

# **ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL**

<b>DATE</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Director for Communities (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Tracking the recommendations of the Economy Scrutiny Panel
<b>STATUS</b>	Open

## **CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIM**

The scrutiny panels act as a reviewing mechanism for decisions made relating to the strategic policy, performance and resources required to deliver the ambitions of the council and 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 to 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 1 of this report lists the recommendations previously made by and which fall within the terms of reference of this Economy Scrutiny 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. 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.

#### **4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations included within this report, beyond scrutiny's enhanced future role in monitoring delivery of the council's budget and medium term financial plan.

#### **5. 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.

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

Potentially impacts on all wards.

#### **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Minutes from the Economy Scrutiny panel

<http://www.nelincs.gov.uk/committees/committees.aspx?commid=69>

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DATE	RECOMMENDATIONS MADE	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
23 October 2019	<p><b><u>SPE.34 – Partnership Review</u></b> That a workshop be arranged to allow elected members plus Engie and NELC officers to consider ways to improve operational queries/referrals.</p>	Clive Tritton, Interim Director of Economy and Growth	<u>Recommend Delete</u> – issue included in partnership improvement action plan which is regularly presented to this scrutiny panel.
30 June 2020	<p><b><u>SPE.8 – Local Plan Review</u></b> A timeframe of key milestones and anticipated scrutiny involvement in the review of the local plan to be forwarded to the panel. <u>Position at 3 November 2020</u> – Local plan review ‘on hold’ pending outcome of Government’s ‘Planning for the Future’ white paper. The paper sets out proposals for planning reforms including stringent changes to planning processes.</p>	Clive Tritton, Interim Director Economy and Growth	<u>Update December</u> – NELC’s responses to consultation have been submitted. We await response from Government.
8 September 2020	<p><b><u>SPE.32 – Energy Carbon Roadmap Development</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Rankin’s email address to be circulated to members of the panel to gather any supplementary questions and comments.</li> <li>Regular updates to be provided to panel on the roadmap and associated projects.</li> </ul>	Assistant Director Energy and Environmental Policy	<p><u>Recommend Delete</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Complete</u></li> <li><u>Requested update to 9 March 2021 panel meeting.</u></li> </ul>

<p>8 September 2020</p>	<p><b><u>SPE.35 – Affordable Housing</u></b>  A further report be presented to scrutiny providing more information on social housing in North East Lincolnshire and the application and impact of the policy.</p> <p><u>Position at 3 November 2020</u> – current proposals within the ‘Planning for the Future’ white paper would affect the rate of house building and consequently affordable housing. Any emerging legislative or policy changes would of course be brought to the panel in due course.</p>	<p>Assistant Director  Housing and Interim  Assistant Director  Highways, Transport  and Planning</p>	<p><u>Recommend delete – complete</u></p> <p><u>Position at December 2020.</u>  Members’ individual issues have been addressed. The authority’s Strategic Housing Action Plan – Update will be presented to this panel at its meeting to be held 9 March 2021.</p>
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End.