

ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	10 th January 2023
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

- 2.1 Risk assessments will already have been carried out on the reports that these recommendations have come from.
- 2.2 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

- 3.1 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

- 4.1 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

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 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

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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

- 7.1 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

- 8.1 Potentially impacts on all wards.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 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
8 th November 2022	<p><u>SPE.37 Local Plan Review – Scoping and Issues</u></p> <p>The panel agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • methods of engagement with councillors, including the possibility of a scrutiny workshop, be explored. • The panel to be updated at a future meeting, date to be determined, on how the local plan consultation responses would be assessed and how this influence or impact would be evidenced • Numbers and methods of engagement would be measured and reported to the panel in due course 	Mark Nearney (Assistant Director for Housing, Highways, Transportation & Planning)	
8 th November 2022	<p><u>SPE.39 New Homes Performance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The result of a Housing Assessment (currently being undertaken) to be reported to the panel at its June 2023 meeting. • The report scheduled for January 2023 panel meeting on empty homes to include details on how new homes bonus grants could be utilised to bring empty homes back into use. 	Mark Nearney (Assistant Director for Housing, Highways, Transportation & Planning)	

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