

ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	12 July 2022
REPORT OF	Assistant Chief Executive
SUBJECT	Economy Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme
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 its key partnerships. 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 Priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report reflects work undertaken by the Economy Scrutiny Panel; within the panel's terms of reference, to identify topics to be included in the 2022/23 work programme. The panel is asked to agree the work programme.

MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

To confirm the panel's work programme for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

The appendix to this report summarises the suggested work programme and the panel's likely timetable of activities during 2022/23 to undertake this work. The report will be a live document and progress on each of the work programme items will be monitored throughout the year.

In addition to the work programme items, there will be the opportunity for members to identify agenda items from the forward plan, 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 its recommendations. The panel may also respond to issues of public concern.

Members are asked to consider and agree the work programme for the ensuing municipal year.

The panel may also consider any issues it may wish to remove or add to this year's work programme.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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 work programme demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations included within this report.

5. IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

There are no impacts on children and young people as a direct result of this report. The panel will have the opportunity to consider to any implications for children and young people as it considers individual items within its work programme.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. 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

May impact on all wards

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual report of scrutiny 2021/22
Panel tracking reports

10. CONTACT OFFICER(S)

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Economy Scrutiny Panel

Work programme 2022/23

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1. The role of scrutiny

Effective overview and scrutiny should:

- Provide constructive ‘critical friend’ challenge - examine and review the council’s decisions
- Amplify the voices and concerns of the public - review and report on issues that affect local people
- Drive improvement in public services - consider the work of partners and other public organisations which affect local residents
- Contribute to the development of future policies and strategies that will help improve services for local people
- Involve local people in council decision making
- Co-ordinate the Councillor Call for Action

You can find out more about scrutiny on the council’s website:

<https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/councillors-and-democracy/decision-making/scrutiny/>

This document sets out the priorities, outcomes and actions which relate directly to the Economy Scrutiny Panel and forms the basis of its work programme for the next municipal year. It also provides a guide for prioritising items for scrutiny.

This document is ‘work in progress’; the updating of the work programme is an ongoing task. The work programme in detail describes the panel’s desired outcomes, objectives, intentions, outputs and progress. Topics may be added or withdrawn to react to changing priorities.

2. Terms of reference

The scrutiny panels are responsible for scrutinising any matters affecting North East Lincolnshire within their remit. For the Economy Scrutiny Panel these include:

- Economic strategy
- Economic development
- External funding and inward Investment (including renewable energy)
- Regeneration projects
- Local enterprise and growth
- Regeneration Partnership performance monitoring
- Local Plan
- Transport and traffic regulations (including parking)
- Business and education partnerships
- Strategic housing and homelessness
- Asset management (including business centres)
- Flood risk management
- Energy and climate change
- Empty and derelict property

3. Scrutiny of the budget

A key element of the work programme is annual scrutiny of the Council's proposed priorities and budget prior to formal approval by Cabinet and Council in February 2023. This is usually achieved via both informal and formal all Member budget scrutiny meetings.

The Executive and Scrutiny Liaison Board will determine how budget scrutiny, performance monitoring issues and matters of a corporate nature which affect the Council as a whole, are dealt with.

North East Lincolnshire Council's finance and commissioning plan 2022-23 – 2024-25 as approved in February 2022 can be found <https://democracy.nelincs.gov.uk/meetings/council-virtual-meeting-3/> here.

4. The Council Plan

The council plan sets out the priorities for this council and should influence the content of the panel's future work programme. All scrutiny panels will monitor the vital signs and delivery of the council plan via regular performance monitoring reports.

5. Focus for the Economy Scrutiny Panel –

The forward work programme of each scrutiny panel should be linked to the delivery of the Council Plan. The work of this scrutiny panel must be focussed on these priorities when making recommendations on important policy matters and must hold the executive and other decision makers to account on those terms. It is important that panels maintain this focus when examining issues and setting agendas.

At its March 2022 meeting, members were given the opportunity to identify potential items for the panel's 2022/23 programme.

Panel suggestions March 2022:

- South Humber Industrial Investment Programme (SHIIP) - timely updates on progress
- Empty homes, regular updates
- Monitoring performance relating to the delivery of the council plan and economic strategy
- Enhanced bus partnership annual update on progress*
- Gypsy and Travellers designated stopover site (pre-cabinet)
- Aspects relating to COVID recovery plan including the effect on current programmes
- Implementation of freeport proposals
- Energy Carbon Roadmap – regular updates.

The panel will also continue monitoring via regular reporting on :

- key projects, actions and performance outlined in the council plan, economic strategy
- Highways schemes
- Local transport plan**
- Monitoring the performance of the regeneration partnership via quarterly report
- Monitoring the improvement of the regeneration partnership via regular reporting.
- Financial monitoring via quarterly budget reports

The above matters were discussed by the panel at a work programme workshop on 21 June 2022 where the following was also agreed:

- Bus Partnership / Network*
- Pre-decision scrutiny of Riverhead Square design
- Derelict Buildings – Policy – Eleanor Street
- LTP – policy – priority criteria**
- Housing Strategy – New Homes
- Local Plan
- Member workshop – Sustainable travel
- Flood
- Remove COVID recovery plan

How the panel will approach this work is included in section 9.

6. Who's who

Chair of the Economy Scrutiny Panel
Deputy Chair

- Councillor Oliver Freeston
- Councillor Hayden Dawkins

Councillor Philip Jackson - Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing

- Economic strategy
- Regeneration, inward investment and growth
- Business support and local enterprise
- All aspects of housing
- Net Zero, decarbonisation, the NEL Carbon Roadmap and the Green agenda
- Strategic economic collaboration
- Skills and employability

Councillor Stephen Harness – Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets:

- Financial strategy and corporate governance
- Revenue budget and capital programme
- Digital strategy, inclusion and development
- Shared services and commercial development
- Financial inclusion
- Assets (corporate, commercial, community) and estate management

Councillor Stewart Swinburn: Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport

- Planning, development control, highways and transportation
- Traffic management, parking and regulation
- Waste, recycling and environmental management
- Neighbourhood services, street scene, parks, open spaces

7. Panel Membership 2022/23

Membership

Conservative -	Bob Callison Hayden Dawkins Ian Lindley Graham Reynolds Mark Smith
Labour -	Kathryn Wheatley Karl Wilson

Substitutes

Conservative:	James Cairns Henry Hudson Keith Brookes Daniel Wescott Garry Abel Bill Parkinson
Labour:	Janet Goodwin Kevin Shutt

8. Scheduled meetings of the panel 2022/23

All meetings start at **6.30 p.m.** in **Grimsby Town Hall** unless otherwise stated on agenda papers.

Tuesday 12 July 2022
Tuesday 13 September 2022
Tuesday 8 November 2022
Tuesday 10 January 2023
Tuesday 28 February 2023

The panel may call special meetings to consider issues in a timely manner or to give focus to important items.

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13 June 2022 7.00 p.m.	12 July 6.30 p.m.	13 September 6.30 p.m.	8 November 6.30 p.m.	10 January 6.30 p.m.	28 February 6.30 p.m.		
SPECIAL							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Levelling up fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022/22 Provisional outturn report Panel work programme 2022/23 Gypsy and Travellers' designated stopover site UK Shared Prosperity Fund EQUANS performance report end of year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EQUANS performance first quarter Q1 Finance monitoring Derelict buildings Policy Council Plan – Vital signs Riverhead Square (pre-decision) Bus P'ship LTP – Policy and funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EQUANS Improvement plan update.. Q2 Finance monitoring Energy carbon/natural asset Review of Housing Strategy – New Homes Local Plan Energy Carbon Neutral / Natural Assets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EQUANS performance Q2. Empty Homes - Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Work programme 2022/23 Q3 Finance monitoring Energy carbon / natural asset LTP Energy Carbon Neutral / Natural Assets 	•	•
Cabinet 22 June (Special)	Cabinet 20 July 24 Aug	Cabinet 21 Sep 19 Oct	Cabinet 16 Nov 21 Dec	Cabinet 18 Jan 15 Feb	Cabinet 8 Mar 5 Apr		
STANDING / GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:-		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> **Engie Performance ***Engie Improvement LTP quarterly 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Finance quarterly Public questions Questions to PH 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking Forward Plan 	Work Programme Workshop 21 June	Riverhead design workshop – August 2022	SHIIP – Panel briefing session	Sustainable Travel Policy – working group – membership by interest	Joint panels Budget workshop All panels workshop -NOV & JAN		
WORKING GROUPS / WORKSHOPS							

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