

ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	8 September 2020
REPORT OF	Director for Communities (Statutory Scrutiny Officer)
SUBJECT	Tracking the recommendations of the Economy Scrutiny Panel
STATUS	Open

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIM

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 to 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 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. 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.

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6. 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.

7. WARD IMPLICATIONS

Potentially impacts on all wards.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes from the Economy Scrutiny panel

<http://www.nelincs.gov.uk/committees/committees.aspx?commid=69>

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TRACKING OF RECOMMENDATIONS – ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE	RECOMMENDATIONS MADE	RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS/COMMENTS
	<u>Forward Plan Items</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary Stopover for Gypsy & Travellers • Community Stadium • Public toilets 	Anne Campbell, Scrutiny Advisor and Appropriate Officer	Retain in tracking: Items to be circulated or added to the agenda when relevant. Update requested for scheduled panel meeting 8 September 2020.
23 October 2019	<u>SPE.34 – Partnership Review</u> That a workshop be arranged to allow elected members plus Engie and NELC officers to consider ways to improve operational queries/referrals.	Clive Tritton, Interim Director of Economy and Growth	<u>Position at March 2020</u> Action to be deferred, pending review of customer portal (Portfolio Holder Finance and Resources).
30 June 2020	<u>SPE.7 – Empty Homes Strategy</u> That the ‘heat map’ of empty homes be expanded to show numerical data and forwarded to West Marsh ward councillors.	Mark Nearney, Assistant Director Housing and Interim Assistant Director Highways, Transport and Planning	<u>Complete</u> Circulated to Marsh ward councillors 12 August, 2020.
30 June 2020	<u>SPE.8 – Local Plan Review</u> A timeframe of key milestones and anticipated scrutiny involvement in the review of the local plan to be forwarded to the panel.	Clive Tritton, Interim Director Economy and Growth	<u>Response at 30 July 2020</u> – As detailed within the cabinet report the timeline for reviewing the local plan will be set out in the Local Development Scheme (LDS). This will be prepared once consultation on the scoping document has been completed; the reason for this is the consultation will determine the full scope of the review and highlight the evidence that will need to be prepared which ultimately will affect the timescale for preparation. Officers are currently finalising the

			scope for consultation and reviewing consultation arrangements in light of recent govt changes to consultation requirements for local plan documents addressing COVID-19. Scrutiny members will be involved via scrutiny workshops once the authority starts looking at drafting revisions to policies which will be a little later in the preparation process.
7 July 2020	<u>SPE.18 - Future High Street Funding Bid</u> Regarding vehicular access to Victoria Street pedestrianised area. Matters would be referred to colleagues in highways with a written response to the panel on issues raised..	Damien Jaines-White, Acting Assistant Director Regeneration	<u>Response to follow.</u>

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