

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	6 th July 2023
REPORT OF	Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
SUBJECT	Tracking the recommendations of the Communities 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

Each scrutiny panel has a standard agenda item so that they can 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 A lists progress on tracked items within the terms of reference of this new panel.

Appendix B lists the remaining recommendations from a review of environmental street scene.

Appendix C lists the nine recommendations from the enforcement scrutiny working group.

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. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not applicable to this report.

4. 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.

5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on Children and young people as a direct result of this report. The reports that these tracked items have come have been assessed for impact on children and young people.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

7. 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.

8. 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 (legal), Section 151 Officer (finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead (human resources).

9. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Potentially impacts on all wards.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes from the Communities Scrutiny Panel
[Events from June 22 - 25 March 2024 | Democracy \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](https://nelincs.gov.uk)

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TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS – COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
16.9.21	<p><u>SPC.22 Registered Housing Provider</u></p> <p>A report be brought back to a future panel meeting on the progress of registering to become a housing provider.</p>	Assistant Director Housing, Highways and Planning	<p>Update on 23.02.23</p> <p>The panel agreed that this remains on tracking to monitor progress.</p>
05.01.23	<p><u>SPC.48 Financial Monitoring report 2022-23 – Quarter 2</u></p> <p>A Member asked whether for the household support fund the panel could receive a ward breakdown of figures. Ms Issacs confirmed that this information could not be provided until the end of March at which time this could then be circulated to Members.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That a request be made for a breakdown of spend for the Household Support Fund after the end of March 2023.</p>	Assistant Chief Executive	<p>To receive a further update on the Household Support Fund from the Assistant Chief Executive further to the presentation that was circulated to panel members on 26.05.23.</p>
23.02.23	<p><u>SPC.61 Financial Monitoring Report 2022/23 – Quarter 3</u></p> <p>A Member referred to the capital programme and asked for clarification around the £109k allocated to the Cleethorpes Public Art Scheme. Mr. Lonsdale confirmed he would take this away and provide more detail back to the panel around this specific scheme.</p>	Finance Group Manager/Deputy Section 151 Officer	<p>Complete: Email circulated to panel members on 28.02.23.</p>

23.02.23	<p><u>SPC.62 Council Plan Performance Report 2022/23 – Quarter 3</u></p> <p>A member enquired about the progress with the Smart Energy Programme. Mr Jordan confirmed this was due to be completed in March this year and more information on this could be provided to the panel in due course.</p>	Environmental Strategy Officer	Complete: Email sent to panel members on 05.04.23.
23.02.23	<p><u>SPC.64 Enforcement Review</u></p> <p>That a request be made for further information on the outcome of a Day of Action relating to environmental control and waste carrier licences.</p> <p>That a request be made for further information on a breakdown by ward of the number of PCNs issued.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:</p> <p>That the number of Civil Enforcement Officers within North East Lincolnshire be increased.</p>	<p>Head Regulatory Enforcement Services</p> <p>Operations Director (EQUANS)</p> <p>Scrutiny & Committee Advisor</p>	<p>Complete: Email sent to panel members on 26.05.23</p> <p>Complete: Email sent to Panel Members on 5.04.23</p> <p>Complete: Scrutiny Recommends template complete and forwarded onto Portfolio Holder on 1.03.23</p>
23.02.23	<p><u>SPC.65 Review of Play Areas</u></p> <p>That a request be made for further information on the Barrett's Recreational Ground play area.</p> <p>That a request be made for further information on the number of play areas the council maintained</p>	<p>Head of Open Spaces</p> <p>Head of Open Spaces</p>	<p>Complete: Email sent to Ward Councillors on 28.02.23</p> <p>Complete: Email sent to panel on 28.02.23</p>
02.03.23	<p><u>JSPCTVE.4 Introduction of Resort Public Space Protection Order</u></p> <p>That officers look into fishing in Homestead Park being included within the prohibition for fishing within the Resort PSPO.</p>	Head of Open Spaces	Update: After further investigation by officers, it was established that Homestead park was not managed by NELC it was looked after by Immingham Town Council and therefore this could not be included within the PSPO.

	<p>That the head of Regulatory and Enforcement Services work with Youth Offending on the issue of fixed penalty notices for juveniles.</p> <p>That regular updates on the PSPO's be provided to the Economy and Communities Panels to monitor progress.</p>	<p>Head of Regulatory & Enforcement Services</p>	<p>Complete: Email circulated to Panel Members on 3.04.23</p> <p>To receive a further update from the Head of Regulatory & Enforcement Services on progress with the PSPO's.</p>
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