership’s executive meeting. These included: a lack of comparative data with other authorities, criteria for selection and removal of priorities, the number of...
priorities and ensuring proper consultation with the public, especially young people.

**CCTV**

**Issue:** Members retained their interest in the review of CCTV provision.  
**Outcome:** The panel was updated in July 2012 and assured regarding progress.

**Riverhead water safety concerns**

**Issue:** Members asked for a report on safety measures in place at the riverhead, following expressions of public concern.  
**Outcome:** In October 2012, the panel supported recommendations for immediately improved signage and buoyancy aids plus a future feasibility study upon completion of extensive redevelopment of the Riverhead area. Members thanked local press and families of victims for campaigning on this issue and keeping it in the public domain and continued to receive information about inspection regimes.

**Hate crime update**

**Issue:** The panel retained its interest in monitoring delivery of the partnership hate crime action plan  
**Outcome:** The panel commended a report presented at its October 2012 meeting.

7.2 In addition, the panel called in the decision taken by Cabinet at its meeting on 11 June 2012 in relation to a report on alleyway clearance. This was considered by the panel at its meeting on 10 July 2012. Members were most concerned with issues around recharging residents for alleyway clearance, especially vulnerable and innocent residents. After a lengthy debate, Cabinet’s original decision was freed up for implementation.

7.3 North East Lincolnshire Council’s Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel is the designated Crime and Disorder Committee, under the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009. The committee must sit at least once each municipal year to scrutinise crime and disorder matters and can co-opt members from the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). In North East Lincolnshire, the Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership (SSCP) is the CSP.

7.4 The Crime and Disorder Committee met on the 24 April 2013 with co-opted Members from the Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board. The panel called the meeting to consider victims of crime and specifically to ensure that:

- Help and support is available for victims of and witnesses to crime.
That the partnership understands the experiences and needs of victims and witnesses. This includes the needs of specific groups.

Victims and witnesses are involved in improving services designed to support them.

7.5 Members heard detailed presentations from partners including Humberside Probation Trust, Humber Police, Victim Support NEL, Women’s Aid, VANel (restorative practices) and partnership champions for anti-social behaviour and hate crime, young people support services and domestic violence and youth offending services. Following a full and lively debate, the Chairman closed the meeting with recommendations supporting help for children in families experiencing domestic violence and in exceptional circumstance; help for victims of crime, harm, alarm and distress to secure alternative accommodation.
8. Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Panel

8.1 The following matters were considered by the Regeneration, Housing and Environment Scrutiny Panel during the 2012-13 municipal year:

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<td><strong>Issue:</strong> Members regularly receive the regeneration partnership’s performance report which identifies the priorities, indicators and performance measures which assess and monitor the contractual obligations and the operational effectiveness of the Balfour Beatty Workplace (BBW) partnership. This covers the core outcomes in terms of regeneration, investment, highways, transport and planning.</td>
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<td><strong>Outcome:</strong> The panel has challenged targets and performance and raised specific concerns regarding targets and/or performance for new homes, local bus passenger journeys, road maintenance and inward investment. As a result, members have considered these issues separately and either suggested specific recommendations or recommended that the issue is carried forward for the future work programme of the panel.</td>
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<td><strong>Issue:</strong> This item covers how NELC promotes the area to potential investors; the actual influence NELC has over companies investing in the area; the proactive measures NELC takes to encourage investment; the resources NELC puts into Inward Investment; how NELC links with neighbouring authorities and the use and impact of the Regional Growth Fund.</td>
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<td><strong>Outcome:</strong> Members of the panel have developed their knowledge and understanding of the diversity of investment potential in North East Lincolnshire and have an understanding of the various opportunities that the Development and Growth Board take advantage of. This will provide them with the basis to enable them to scrutinise this item in more detail and make recommendations in the coming year.</td>
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<td><strong>Issue:</strong> In 2009/10 a comprehensive review of the area’s skills base and requirements was undertaken. This review was used to help form the basis of the 19+ skills strategy. The strategy focuses on a range of objectives, in line with the needs of community stakeholders and employers, government ambitions and funding requirements.</td>
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| **Outcome:** The panel has an understanding of the current progress made on the 19+ skills strategy. Members have highlighted areas of concern to officers regarding the support for small business and regarding young people not having the skills needed for the future. More in-depth consideration would be needed of this item and the Change Programme as a whole in order to achieve the overall outcome of the
qualifications, skills and employability of the current and future workforce matching the economic needs of the area.

**Localism Act, e.g. planning aspects and the community Infrastructure levy**

**Issue:** The Localism Act gives councils and local communities a number of freedoms impacting on this Panel, including:

- The ability to offer business rate discounts
- Neighbourhood planning
- Community right to build
- A requirement for developers to consult local communities before submitting planning applications
- Planning authorities’ powers to tackle abuses of the system
- Reforming the community infrastructure levy
- Social housing allocations reform
- Social housing tenure reform
- Reform of social housing regulation

**Outcome:** The panel has developed an understanding of the requirements of changes in legislation which affect the common allocations policy, tenancy strategy, abolition of the regional spatial strategy and production of a local plan.

Members expressed concerns regarding the number of new housing developments on green-field sites and consequently sought clarification on how targets for new housing developments are set.

The panel has identified specific areas of concern, but the overall outcome of the Localism Act being fully embraced with the Council making the most of the new freedoms and communities engaging fully in neighbourhood planning is an ongoing programme for development services and the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Panel.

**Freeman Street Neighbourhood Development Framework**

**Issue:** The first phase of the Freeman Street Development programme is to create a "District Centre", including the creation of a new public square and a revamp of the existing retail units. The Enrolled Freemen of Grimsby have plans to upgrade the front of the Market, including the creation of office space for creative industries. Shoreline Housing Partnership is planning to refurbish the exterior of Nelson House to improve its appearance. The other phases include new housing developments and green spaces and the creation of new business space, business support infrastructure and

**Outcome:** The panel has been regularly updated on the progress of the Freeman Street Regeneration Plan and raised specific concerns regarding the viability of some of the proposals.
improved parking in the Freeman Street area.

**Housing policy, including empty homes and affordable housing**

**Issue:** Scrutiny’s objectives in terms of housing policy were to:
- Investigate the main reasons for empty properties in NEL and alternative ways of bringing empty homes back into use. Ensure that an agreed number of empty homes are brought back into use and stay in use, including those homes that have been empty for a substantial period of time.
- Examine the housing needs of the area. Ensure clarity over the definition and data regarding number of new homes.
- Examine the cost of affordable housing, including rent levels and purchase prices. Ensure that there is an appropriate amount of affordable housing in the area and ensure that this actually is “affordable” in terms of the average annual income for local citizens.
- Explore the use of the new homes bonus and how this is spent.

**Outcome:** The panel has effectively challenged and developed their understanding of the demand and supply for new homes and now understand the link between new homes and economic development.

Members have developed their understanding of the new homes bonus and empty homes loans and how these different funding streams are used. They understand the reasons for the high numbers of empty homes in the area and the tools that can be used to tackle the issue.

The panel expressed concern about the potential increasing problem of homelessness in the area and the limited resources available to support vulnerable people.

Members have effectively raised their concerns regarding the potential impact on the Welfare Reform Act on the community and future economic development of North East Lincolnshire.

The panel also investigated the feasibility of developing a Landlord’s Charter and subsequently made a recommendation to Cabinet that NELC embarks on a tenant and landlord education programme as an alternative to introducing a landlord’s charter or accreditation scheme.

**Flood risk management**

**Issue:** In response to the ‘Pitt Review: Lessons learned from the 2007 floods’, all local authorities were asked to take a leadership role in local flood risk management. Flooding has been identified within North East Lincolnshire as one of the highest risks facing the

**Outcome:** The panel understand the difference between day to day business reacting to a localised flooding incident and an emergency response. Members understand that although measures can be taken to mitigate impact, the risk of flooding
Outcomes from the strategic passenger transport review

**Issue:** In 2011, NELC published its third ‘Local Transport Plan’, which sets out a vision on how to improve transport in North East Lincolnshire. The Strategic Passenger Transport Review builds on this plan and looks specifically at the subject of Passenger Transport. This review looks to build on an existing network of services, looking at commercial opportunities to provide even better, coordinated services for the benefit of existing and prospective user's; leading to increased accessibility and bus service usage. The following services are the covered by the SPTR: Commercial bus services operated by Stagecoach or Amvale; Patient transport services offered by either Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital or local doctor's surgeries; education transport provided by the Council; Adult social care transport provided by the Care Plus Group; Phone n Ride or Dial a Ride; Community mini-buses; Rail services and taxis.

**Outcome:** In terms of the strategic passenger transport review / fleet review, members have requested a member development session to further their understanding of the issues. This will then inform any future scrutiny needed of these projects. In terms of the Local Sustainability Transport Fund, the panel has been involved in the initial stages and has raised concerns, particularly regarding logistics for passengers and cyclists.

Strategic parking strategy

**Issue:** NELC published a revised parking strategy in 2011 which was set in the context of the provision of sustainable services in the context of the Council’s new powers for civil parking enforcement. It presented a significant step towards influencing parking behaviour for the benefit of residents, tourism and businesses.

**Outcome:** The panel has successfully investigated a number of different parking issues and has made various recommendations to decision makers, including the sale of cars parked on the public highway, resident car parking permits and the civil parking management review.

Asset management of Cleethorpes day chalets

**Issue:** During 2008/09, the Environment, Culture and Tourism and the Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Panels established a joint working group to look at issues relating to tourism including the day chalets. The working group made a number of recommendations to improve the condition of the existing day chalets.

**Outcome:** The panel has started to consider a number of future options for the day chalets which will require further consideration on forthcoming work by the most appropriate scrutiny panel.
and to build new chalets on vacant plots or offer vacant plots for new tenants to build on. These recommendations were put on hold for the Strategic Development Framework and Cleethorpes Charter.

**Speed limit / road safety select committee**

**Issue:** The Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Panel formed a select committee to undertake a review of all the evidence and consultation responses for seven proposed speed limit traffic regulation orders. The committee appraised the speed limit approach against alternative methods of influencing driver behaviour.

**Outcome:** The panel made 14 recommendations for the portfolio holder which was both specific to the proposed traffic regulation orders and in relation to road safety issues in general.

**Cleethorpes habitat management plan**

**Issue:** Members have regularly challenged the growth of saltmarsh on Cleethorpes beach and the demarcation line.

**Outcome:** Members of the panel have visited the site with officers and the Chair of the scrutiny panel along with the Portfolio Holder has attended meetings with officers and Natural England regarding the management plan.

**Draft Council priorities, budget 2012-13 and medium term financial plan**

**Issue:** A working group met (November 2012) to consider the emerging budget proposals and feed back comments, recommendations and alternative suggestions to the Joint Executive Board (JEB). The panel then met in January 2013 to formally consider the draft budget proposals.

**Outcome:** The panel supported the proposals, but took the opportunity to question officers further on the proposed outline business cases. The road safety / speed limit select committee considered the future of NELCs involvement in the Humber Safety Partnership, as this had originally been considered by the panel as part of the 2013/14 budget papers. Members unanimously agreed that the partnership provided excellent value for money and provided an exceptional safety service for the community of North East Lincolnshire. The committee therefore unanimously supported North East Lincolnshire Council’s continuing involvement in the partnership.
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9. Policy, Performance and Resources Scrutiny Panel

9.1 The following matters were considered by the Policy, Performance and Resources Scrutiny Panel during the 2012-13 municipal year:

### Balfour Beatty Workplace

**Issue:** The panel requested regular updates from the Development Services Regeneration Partnership including Balfour Beatty Workplace. The updates were to focus around governance arrangements as the operational performance of the partnership were to be scrutinised by the regeneration and environment scrutiny panel.

**Outcome:** The panel received an update on key messages from the partnership. In January, the content of the updates was reviewed and at the panel meeting in March, the Strategic Director of Environment, Economy and Housing provided the panel with a presentation specifically around governance arrangements and recommendations were made, for ways in which elected member engagement could be improved.

### Financial Inclusion

**Issue:** The panel wanted to understand how local organisations provide support to those who are financially excluded and how they are working to prevent people from becoming financially excluded.

**Outcome:** The panel received an update from the Chair of the Financial Inclusion Forum, and have also received further information on the development of food banks in North East Lincolnshire.

### Future shape

**Issue:** Future shape was launched as a major change programme in 2010 to transform the way the Council works, making it more efficient and effective. The panel were keen to monitor how the future shape programme was progressing and performing against its objectives.

**Outcome:** An update was provided to the panel at each meeting. The scrutiny panel has effectively challenged and consequently improved there understanding of the programme. Areas of challenge have included:

- Potential impact of “no cash over the counter”;
- Community leadership;
- Organisational culture.

### Localism

**Issue:** The Localism Act contained a number of proposals to give authorities new freedoms and flexibility. The Panel wanted to

**Outcome:** The Panel received and commented on the community leadership report - prior to it being presented to carry out a piece of work
understand and contribute to the council’s response to the localism act especially in terms of community leadership.  

around the consideration of a borough wide community governance review. These two topics have been merged and a working group has been established to look at community leadership arrangements in North East Lincolnshire. This work has only just started and so will continue into the next municipal year.

## Community governance review – Great Coates Village Council

| **Issue:** The scrutiny panel was tasked, following the receipt of a petition, to carry out a community governance review of Great Coates Village Council. |
| **Outcome:** The community governance review was held in November 2012, and the scrutiny panel made six recommendations which were approved by Full Council in January 2013. The scrutiny panel are now monitoring the progress made by Great Coates Village Council against those recommendations. |

## Humberston Fitties chalet park

| **Issue:** The scrutiny panel formed a select committee, as recommended by Cabinet on 5 September 2011, to review the principal terms of the lease in respect to the length of term proposed and the closed season. |
| **Outcome:** A select committee took place in October 2012. The scrutiny panel made ten recommendations to Cabinet and are now monitoring the progress being made towards these. |

## Council Tax Support Scheme

| **Issue:** The Local Government Finance Bill contained provisions to implement localised council tax support schemes, with the intention that local billing authorities will establish their own schemes by April 2013. |
| **Outcome:** The panel received updates about the progress being made towards the local council tax support scheme. Suggestions were made as to how consultation on the proposals could be carried out effectively and actively encouraged members of the public to take part in the consultation. In October 2012, the panel received the responses from the consultation on proposals, before they were submitted to Cabinet for approval. |

## Draft council plan priorities, budget 2012-13 and medium term financial plan

| **Issue:** A working group met (November 2012) to consider the emerging budget proposals and feed back comments, recommendations and alternative suggestions to the |
| **Outcome:** The panel supported the proposals, but took the opportunity to question officers further on the proposals, especially in terms of the use of ear marked reserves, demand |
Joint Executive Board (JEB). The panel then met in January 2013 to formally consider the draft budget proposals.

Resources and Performance Report

Issue: The panel reviewed the quarterly council plan performance and resources report.

Outcome: Members have regularly challenged targets and performance in the quarterly council plan report and have requested further information on various issues including:

- Vacancy management;
- Complaints;
- Reserves and under spends;
- Capital programme;
- Benchmarking.
10. **Work Programme 2013-14**

10.1 Members who sit on each scrutiny panel have the opportunity to suggest items for the panel work programme for the following municipal year. The suggestions for 2013/14 are listed for each scrutiny panel in this section of the report.

10.2 In addition to the items suggested, there will be the opportunity to identify work programme items from the Forward Plan and 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 the recommendations of the panel will be standard items on future agendas.

10.3 **Scrutiny Chairs’ Liaison Group**

The Scrutiny Chairs’ Liaison Group will continue to look at issues that relate to the scrutiny process, or issues that cut across the work of all the scrutiny panels. The work programme will also include receiving updates from the chairs of the scrutiny panels on the work that their panels are involved in and any plans for select committees, review work or working groups, so that the work can be co-ordinated and that there is no duplication of effort.

10.4 **Tourism and Culture Scrutiny Panel**

The proposed work programme areas for 2013-14 are:

- Lincs Inspire
- Replacement leisure facility – phase one
- Saltmarsh
- Update on medium term financial plan savings.
- Council’s quarterly performance and resources report, with a focus on those issues relevant to the remit of the panel.

10.5 **Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel**

The proposed work programme areas for 2013-14 are:

- Exclusions – continuation of the review.
- School improvement / standards
- Safeguarding
- Impact of austerity cuts
- Council’s quarterly performance and resources report, with a focus on those issues relevant to the remit of the panel.

10.6 **Health, Housing and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel**

At the meeting on 3 April 2013, the panel suggested the following work programme items for the municipal year 2013-14:

- The role of planning in facilitating a healthy lifestyle (from the work programme for 2012-13)
- Dignity in care (from the work programme for 2012-13)
- Health and wellbeing board
- The new local authority health scrutiny regulations and recommendations from the Francis Report
- Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Public health
- Personalisation of services
- Review of how the Clinical Commissioning Group arrangements are working with the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Sustainable services
- Adult social care performance report
- Healthwatch
- Market management
- Tobacco reliance.

10.7 **Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel**

At the meeting on 24 April 2013, the proposed work programme areas for 2013-14 were:

- Offending and reoffending
- Substance misuse
- Burglary
- Anti-social behaviour
- Organised crime
- The impact of welfare reform
- Troubled families (potential for joint review)
- Council’s Quarterly Performance and Resources Report, with a focus on those issues relevant to the remit of the Panel (Panel commitment to monitor violent crime and shop theft data).
- The Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership performance report; with special attention to violent crime indicators
- Chairman’s feedback from the Safer and Stronger Communities Executive Board
- Tracking the recommendations of the Panel
- Police Crime Plan (to receive updates and information as appropriate).

10.8 **Regeneration, Housing and Environment Scrutiny Panel**

At the meeting on 26 March 2013, the Panel suggested the following work programme items for the municipal year 2013-14:

- Inward investment / economic development / RGF / LEPs / updates on the implementation of the Development and Growth Plan and the Change Programme
- Regeneration partnership performance monitoring
- Transport Issues, including all issues in the LTP (including cycling), the progress of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and the outcome of the Strategic Passenger Transport Review and Fleet Review
- Freeman Street regeneration
- New housing developments, including the strategic housing market assessment and the strategic housing land availability assessment
- Other housing issues including empty homes and the impact of welfare reform on housing
• The Local Plan and related issues such as the Community Infrastructure Levy.

10.9 **Policy, Performance and Resources Scrutiny Panel**

At the meeting on 14 March 2013, the Panel suggested the following work programme items for the municipal year 2013-14:

- The evolving role of a Councillor as the Council moves towards being a smaller, smarter local authority – including the community leadership working group already approved
- Outcome based reviews and medium term financial planning
- Financial and performance reporting, including quarterly reports
- Health and safety
- Council’s role in engaging and communicating with the community
- Great Coates Village Council – to receive reports on the progress of implementing the recommendations set out following the community governance review
- Updates on ICT strategy and implementation
- Updates on corporate asset management plan and implementation
- Monitoring of business rate retention
- Commissioning and partnerships
- Local welfare provision
- Benchmarking, value for money and best practice.

10.10 **Outcome Reviews**

At the meeting of the Scrutiny Chairs Liaison Group on 25th April 2013, the scrutiny chairs agreed to use working groups aligned to panels to consider the outcome reviews at the gateway process key stages. This would enable speed and flexibility of decision making, and thereby better enable robust governance of the proposals under consideration.
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