

ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	4 th January 2022
REPORT OF	Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
SUBJECT	Tracking the recommendations of the Economy 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

- 1.1 Each scrutiny panel has a standard agenda item to check progress against the recommendations they have previously made.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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. IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

There are no impacts on children and young people as a direct result of this report. The reports that these tracked items have come from will have been assessed for any such 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 children and young people implications by the author(s) concerned.

6. 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.

7. MONITORING COMMENTS

In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance or physical assets). As a result no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (Chief Legal Officer), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead.

8. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Potentially impacts on all wards.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes from the Economy Scrutiny panel <https://democracy.nelincs.gov.uk/meetings/>

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TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS – ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
<p>12th October 2022 (Special)</p>	<p><u>SPE.31 - Bus Service Improvement Plan</u></p> <p>That a briefing note be circulated to members of this panel providing further information on feasibility discussions held so far with regard to potential merger of Dial A Ride and Phone A Ride services.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET –</p> <p>That the recommendations in the report now submitted be agreed, subject to the following amendment to recommendation 2a:</p> <p>That, should there be a reduced funding allocation awarded by the Department for Transport, the re-prioritised Bus Service Improvement Plan be referred to the Economy Scrutiny Panel for consideration prior to approval by the Executive Director of Environment, Economy and Resources (in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport).</p>	<p>Mark Nearney Assistant Director Housing, Highways and Planning</p>	<p><u>COMPLETE</u></p> <p>Emailed to panel members 21/10/21</p> <p>This recommendation was agreed by Cabinet on considering the Bus Service Improvement Plan at its meeting on 20/10/21.</p>
<p>26th October 2021</p>	<p><u>SPE.38 – Council Plan</u></p> <p>That a written response on performance management of the vital signs within the remit of the Economy Scrutiny Panel be provided to all members of this panel.</p>	<p>Damien Jaines-White Assistant</p>	<p>Feedback from scrutiny consideration of the Council Plan is being taken into account in</p>

		Director Regeneration	compiling the final iteration of the plan to be presented to full Council. As part of this, a response will be provided to the Economy Scrutiny Panel on this specific request.
26 th October 2021	<u>SPE.44 – Review of Subsidised Bus Services</u> RECOMMENDED TO CABINET - That a 12 month extension to the existing contract for subsidised bus services be sought in order to allow a detailed review of the subsidised services to ensure that value for money was being achieved.	Mark Nearney Assistant Director Housing, Highways and Planning	<u>COMPLETE</u> When this report was considered by Cabinet on 3 rd November 2021, the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport gave a commitment to the anticipated procurement being based around several lots, inviting tenders on the basis of one, three or four year contracts.
26 th October 2021	<u>SPE.45 - Regeneration Partnership Improvement Action Plan</u> That a written response be provided to members of this panel on the reporting of data relating to HT21 (annual report on CO2 emissions from transport within the Borough). That progress against CM02 (contract management arrangements) be reported via this panel's tracking report.	Mark Nearney Assistant Director Housing, Highways and Planning Dave Tipple, Relationship Manager	<u>COMPLETE</u> Emailed to panel members 28/10/21 This work remains at an early stage and forms part of the transformation/future operating model work. As such it cuts across the Council, not just the partnership. It is advised that such governance arrangements fall within the remit of the Audit and Governance Committee.

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