

TOURISM AND VISITOR ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	23 rd November 2023
REPORT OF	Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
SUBJECT	Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme Review
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 on progress with the panel's work programme at the half-year stage and provides a formal opportunity for the panel to update its work programme as it considers appropriate.

MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

The panel is asked to consider progress made to date with its work programme and update it if it is felt that items need to be re-prioritised, removed or added. There is also the opportunity for an informal workshop if the panel feel that further discussions are required ahead of any formal scrutiny work.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 This report and its appendix summarises the 2022/23 agreed work programme and the panel's timetable of activities to undertake this work.
- 1.2 The panel's work programme remains flexible and the panel has the opportunity to amend it at any point throughout the Municipal Year. It is good practice to keep the work programme under review and the half-year stage seems an appropriate time to do so.
- 1.3 The review of scrutiny arrangements undertaken earlier this year did recommend that an informal scrutiny panel session be held half-way through the Municipal Year to monitor progress against their individual work programmes. This recommendation is acknowledged but, mindful of the pressures on Members' time, this report is brought to a formal meeting to ensure that the necessary review is undertaken but also to allow the panel the option of a further informal workshop session should it be considered appropriate.

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 2022/23

Panel tracking reports

Work programme report submitted to this panel on 27th July 2023.

10. CONTACT OFFICER(S)

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel 2023/24

27 th July	28 th September	23 rd November	25 th January	14 th March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Provisional outturn report (Mar23) • Q4 Council Plan3 (Jan-Mar) • Panel work programme 2023/24 • Arts Council partnership developments • Physical Activity Strategy (cab Aug) • Habitat management Plan (cab Aug) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring report (Apr-Jun) • Cleethorpes Levelling Up Funding – Sea Road Building • Tourism Dashboard Update • Clee Fields (operational arrangements) • Grimsby Library (works and alternative arrangements) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme Review • Q2 Finance and Council Plan Monitoring report (Apr-Jun) • Library Review (pre cabinet) • Heritage Place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Events Programme (Includes Meridian SG / Pier Celebration) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q3 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring report (Apr-Jun) • Resort Manager Annual Report
<p>Informal Workshops to allow initial consultation on</p> <p>■ Library Review ■ Pier Gardens ■ Cleethorpes Market Place –(all likely to be held September 2023)</p>				

Standing agenda items:

- Question time
- Tracking actions of the panel
- Forward Plan
- Questions to the Portfolio Holder
- Calling in of key decisions

Items identified for Work Programme 2023/24:

- Council Land Use Policy (specifically for community use)
- Blue Flag status
- Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre Collection update (including historic vessels)
- Cleethorpes Masterplan – major ‘levelling up’ projects
- Sport and Playing pitch strategy – (Update and progress Specifically Clee Field Football project)
- Library review (Nov onwards)

Suggestions from work programme workshop 7 July 2023

- Visits to agreed leisure settings by members, ad hoc.
- Boating lake issues in response to representations
- Pier Gardens
- Cleethorpes Market Place
- Annual report to panel on developments to include Grimsby Creates, Heritage Action Zones and links to wider tourism offer
- Developing an integrated Docks Regeneration Strategy so that we can preserve the site as a heritage asset and use it to stimulate the visitor economy
- Update on RNLI
- Protecting the Fitties as a heritage site, valued by tourists and to stimulate the local economy, in-line with the Hemmingway plan

Please note:

- Reports going to Communities Scrutiny on Parks and Open Spaces to be shared with TVE panel members for information.

