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**Environmental Scrutiny Committee**

A meeting of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee will be held on **Friday, 2 December 2016 at 10.00 am in Committee Room One, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL** for the transaction of the business set out on the attached Agenda.

Yours sincerely

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Tony McArdle  
Chief Executive

**Membership of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee**  
**(11 Members of the Council)**

Councillors C L Strange (Chairman), Mrs V C Ayling (Vice-Chairman), A M Austin, C J T H Brewis, A Bridges, M Brookes, J R Marriott, N M Murray, C R Oxby, C Pain and R A Renshaw



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FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2016**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE  
14 OCTOBER 2016**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR C L STRANGE (CHAIRMAN)**

Councillors Mrs V C Ayling (Vice-Chairman), A M Austin, C J T H Brewis, M Brookes, J R Marriott, N M Murray, C R Oxby, C Pain and R A Renshaw.

Councillors: C J Davie (Executive Councillor Development (Economic Development, Environment, Planning and Tourism), R G Fairman and W S Webb (Executive Support Councillor Development (Economic Development, Environment, Planning and Tourism)) attended the meeting as observers.

Officers in attendance:-

Katrina Cope (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Andy Gutherson (County Commissioner for Economy and Place), Sean Kent (Group Manager, Environment Services), Neil McBride (Planning Manager), Chris Miller (Environmental Services Team Leader (Countryside Services)), Douglas Robinson (Environmental Services Team Leader (Sustainability)), Daniel Steel (Scrutiny Officer), Adrian Winkley (Principal Planning Officer), Olivia Kendall (Graduate Management Trainee), Mark Schofield (Conservation Officer, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust) and Caroline Steel (Head of Conservation, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust).

12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor A Bridges.

13 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no interests declared at this point in the meeting.

14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2016

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee held on 10 June 2016 be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

15 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND SENIOR OFFICERS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting; and extended thanks on behalf of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee to staff from the Energy from Waste facility for their hospitality, and for their informative tour of the plant.

The Executive Councillor for Development made the following announcements to the Committee:-

- That the new Gibraltar Point Visitor Centre had been officially opened on Friday 7 October 2016 by Simon King (TV wildlife presenter, photographer and cameraman). The event had been very successful and thanks were extended to the Lincolnshire Wildlife Team, and to the Group Manager Environmental Services and his team. The Committee noted that since May 2016, some 50,000 visitors had visited the Centre. The Committee were reminded that the Centre was one of a series of investments on the coast, which would help to attract visitors to the coastal area. The Committee was advised that piling work had been completed on the North Sea Observatory at Chapel St Leonards, and that contractors were just waiting for steels to arrive;
- The Committee noted that Officers had responded to the Viking Link Consultation concerning the cable route. The preferred route of the Council was the purple route; and this had been confirmed to National Grid; and
- That some Anderby residents had raised concerns regarding the potential breach of existing sea defences with regard to the Triton Knoll Wind Farm. A further update would be provided, once further information was received from RWE Npower Renewables, as to when the proposed works would be completed. Some reference was also made for the need for there to be a suitable compensation package for residents, particularly if works took place during the summer season. A further concern was raised that works should not be completed during the autumn/winter months when there was risk of high tides.

The County Commissioner Economy & Place advised the Committee that the contract had been awarded for the Lincoln Eastern Bypass and that this would be considered by the Highways Scrutiny Committee, prior to the Executive making the final decision at their meeting scheduled for 1 November 2016.

The Committee noted that all local plans were progressing through the various decision making routes.

Members of the Committee were also advised that an invitation had been extended to all members to attend a Coastal Management Consultation Workshop on 4 November 2016 at 10.00am, as the Environment Agency would be launching a stakeholder consultation in late November to develop a future approach to managing sea defences on the east coast from Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point.

The Executive Councillor Development encouraged all coastal members to attend the said workshop.

16 LINCOLNSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN: SITE LOCATIONS DOCUMENT (PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT)

Consideration was given to a report from Neil McBride, Planning Manager, which provided the Committee with an opportunity to consider the Pre-Submission Draft

version of the Site Locations Document, which was to be considered and approved by the Executive at their meeting on 1 November 2016, to publish the plan and undertake a further period of consultation in November/December 2016, with authorisation being granted to the Planning Manager in consultation with the Executive Councillor, to prepare any necessary modifications to address issues from the consultation exercise.

It was then proposed that the plan would then be considered by the County Council at its February 2017 meeting, prior to being submitted to the Secretary of State for examination in the spring of 2017.

The Committee noted that the Minerals and Waste Local Plan was being prepared in two parts, the first part the "Core Strategy and Development Management Policies" had been completed; and had been formally adopted by the County Council on 1 June 2016. The Committee noted that the second part of the plan comprising of the "Site Locations Document" was at an advanced stage of preparation; and contained specific proposals and policies for the provision of land for minerals and waste development.

It was further noted that the Pre-Submission Draft version of the Site Locations Document was the version intended to be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination. The above said document took into account representations received on an earlier version of the plan, which had then been the subject of public consultation between 4 December 2015 and 29 January 2016.

The Committee was advised that there was two typographical errors within the report presented, one at paragraph 1.18, fifth paragraph, on page 21 of the report presented reference to Manor Farm, Baston needed to be changed to Manor Farm, Greatford. Also, in Appendix A, Table 6, page 18 that Manor Farm, Baston needed to be changed to Manor Farm, Greatford.

#### RESOLVED

The Committee expressed their unanimous support to the recommendations as detailed below:-.

- Endorse the Site Locations (Pre-Submission Draft) document for public consultation for a six week period commencing on 7 November 2016;
- Authorise the Planning Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee to make changes to the Site Locations (Pre-Submission Draft) document prior to consideration by the Executive where these are necessary to amend any minor areas;
- Consider and endorse the proposal that authorisation be sought from the Executive for the Planning Manager in consultation with the Executive Councillor (Development) to recommend to the County Council any modifications necessary to address issues that arise through the consultation exercise;

- Recommend that the County Council approve the Site Locations (Pre-Submission Draft) for submission to the Secretary of State for examination together with any recommended modifications referred to above; and
- Consider and endorse the revised programme set out in this report for the completion of the Site Locations document through to adoption.

#### 17 HARVESTING VERGE BIOMASS

Consideration was given to a report from Doug Robinson, Sustainability Team Leader, which invited the Committee to consider the progress of a pilot project, which had taken place during the summer to harvest verge biomass; and then use it as feedstock in an anaerobic digestion plant producing energy and digestate (fertiliser).

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting two representatives from the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, who were working in partnership with the Council on this item.

It was noted that as a Highways Authority the Council maintained 8,750 kilometres of roadside verges, of which 6,173 km were termed as being 'rural' and largely bounded by grass verges. It was highlighted that the Local Authority was required to keep verges in a safe and unobstructed condition. The Committee noted that the current practice was to flail mow a 1.1m strip of the verge, and wider swathes around visibility zones at road junctions, leaving the mown vegetation in situ. As a result of recent budget pressures, the Council policy had been changed which had resulted in a reduction of the frequency of cuts from three to two. The Committee noted further that work had been carried out over the last 18 months to evaluate more sustainable ways to maintain verges whilst meeting other objectives i.e. such as ensuring appropriate management of Lincolnshire's road verges designated for wildlife conservation value. The final evaluation of which would be completed by early 2017.

Details pertaining to several significant opportunities for a wider uptake of innovative road verge management strategies were set out in the report presented. The report also highlighted that in theory the Low Input High Density biomass resource available from verges alone could annually provide sufficient electricity for about 4,500 homes, or gas for 1,100 homes. The Committee noted that there were also other potential sources that could be used, such as watercourses, public open spaces, parks and commons, golf courses, MoD sites etc.

Officers advised the Committee that the Lincolnshire study had received national attention and as a result some discussion had been had with relevant government departments and industry bodies concerning the study.

In conclusion, the Committee was advised that from the work done to date, and the analysis of the research so far had reinforced initial indications that there was a significant opportunity in harvesting verge biomass, and using it as feedstock in Anaerobic Digestion. The potential benefits of the scheme were detailed on page 131 of the report represented.

The next steps highlighted were to complete and publish research information, and consider the conclusions reached; continue the development of potential business



models; and to continue to lobby with others for an appropriate regulatory and support framework.

During discussion, the following issues were raised:-

- The potential start date of the scheme. The Committee was advised, that there was still lots of planning and development to do, and therefore no definite date could be given at this time;
- Some members agreed that the scheme was a wonderful opportunity and that it should be pushed forward; as the County would be tidier, which would help the County promoting tourism; and it would also improve road safety;
- One member enquired as to how many Anaerobic Digestion plants were in the County and their location. Officers advised that there were 15/16 plants throughout the County; and that most of the plants were able to store materials on site;
- The potential for contamination in grass verges. The Committee was advised that Leeds University screening process had identified an undetectable amount of contaminants. It was highlighted that there was however more litter in verges on busier roads, and this would be one of the challenges in the process;

The Committee was advised that the grass verges through Lincolnshire were very important for wild flowers; and that harvesting the verges was a way of improving them and working in partnership would benefit Lincolnshire as a whole. A Wild Flower Identification Guide publication was circulated to all members of the Committee for their information.

The Committee expressed their support to the project and hoped that the project would be starting as soon as practically possible.

#### RESOLVED

The Committee welcomed the report, and expressed their support for the project.

#### 18 CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015 - 16 PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee gave consideration to a report from Doug Robinson, Sustainability Team Leader, which provided details as to the progress made on the Carbon Management Plan to cover the period 2013 – 2018.

Appendix A to the report provided the Committee with a briefing on what was known currently in relation to the government's proposals on carbon emissions reporting, and tax. And, Appendix B to the report provided the Committee with a progress report on the Carbon Management Plan for 2015/16.

In guiding the Committee through the report presented, particular reference was made to:-

- The proposal to move to a single business energy tax from April 2019; this would mean that the public sector would be subject to the same tax and reporting requirements as the private sector;
- The proposed increase in main rates of Climate Change Levy from April 2019. It was noted that as a result of the proposal there would be an increase of £312,870 on the 2015/16 payment;
- It was highlighted that some progress had been made with regard to ICT. A remote storage solution had been implemented and the Council was awaiting performance data from the supplier, but it was expected that the report would show a reduction in emissions. It was noted further that a Service Plan would be prepared which would establish ICT baselines, and proposed schemes to reduce emissions further;
- The Committee noted that the new contract with VinciMouchel was in its second year and that energy and environmental management was a key requirement;
- It was reported that significant investment in street lighting and traffic signal upgrades had taken place over the last five years had led to a 9.9% reduction in carbon emissions from the 2014/15 figure; and
- The Committee was advised that the SCoRE programme was now complete, with 260 of the Lincolnshire's 360 schools having completed the programme. The programme for technology investment had had £1,978,552 worth of equipment installed in 343 schools; and the 'invest to save' element had resulted in 50 projects valued at £1,180,810 being installed. Overall, there had been some significant success stories from schools.

In conclusion, it was reported that progress had been made in line with the trajectory requirements to meet the Council's five year target, reducing base energy costs by £2,000,000.

Some members felt that education regarding energy saving initiatives for young people should continue, as it was felt that this knowledge was very important; and that funding should be made available for this to happen. Officers advised that they were currently looking into a new European funding initiative called Low Carbon. The Committee extended their support to the preparation of the Carbon Management Plan three; and agreed that the Chairman should write to the relevant Executive Councillor and highlight the Committees support for Carbon Management three.

#### RESOLVED

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Committee supported the continuation of education to young people regarding energy saving initiatives and agreed that the Chairman should write to the relevant Executive Councillor and highlight the Committees support for Carbon Management three.

Consideration was given to a report from Chris Miller, Team Leader, Countryside Services, which highlighted the potential opportunities and constraints regarding the future management of the Environmental Services property portfolio.

The report highlighted that the property portfolio had evolved; and that current management costs to the County Council were approximately £180,000 per annum, excluding staff time. Appendix A to the report provided the Committee with site locations of Environmental Services Property; and Appendix B provided a case example with regard to the Stickney Picnic Site for consideration by the Committee. Some initial considerations of the various sites had indicated that some sites no longer met the strategic needs of the County Council, or were an unsustainable drain on the reducing budgets of Environmental Services.

During discussion, particular reference was made to the following issues:-

- Stickney Picnic Site (As detailed in Appendix B). It was noted that there was going to be a local referendum within the parish as to whether the toilets should be demolished, or whether they should be taken on as an amenity for the local people. Confirmation was given that there was no intention for the site to be used for housing;
- That there was a need for picnic sites, as a local amenity as there was for public conveniences, especially when the County was trying to encourage tourism; and
- A suggestion was made for officers to explore joint working arrangements with district councils and other organisations within the local community regarding the principle of taking on public conveniences within their area.

## RESOLVED

1. That the report be noted.
2. That support be given for the Executive Member for Development to investigate the future options as outlined in the report for each site, taking into account the suggestions made by the Environmental Scrutiny Committee, as detailed above.

## 20 QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE - 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2016

The Committee gave consideration to a report from Sean Kent, Group Manager Environmental Services, which provided key performance information that was relevant to the work of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee.

Appendix A to the report provided the Committee with a list of measures contained in the Council Business Plan that were within the remit of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee. Appendix B to the report provided Quarter 1 Customer Satisfaction information for the Committee to consider.

In guiding the Committee through the report, particular reference was made to the following points:-

- Flood alleviation schemes supported by the County Council - The Committee noted that this measure was currently being revised;
- Household waste recycled - It was reported that the quarter 1 figures were estimates until the final figures had been received from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. It was noted that the Joint Waste Management Strategy was in the process of being refreshed and that the Strategy was being discussed with the Districts;
- Green Waste – The Committee noted that the tonnage composted depended on how much green waste was presented by the public; and that this varied due to external factors such as the weather. It was highlighted that the second quarter would provide a different set of figures; and
- It was highlighted that there had been 11 complaints received during this quarter, this had been an increase of 5 complaints from the previous Quarter. The report identified that out of the 11 complaints, 10 had been recorded as being not substantiated; and 1 complaint had been recorded as being partly substantiated. The Environmental Management had also received 12 compliments, 11 compliments regarding footpath restoration; and 1 compliment regarding helpful and friendly staff at the Market Rasen household waste recycling centre.

During discussion, the following points were raised:-

- Charging for green waste - The Committee was advised that the Districts were able to charge for green waste and that this was something the County Council had no influence over. Some members felt that the introduction of charges had had an impact on the amount of fly tipping. Officers advised that there was an educational need, as there was a small minority of contractors who did not have a Waste Carriers Licence; and
- The need for the mixed recyclables contract to work better; and for all Districts to work together to enable this to happen.

RESOLVED

That the Quarter 1 Performance report presented be noted.

## 21 ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report which enabled the Committee to consider and comment on the content of its work programme for the coming year to ensure that scrutiny activity was focussed where it could be for the greatest benefit. Members were encouraged to highlight items that could be included for consideration in the forthcoming work programme.

The Committee was reminded that on 2 December 2016, there would be an Environmental Scrutiny Committee meeting commencing at 10.00 a.m., this would then be followed by an informal Budget Workshop at 11.30 a.m. for all members to attend.

RESOLVED

That the work programme as set out in Appendix A of the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm

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## Open Report on behalf of Anglian Water Services

Report to:	<b>Environmental Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>02 December 2016</b>
Subject:	<b>Water Recycling Centres Update</b>

### **Summary:**

This report provides a summary of the situation regarding odours from the Ingoldmells, Spalding, Fishtoft and Boston Water Recycling Centres (previously Sewage Treatment Works). Ingoldmells was first brought to the attention of the Committee in November 2012 with further reports in 2013, 2014 and 2015. Spalding was considered by the Committee in 2014 and 2015 and Boston in 2016.

### **Actions Required:**

Members of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider and comment on the report and highlight any recommendations or further actions for consideration.

## **1. Background**

### **Spalding**

#### Odour Issues

Since the last Scrutiny meeting in June there has been one further complaint relating to odours in the Spalding Water Recycling Centre region. The complaint was from a local trader, and was due to a failure of our odour suppression sprays that were quickly reinstated.

We have held site meetings with Steve Branson (Lead Environmental Protection Officer South Holland DC) who recognised the work we have done to address odours and acknowledged that the odours had noticeably reduced from previous visits.

#### Water Recycling Centre Update

We have continued to mix iron rich sludge from other Water Recycling Centres with the sludge produced on site at Spalding. This has led to continuing success in significantly reducing the amount of odorous sulphide gas released during sludge dewatering.

Additionally, the new iron dosing system at Spalding Water Recycling Centre has been commissioned and has been dosing ferrous chloride for the last 5 months. Onsite monitoring shows this has been successful in reducing levels of Hydrogen Sulphide.

### Sewer Network Update

We continue to use nitrate dosing in the sewer network, and this has proved very successful in reducing septicity in our networks. The chemical dosing plants we have in place at various pumping stations around the Spalding area are continually optimised to allow for variations in strength of trade discharges. This ensures that levels of sulphide gases are minimised.

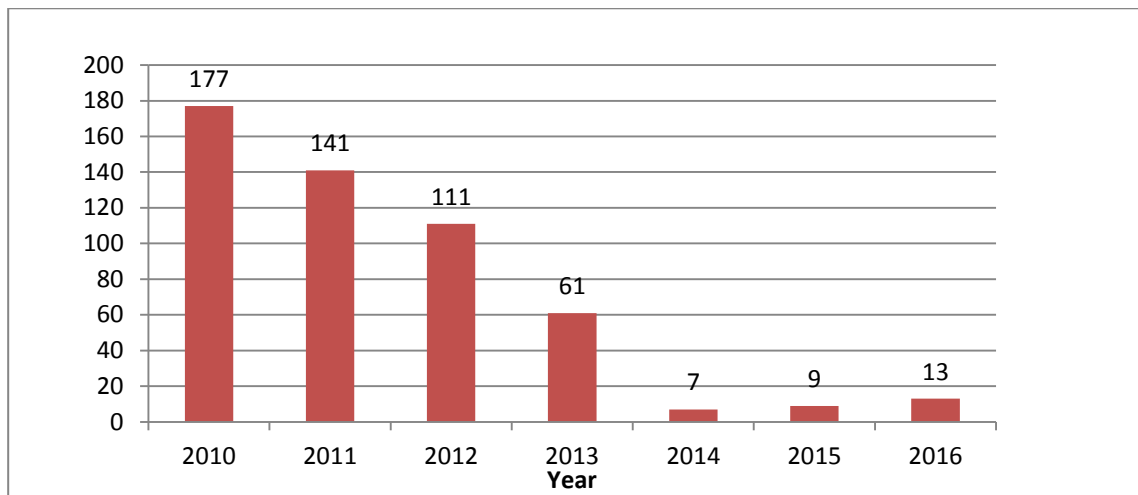
Further to this all of our dosing plants are monitored 24/7 by our telemetry systems to give visibility of any asset 'trips' or 'fails'. As part of the on-going improvement of our telemetry, we are developing an enhancement to this monitoring which will enable further intelligence to be applied to daily dosage variations. This new information will give greater clarity of partial dosing issues allowing us to respond before the issue results in the release of odours.

### **Ingoldmells**

#### Odour Issues

Unfortunately, since the last Scrutiny meeting in June, we have received 13 odour complaints in the Ingoldmells area. This is the first time we have seen an upward trend since 2010 but is still comparatively low compared to historical levels.

A thorough investigation showed that intermittent issues with our network dosing are causing localised odour issues, with none being related to the Water Recycling Centre in Ingoldmells. These intermittent problems have been traced to the dosed product (sodium nitrate) containing solids which is causing blockages in the dosing pumps. Our supplier is working with us to resolve these product quality issues going forward.





## Community Engagement

On the 19<sup>th</sup> Sept, we hosted the local resident odour group meeting in Ingoldmells village. This meeting was attended by local residents, parish councillors and had representation from Steve Ross, Environmental Protection Officer for East Lindsey District Council. Overall, the attendees were disappointed that odour complaints had increased for the first time since 2010 but agreed that it proved our dosing, when operating correctly, does address the odour issues.

To address the intermittent dosing issues we have enhanced our dosing plant maintenance across all sites and have put further intelligence into our telemetry monitoring systems to forewarn of issues before they materialise into odour complaints.

We are also continuing, with our contracted consultancy services, to undertake odour logging and weekly sampling to optimise chemical dose rates and ensure odour is minimised. The next local resident's odour group meeting has been scheduled for May 2017.

## **Fishtoft**

### Odour Complaints

In the last 12 months we continued to receive odour complaints from 1 property located to the south of Fishtoft Water Recycling Centre. We have no records of any odour complaints from this property before the current owner moved in last year or from any of the other 30 or so properties that surround the site.

We employed an independent odour consultant to undertake an odour survey at the Water Recycling Centre (WRC) and the surrounding network, which has identified a possible intermittent source of septicity in our network which, on occasion, may cause odours at the WRC. We are installing temporary odour dosing at this location and will undertake further surveys to check its effectiveness. The customer is continuing to maintain an odour diary for us and is in regular communication with our local Customer Liaison Manager.

## **Boston**

### Water Recycling Centre Update

Fishtoft Academy is situated on the route our tankers and lorries follow to access Boston Water Recycling Centre (WRC). In recognition of the school start and finish times, there is a long standing embargo agreement between Anglian Water and Fishtoft village residents to prohibit tanker journeys during school terms at the following times:-

- From 08:40 to 09:10
- From 15:00 to 15:30

In addition to this, there is another restriction between 18:00 and 07:30 to prevent sleep disturbances to village residents. The only time any of these restrictions will be breached is for operational emergencies.

Since the last Scrutiny meeting, we have received two complaints regarding cake Lorries not having the correct sheeting on their trailers. All drivers have been re-briefed on the requirement to keep their lorries covered, there have been no further complaints since.

At the WRC we have invested in a new inlet screen which will reduce the number of blockages in the treatment process and thus prevent unwanted septicity build up.

This summer we invited Councillor Paul Skinner and four local residents to the WRC to show them the work we have completed on site to address odour issues.

## **2. Conclusion**

This report provides a summary of the issues and the progress made to date to solve the odour problems at the Spalding, Ingoldmells, Fishtoft and Boston sites.

## **3. Consultation**

### **a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

## **4. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

This report was written by Brian Kane Regional Treatment Manager (Anglian Water Services).

**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills  
Executive Director for Environment and Economy**

Report to:	<b>Environmental Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>02 December 2016</b>
Subject:	<b>Coastal Path Update Report</b>

**Summary:**

Lincolnshire County Council continues to work with Natural England on the provision of the English Coast Path with the sections from Sutton Bridge to Skegness and from Skegness to Mablethorpe already progressing. The section from Mablethorpe to the Humber was started in October and the first site meeting is due at Donna Nook in early December following an initial scoping meeting between the authority and Natural England have taken place.

Although most landowners along the stretch have had a visit although Natural England are currently at a difficult stage to make much progress with finalising the route and there are two issues that need answering before we can continue with work on the less obvious parts of the route that will not follow an existing public right of way.

**Actions Required:**

Members of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider and comment on the report and highlight any recommendations or further actions for consideration.

## **1. Background**

### Sutton Bridge to Skegness

The issue of crossing the Steeping River has been the main point for consideration by Natural England where they have to balance the needs of the ECP scheme alongside habitats regulations, Environment Agency requirements and financial considerations for the proposed solutions.

At a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November the following options were reviewed (see fig.1.)

- 1) Usage of the existing flood defence bank top to the existing Internal Drainage Board (IDB) bridge at point A**

This would appear to be the simplest solution as it provides an existing crossing point and is not a substantial deviation from the coastline. The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust (LWT) however consider this route to be the least favourable option due to the likelihood of disturbance to birdlife in the adjacent lake. The species here are designated within the Special Protection Area which includes the whole of the Gibraltar Point. The bridge would cost c.£14,000 to bring it into a usable condition and this is provided by Natural England as part of their establishment costs for the ECP. Any ongoing maintenance would become the responsibility of the County Council as the Access Authority.

## **2) Usage of an alternative route around the lake from the IDB bridge**

Whilst more attractive than option 1 this route was also rejected by LWT due to significant disturbance to birdlife on the adjacent lake

## **3) The construction of a new bridge at point B.**

This structure would need to be a swing or lift bridge to enable the Skegness Yacht Club members to reach their moorings. This is the least favoured option from an Access Authority point of view as although Natural England will be responsible for funding construction the location is in an area likely to be subject to tidal water which will no doubt have an effect on any moving parts, the maintenance of which will fall to LCC. There are likely operational problems for when the bridge is in an "open channel" position as ECP users would need to operate the structure or will require assistance. If they are on the far bank this will not be possible outside of office hours for the visitor centre. Likewise for the bridge in a "closed channel" position when the Yacht Club members need to access their moorings from the seaward side of the bridge.

## **4) A fixed bank to bank bridge at approximately point C**

This bridge is unlikely to be constructed due to the necessary size of 60+metres which will also need to be in 3-4 spans on piers. The piers would have to be located on the saltmarsh flood plain to the river where ground conditions are likely to be unstable. Such a structure may not receive Environment Agency approval as a further hazard on the flood plain. The costs in any case are likely to be prohibitive.

## **5) A mown path within the flood plain from a point where the tree screening to Jacksons Lake ends to the IDB bridge**

This option is becoming the most favourable subject to Natural England habitat regulations and Environment Agency consent. The route would be the most direct available as per option 1. This could be combined with the construction of a new bird hide so that those curious to see the wildlife on Jacksons Lake can do so without causing disturbance. Those wishing to carry on along the ECP will be directed down onto the flood plain which will have a mown strip to aid navigation. It may require the construction of short sections of boardwalk though the wettest areas where borrow pits are located from the time of the construction of the flood bank. Natural England's habitats section has concerns about any boardwalk as it

will kill the underlying vegetation but it is hoped that the construction of such features is minimised then this will be acceptable.

Whilst option 5 seems to be the most favoured consents are still required.

For the route north from the visitor centre for the route to take a route partly along the dune ridge and partly at the base have been agreed with LWT. This takes into account Council advice that maintenance cutting would be more easily done in a strip at the base (providing a dry path and one that avoids trampling sensitive dune slack plants) and avoids significant and expensive scrub clearance on the dune ridge.

For sections around the Wash the outer sea bank is favoured but no formal decision has been taken. Improvements to path furniture on a bridleway through the Frampton RSPB reserve have also been agreed.

The schedule for the stretch is still to complete the report detailing the proposed route by June 2017. At this point the report is submitted to the Secretary of State and there is a brief opportunity for final objections and representations. The proposal should be given approval with or without alterations by December 2017. Establishment work can then begin so that the route will be ready to open at the end of 2018.

### Skegness to Mablethorpe

This section is more advanced and an indicative line has been chosen. The key element here is the avoidance of conflict with the North Shore Golf Club and for that reason the emerging favoured line takes users onto the beach for a short stretch. This is likely to be contentious in the locality as residents have long pressed for establishing a route on the rock armour sea defence constructed in 1996 which has a natural desire line path already available but obstructed by the golf club.

LCC has received a list of the require furniture and signage from Natural England so that a cost for installation can be provided to Natural England. This analysis will take place in December.

The report for the route is due in Spring next year with establishment of the route towards the end of 2017 and opening in 2018.

All the dates above are subject to change depending on the levels and types of representation made to the formal consultation on the routes selected.

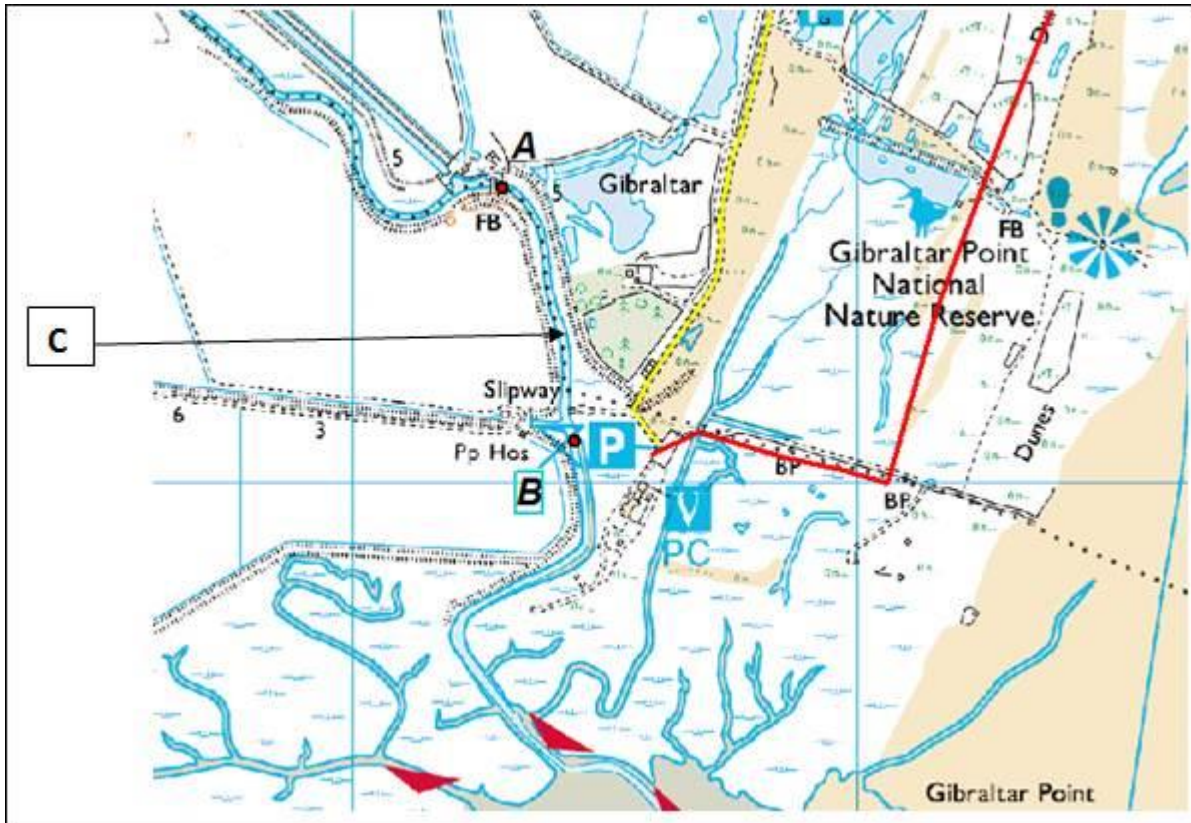


Fig1

## 2. Conclusion

Members of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider and comment on the report and highlight any recommendations or further actions for consideration.

## 3. Consultation

### a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

## 4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	APPENDIX A - Option A & B Analysis

## 5. Background Papers

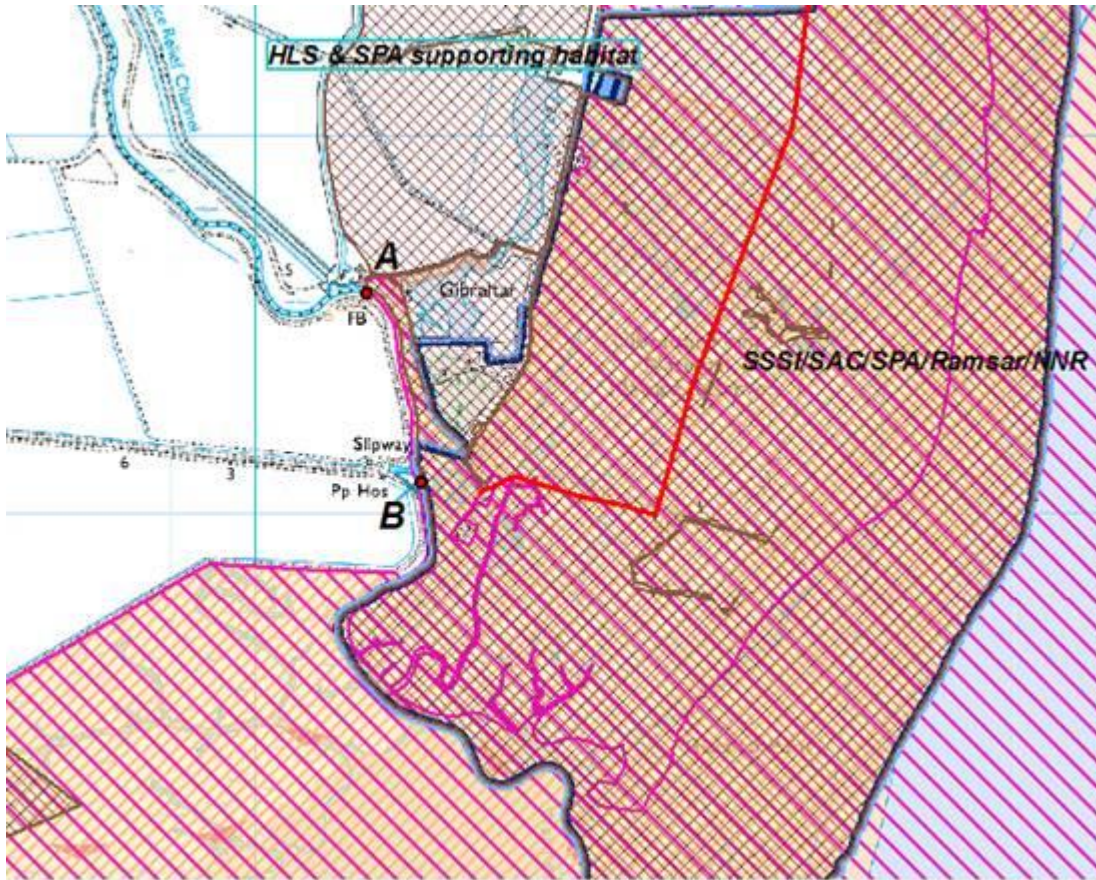
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Option A & B Analysis

Designations



The channel of the River Steeping between points A and B is approx 8-10 metres wide and has a high tidal range. To either side there is upper saltmarsh vegetation.



Existing slipway at point B, following high spring tide



Saltmarsh bounded by sea defence banks, looking upstream between points A and B

### **Existing IDB bridge at point A**

#### **FOR**

- No existing public access but IDB owners willing to consider use subject to agreement on future maintenance
- Highways engineer estimate of moderate costs c.£14k to upgrade to standard required
- Less likely to bring significant numbers to Wash sensitive section

#### **AGAINST**

- Approach from east bank may cause unacceptable disturbance to Jacksons Marsh, a key part of LWT reserve and considered “functionally linked” for SPA birds
- No acceptable screening option for approach via top of seabank or IDB access track
- Boardwalk at foot of seabank not favoured by EA unless engineered to high spec (high cost associated). Loss of habitat and disturbance involved could then be unacceptable for SPA/SAC.
- Route on saltmarsh could leave walkers on far side stranded at high tide with no alternative



### **Potential new footbridge crossing at point B**

A fixed footbridge cannot be installed at this point because the Environment Agency would require it to go at bank top level (50-100m span) to avoid obstructing floodwaters and as there are yacht moorings further upstream, so a small swing or lifting bridge has been suggested similar to those found on the canal network.

#### **FOR**

- Avoids disturbance to SPA birds
- Easily accessed from visitor centre car park
- A more direct crossing to continue trail on southern bank
- Favoured option by Wildlife Trust who manage site

#### **AGAINST**

- High construction costs – estimated £80 – 130k, and higher if landing stages required
- Small and specialised structure which all but one of consultants approached have declined to provide a design for (and that one does not include foundations). Design alone may be £20+k
- Local authority concerned at maintenance costs that may be associated with moving structure
- Consent needed from EA who must be satisfied that it will not obstruct floodwaters
- Site designated for wildlife (SSSI and European designations) – consent required from Natural England for works that may involve piling and heavy machinery access across saltmarsh
- Saltmarsh to either side - presence/depth of stable material for foundations unknown
- Right of navigation in use by small number of yachts upstream of this point. Landing stages may be required
- Safe operation - restriction on who can open the bridge. Needs to be dependably available to trail users
- No power supply present, so may need to be manually operated or use independent source
- Likely to bring higher number of users to sensitive section of Wash on south bank. Making it not possible to mitigate for effects on seabank and needing an alternative route inland.

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**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills  
Executive Director for Environment and Economy**

Report to:	<b>Environmental Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>02 December 2016</b>
Subject:	<b>Quarter 2 – 1 July to 30 September 2016</b>

**Summary:**

This report provides key performance information that is relevant to the work of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee.

**Actions Required:**

Members of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider and comment on the performance information contained in the appendices to this report and highlight any recommendations or further actions for consideration.

**1. Background**

The appendices to this report provide the Committee with the performance information relating to the remit of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee.

Council Business Plan 2016/2017

The Council Business Plan 2016/17 was approved by Council in February 2016 and has been organised around the 17 commissioning strategies. Appendix A lists the measures in the Council Business Plan that are within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.

Appendix B is a breakdown of customer satisfaction information.

	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1.	CO <sup>2</sup> Reductions from County Council Activity	Reported Annually
2.	Lincolnshire CO <sup>2</sup> Reductions	Reported Annually
3.	Waste Sent to Landfill	Measured Quarterly
4.	Household Waste Recycled	Measured Quarterly
5.	Green Waste Composted	Measured Quarterly

## **2. Conclusion**

The Committee is asked to consider the content of the appendices for this report.

## **3. Consultation**

### **a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

## **4. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Quarter 2 – (1 July to 30 September 2016)
Appendix B	Q2 Customer Satisfaction Information

## **5. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

This report was collated by Daniel Steel, Scrutiny Officer, who can be contacted on 01522 552102 or [daniel.steel@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:daniel.steel@lincolnshire.gov.uk).



## Businesses Are Supported to Grow

Reduce the risk of flooding

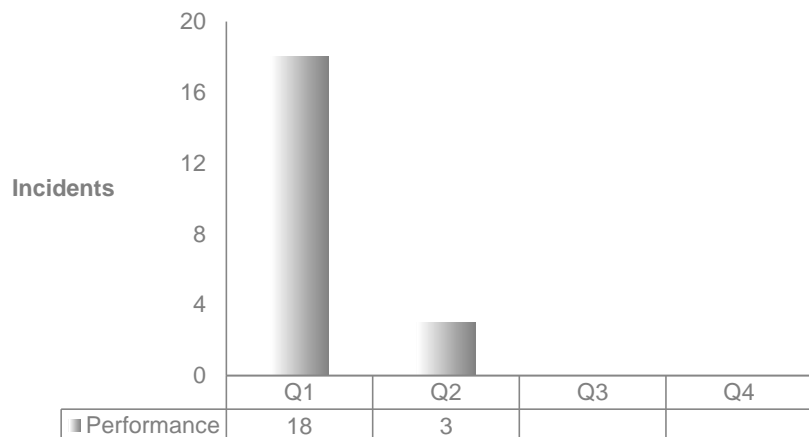
### Flooding incidents within a property

This measure is calculated on the basis of the number of formal investigations undertaken by the County Council under section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 where the incident involves flooding within a property from any source, although under the Act the County Council only has a responsibility for local flood risk i.e. from surface water, groundwater or ordinary watercourses. Lincolnshire County Council has interpreted a flooding incident to be any in which one or more domestic properties are flooded internally.

Measured



Flooding incidents within a property

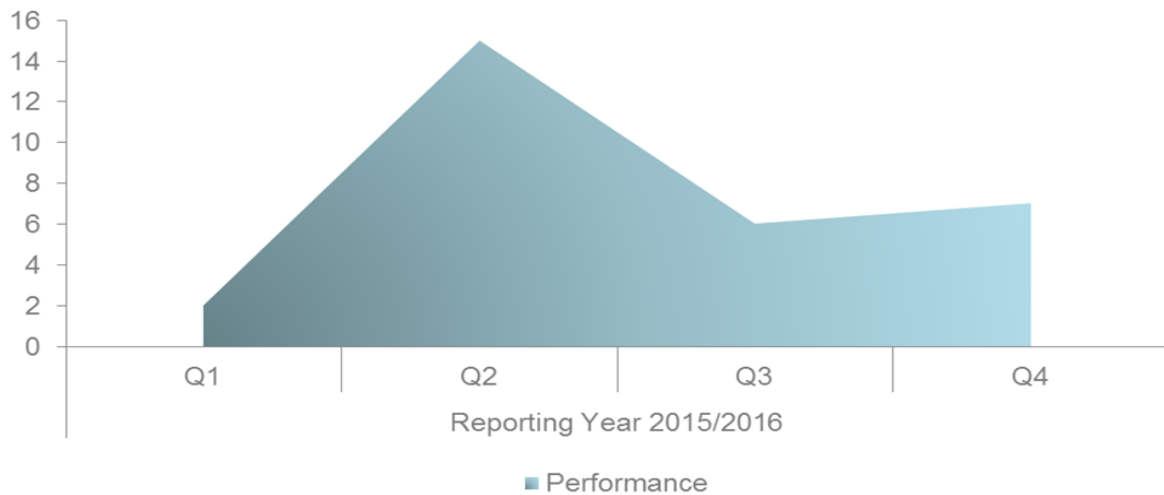


#### About the latest performance

Three Section 19 investigations were commenced in Q2, involving one residence and two commercial premises. All three incidents involved surface water flooding. This relatively low number contrasts with the same quarter last year (15 incidents affecting 39 properties) and Q1 this year (18 incidents affecting 27 properties) and reflects the low incidence of intense rain storms during the reporting period.

## Further details

### Flooding incidents within a property



	Reporting Year 2015/2016			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Performance	2	15	6	7

#### About the target

It is estimated that in Lincolnshire there are about 28,000 properties which have either been flooded in the past or are thought to be at risk from surface water flooding.

As outlined in the Lincolnshire Joint Flood Risk Management Strategy, in accordance with its duty to undertake improvement works to protect communities, the County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority has developed an ongoing programme of surface water flood risk management schemes. The target for 2016/17 is to reduce the flood risk to 100 homes by carrying out flood alleviation works.

#### About the target range

A target range is not applicable as this is a contextual measure.

#### About benchmarking

This measure is local to Lincolnshire as each Local Flood Authority (Unitary and County Councils) defines a flood incident as they consider appropriate and therefore is not benchmarked against any other area.



## Businesses Are Supported to Grow

Reduce the risk of flooding

### Properties protected from flooding

It is estimated that in Lincolnshire there are about 28,000 properties which have either been flooded in the past or are thought to be at risk from surface water flooding.



Reported  
annually in Q4



About the latest performance

## Further details

### About the target

It is estimated that in Lincolnshire there are about 28,000 properties which have either been flooded in the past or are thought to be at risk from surface water flooding.

As outlined in the Lincolnshire Joint Flood Risk Management Strategy, in accordance with its duty to undertake improvement works to protect communities, the County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority has developed an ongoing programme of surface water flood risk management schemes. The target for 2016/17 is to reduce the flood risk to 100 homes by carrying out flood alleviation works.

### About the target range

There is a range in the target of +/- 10 properties. The reason for this is that the schemes in the future programme protect a range of properties, and as the programme is rolled out over the years there will be a consequent variation in the total number of properties protected. Other aspects which might influence the target include significant flood events and economic factors.

### About benchmarking

The target is local to Lincolnshire and is not therefore bench marked against other Lead Local Flood Authorities.





## Businesses Are Supported to Grow

### Reduce carbon emissions

#### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from county council activity

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is a greenhouse gas which contributes, along with other gasses, to global warming and the resulting climate change.

The County Council is no different to any other organisation in that its activities use energy and emit significant amounts of these gasses.

The main activities involved (both Council and their long term partners) that generate these emissions are:-

- \* Use of buildings (heating & lighting)
- \* Use of vehicles (fuel)
- \* Street lighting (electricity)

County Council annual carbon dioxide emissions were calculated in 2011/12 and the baseline figure was reported as 83,006 tonnes.

The Council has adopted a target reduction of 22% over a 6 year period, reducing the emission down by 18,261 tonnes to 64,745 tonnes by 31st March 2018.



Achieved

**13.41**

% reduction

Quarter 4 March 2016

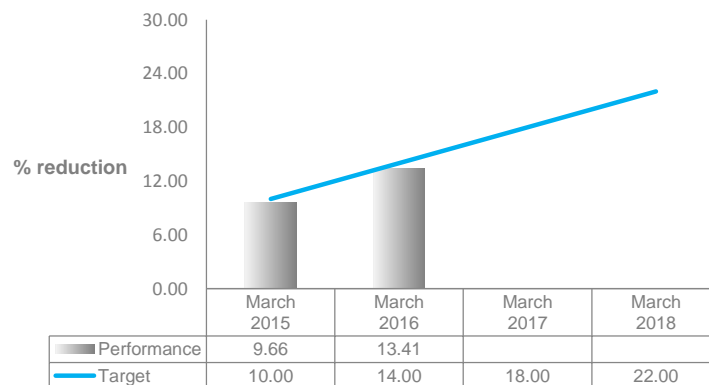


**14**

% reduction

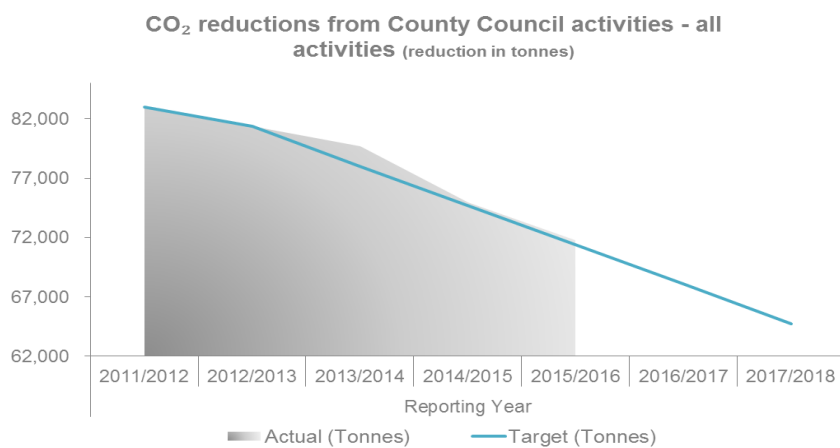
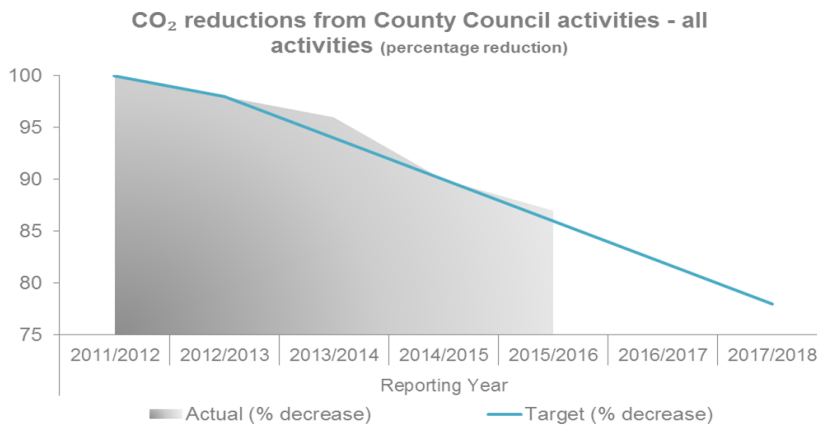
Target for March 2016

#### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from county council activity



About the latest performance

## Further details



	Reporting Year						
	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
<b>Actual (Tonnes)</b>	83,006	81,382	79,714	74,989	71,810		
<b>Actual (% decrease)</b>	0%	2%	4%	10%	13%		
<b>Target (Tonnes)</b>	83,006	81,346	78,026	74,705	71,385	68,065	64,745
<b>Target (% decrease)</b>	0%	2%	6%	10%	14%	18%	22%
<b>Reporting Date</b>	Jul-12	Jul-13	Jul-14	Jul-15	Jul-16	Jul-17	Jul-18

### About the target

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The Council have adopted a target reduction of 22% over a 6 year period, reducing the emission down by 18,261 tonnes to 64,745 tonnes by 31st March 2018.

### About the target range

There is no target range for this measure as the target is based on a reduction of 22% over a 6 year period.

### About benchmarking

This measure is local to Lincolnshire and therefore is not benchmarked against any other area.



## Businesses Are Supported to Grow

Reduce carbon emissions

### Lincolnshire CO<sub>2</sub> reductions

This is a nationally collected (by the Department for Communities and Local Government) set of data that shows the amount of greenhouse gas emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>) from all sectors within the UK. This data is broken down to National, Regional, County and District Levels.

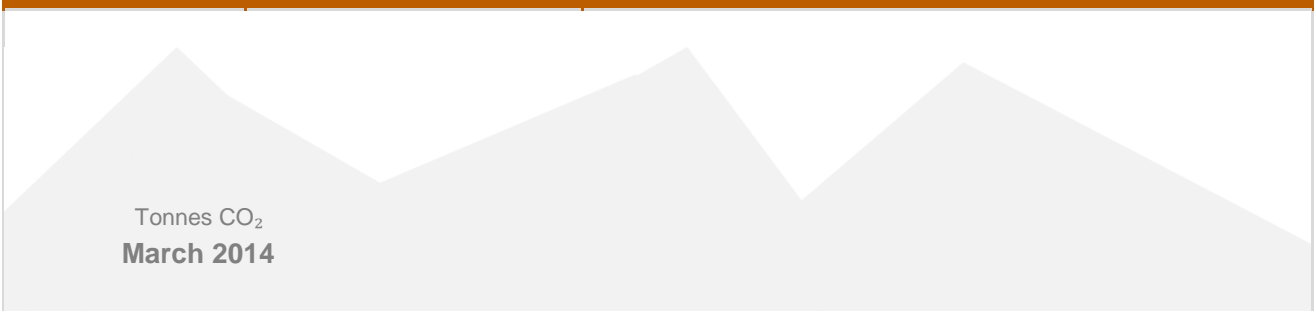
The dataset is made up of 4 key sectors:-

- \* Industry and Commercial
- \* Domestic
- \* Transport
- \* Land Use/change and Forestry

The emissions for Lincolnshire are expressed as the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted per person (capita).

The dataset can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-local-authority-and-regional-carbon-dioxide-emissions-national-statistics>

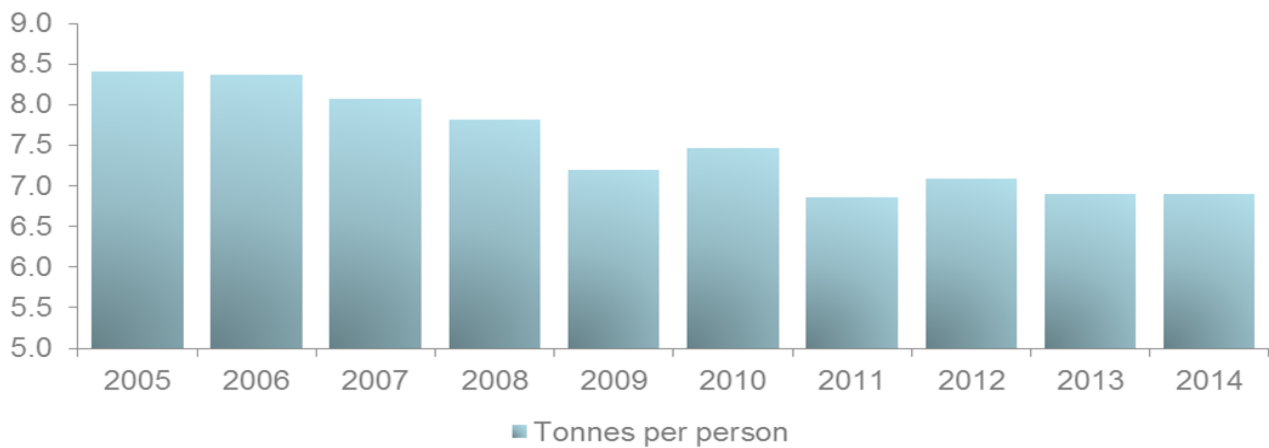
Measured



About the latest performance

## Further details

### Per Capita CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for Lincolnshire



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Tonnes per person	8.4	8.4	8.1	7.8	7.2	7.5	6.8	7.1	6.9	6.9

## About the target


This measure is reported to provide context to the outcome reduce carbon emissions. It is not appropriate to set a target for this measure.

## About the target range

A target range is not applicable as this is a contextual measure.

## About benchmarking

The Lincolnshire data set can be benchmarked against other local authorities, the East Midlands, England and the UK as a whole.



## Businesses Are Supported to Grow

Increase recycling

### Recycling at County Council owned Household Waste Recycling Centres

This measure excludes all sites which are not owned by Lincolnshire County Council as the Council has limited control and influence over what streams are recycled.


Performance includes some estimates where actual figures are not yet available. Officially approved data is available four months after the end of the Quarter to which it applies.


Achieved

76.8

%

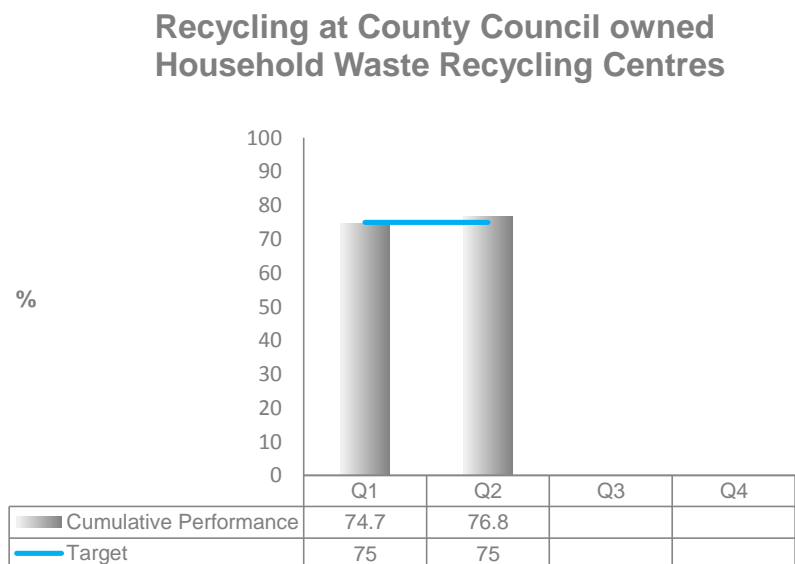
Quarter 2 September 2016



75

%

Target for September 2016



#### About the latest performance

We are managing to sustain a HWRC recycling rate over 75%, even in these difficult financial times, with the overall rate for 2016/17 forecasted as 75.4%. This is lower than the figure for the year to date because composting reduces in the Winter.

#### Further details

Infographics for waste-related measures are being revised and replaced to make them clearer. The new version should be available for the Quarter 3 reporting.

#### About the target


The annual target of 75% represents a sustaining of our previous high performance.

#### About the target range

No target range has been set for this target.

#### About benchmarking

Availability of data for other authorities is limited as this has never been an official National Indicator.



## Businesses Are Supported to Grow

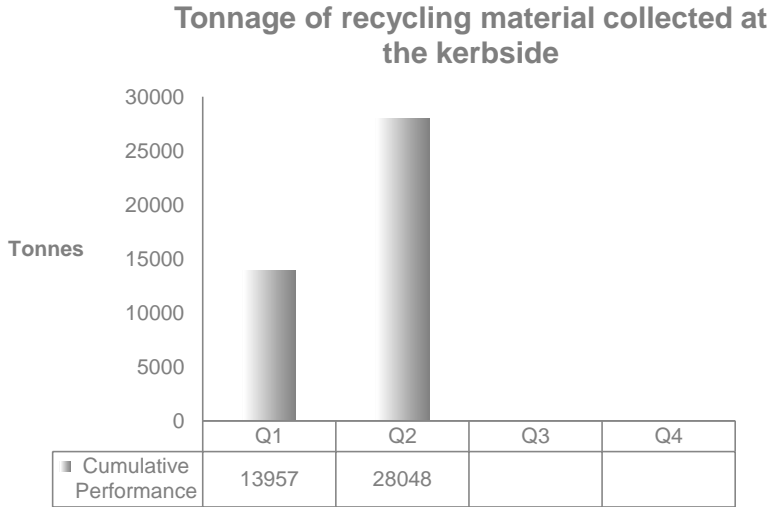
Increase recycling

### Tonnage of recycling material collected at the kerbside

The tonnage of recycling material collected at the kerbside depends on how much is presented by the public in kerbside recycling collections and on how much of that material has to be excluded due to it being non-recyclable. This measure excludes waste that has been 'rejected' so that we can see how much recyclable material was collected.

Performance includes some estimates where actual figures are not yet available. Officially approved data is available four months after the end of the Quarter to which it applies.

⇒ Measured ⇐



About the latest performance

Our Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs) continue to collect a similar total tonnage in kerbside recycling collections but, unfortunately, around 20% of what they collect turns out to be non-recyclable. Whilst the reported level of contamination (non-recyclables) has stabilised following a rise last year, this issue needs to be addressed with the WCAs as part of the next Mixed Dry Recycling contract to ensure we have a resource which is more acceptable to the processing contractors.

#### Further details

New measure for 2016/2017, so further information unavailable for previous years.

#### About the target

This measure is included for context and so it is not appropriate to set a target for this measure.

#### About the target range

No target range has been set for this target.

#### About benchmarking

As tonnage collected depends on the size of a Local Authority, comparisons with other councils is not meaningful.





## Businesses Are Supported to Grow

### Increase recycling

### Household waste recycled

The percentage of waste collected by either the County or District Councils which was reused, recycled or composted.

Performance includes some estimates where actual figures are not yet available. Officially approved data is available four months after the end of the Quarter to which it applies.



Improving but  
not achieved

51.9

% recycled

Quarter 2 September 2016

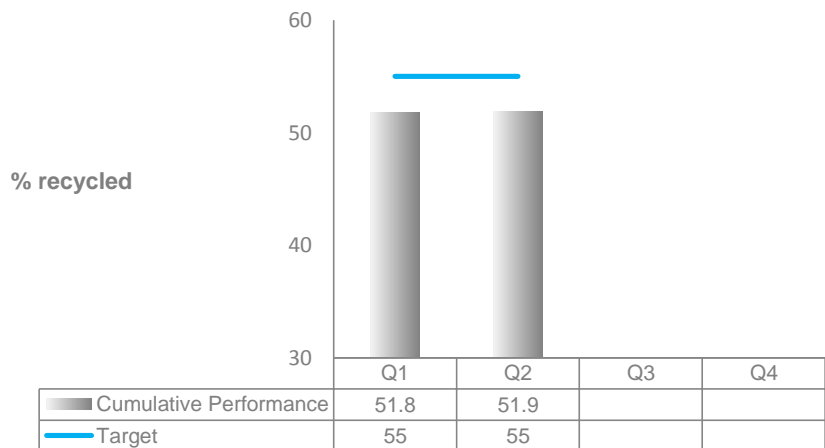


55

% recycled

Target for September 2016

### Household waste recycled



### About the latest performance

Our recycling rate is higher than at the same stage in 2015/16 due to a return to 2014/15 levels of composting following a fall last year. As composting reduces in Winter, we are forecasting an overall recycling rate of 47.4% for 2016/17, which is marginally higher than in 2015/16. The aspirational target of 55% was set in our Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy which needs to be addressed in the production of a revised Strategy.

#### Further details

Infographics for waste-related measures are being revised and replaced to make them clearer. The new version should be available for the Quarter 3 reporting.

#### About the target


The annual target of 55% was set as a long-term aspiration in our Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (2008).

#### About the target range

Given the number of separate figures which go into this calculation, a target range of +/- 0.5 percentage points allows for small fluctuations to remain on target.

#### About benchmarking

National data is available for each Local Authority. However, given the delay in finalising official figures, this is usually only available for the previous year.



## Businesses Are Supported to Grow

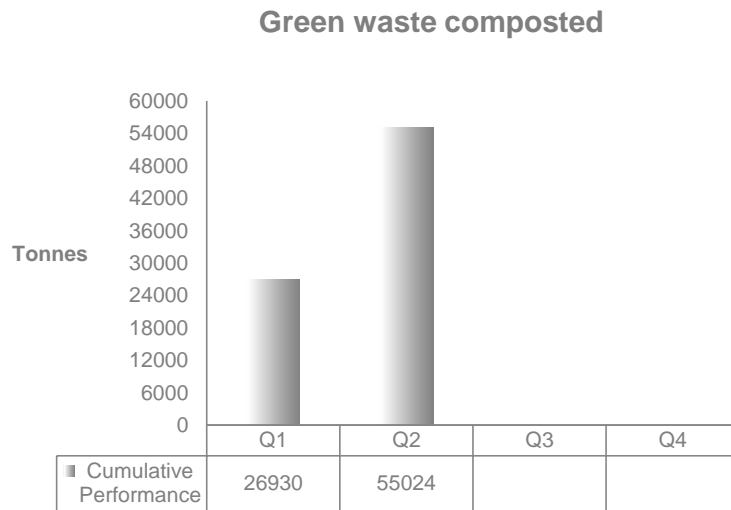
Increase recycling

### Green waste composted

The tonnage of green waste collected by either the County or District Councils which was sent for composting.

Performance includes some estimates where actual figures are not yet available. Officially approved data is available four months after the end of the Quarter to which it applies.

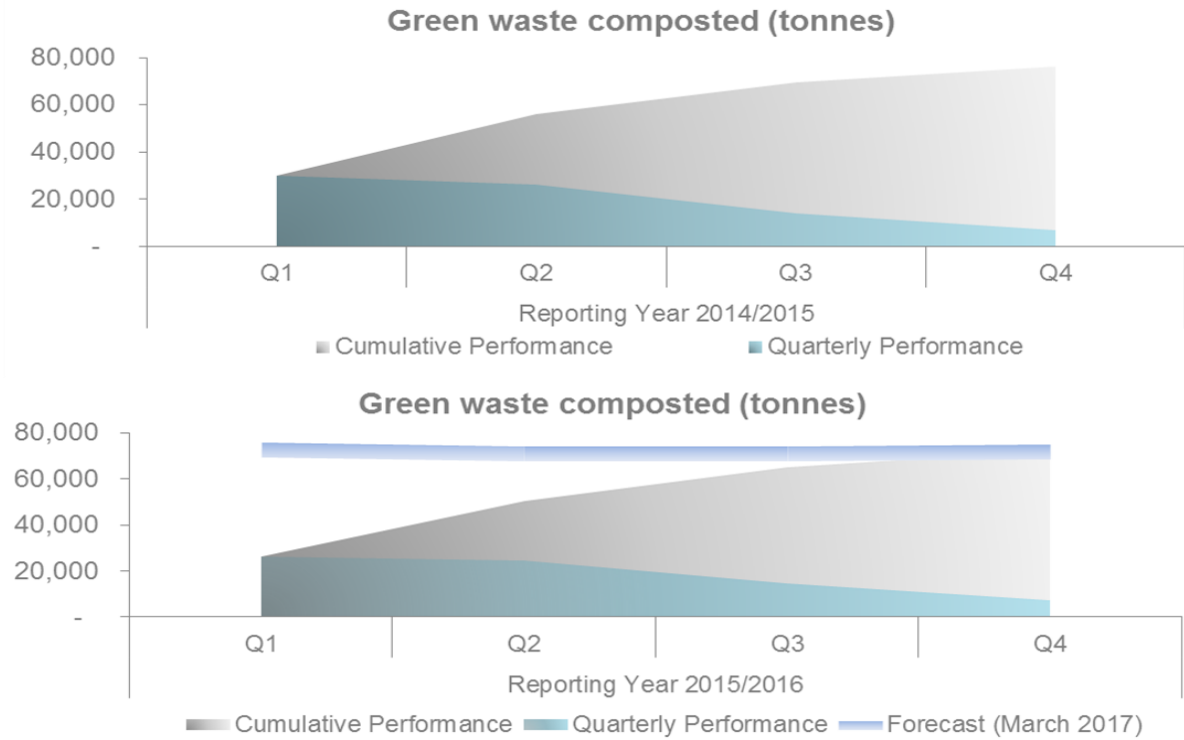
Measured



#### About the latest performance

Green waste composting has returned to 2014/15 levels following a fall last year. Whilst there is a possibility that the effect of collection charges introduced by our Waste Collection Authorities has now passed, it should be noted that some charges are increasing, which may have a further impact.

Further details



	Reporting Year 2014/2015				Reporting Year 2015/2016			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Quarterly Performance</b>	29,796	26,124	13,665	6,592	26,188	24,368	14,548	7,238
<b>Cumulative Performance</b>	29,796	55,920	69,585	76,177	26,188	50,556	65,104	72,342
<b>Forecast (March 2017)</b>					72,600	70,821	71,063	71,909

About the target

No target has been set, as this is measured for reference purposes. The tonnage composted depends on how much green waste is presented to us by the public and external factors such as weather conditions.

About the target range

A target range is not applicable as this is a contextual measure.

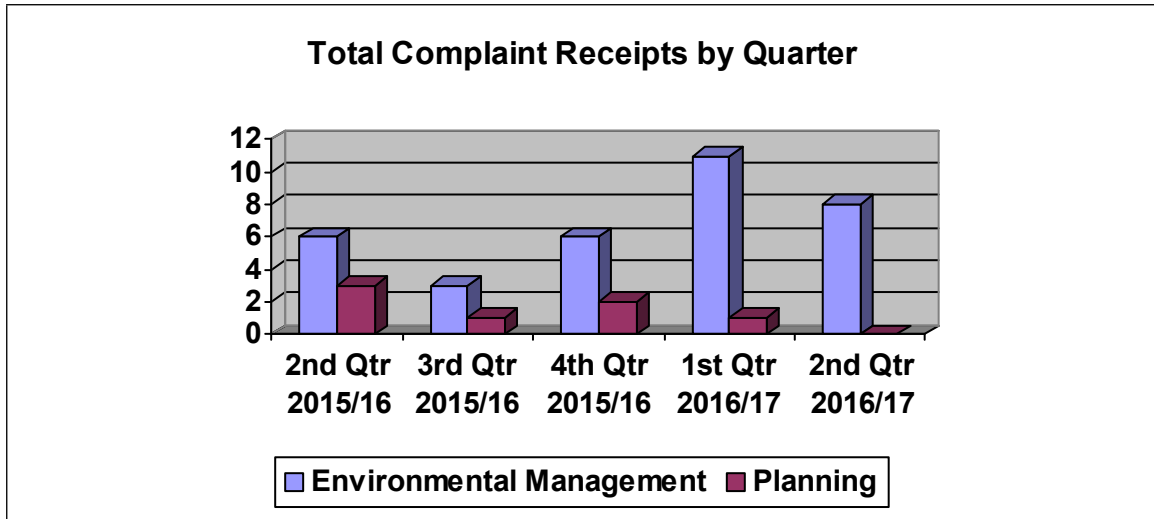
About benchmarking

As tonnage of waste composted depends on the size of a Local Authority, comparisons with other councils is not meaningful.

## Customer Satisfaction Information – Scrutiny Committees

<b>Environmental Scrutiny Committee</b>		
<b>Date Range for Report</b>	1st of July – 30th of September (1st of April – 30th of June 2016)	
<b>Total number of complaints received across all LCC service area.</b>	117(152)* individual school complaints not included	
<b>Total number of complaints relating to <u>Environmental Scrutiny Committee</u></b>	8 (12)	
<b>Total number of compliments relating to <u>Environmental Scrutiny Committee</u></b>	6 (12)	
<b>Total Service Area Complaints</b>	Environmental Management	8 (11)
	Planning	0 (1)
<b>Service Area Environmental Management Complaint Reasons</b>	Breach of Confidence	0 (0)
	Conduct/Attitude/Rudeness of staff	2 (1)
	Disability	0 (0)
	Disagree with Policy	2 (5)
	Disagree with Procedure	1 (2)
	Insufficient Information Provided	0 (0)
	Other	0 (0)
	Policy of LCC not to Provide Service (L)	0 (0)
	Procedural - other	1 (3)
	Procedure not followed	0 (0)
	Race	0 (0)
	Service Delay	2 (0)
<b>Service Area Planning Complaint Reasons</b>	Breach of Confidence	0 (0)
	Conduct/Attitude/Rudeness of staff	0 (0)
	Disability	0 (0)
	Disagree with Policy	0 (0)
	Disagree with Procedure	0 (0)
	Insufficient Information Provided	0 (0)
	Lack of Choice	0 (0)
	Other	0 (0)
	Procedural - other	0 (0)
	Professional - other	0 (0)
	Service Delay	0 (1)
<b>Service Area Compliments</b>	Environmental Management	6 (12)
	Planning	0 (0)

<b>How many LCC Corporate complaints have not been resolved within service standard</b>	8 (4)
<b>Number of complaints referred to Ombudsman</b>	8 (5)



#### Summary

##### LCC Overview of Complaints

The total number of LCC complaints received this Quarter (Q2) shows a 23% decrease on the previous quarter (Q1). When comparing this Quarter with Q2 of 2015/16, there is a 21% decrease when 149 complaints were received.

##### Overall Environmental Management & Planning Complaints

The overall complaints received for Environmental Management & Planning this Quarter has decreased by 4 complaints compared to the previous Quarter (Q1), when 12 were received. In Quarter 2 2015/16 there were 9 complaints.

##### Environmental Management Complaints

This Quarter Environmental Management has received 8 complaints which is a decrease of 4 from last Quarter when 12 were received. The complaints were regarding:

- 2 complaints were regarding the staff at two household waste recycling centres, Louth and Gainsborough.
- 1 complaint was regarding the removal of Saturday waste collection in Stamford.
- 1 complaint was regarding the wildlife area that has been created in Chapel St Leonards.
- 1 complaint was regarding horse racing at Moggs Eye.
- 1 complaint was regarding the failure to clear public rights of way despite receiving email confirming it would be done by a certain date.
- 1 complaint was regarding public rights of way in Beckingham that was described as being overrun with weeds and with no signs directing the walker.
- 1 complaint was regarding the decision to close Whisby household waste recycling centre.

Out of the 8 complaints, 2 were recorded as substantiated and 6 were recorded as not substantiated.

#### Planning Complaints

This Quarter Planning received 0 complaints which is a decrease of 1 from last Quarter when 1 was received.

#### Overall Compliments

The overall compliments received for Environmental Management and Planning has decreased by 6 compliments this Quarter. Which is a decrease of 6 when last Quarter, 12 compliments were received.

#### Environmental Management Compliments

Environmental Management received 6 compliments this Quarter.

The compliments were:

- 3 compliments were regarding the removal of obstructions and restoration of public footpaths.
- 3 compliments were regarding helpful and friendly staff. 1 was for Market Rasen household waste recycling centre and 2 were for Boston household waste recycling centre.

#### Planning Compliments

Planning received 0 compliments this Quarter.

#### Ombudsman Complaints

In Quarter 2 of 2016/17, 8 LCC complaints were registered with the Ombudsman. None of these complaints were recorded against Environmental services.

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**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills,  
Director responsible for Democratic Services**

Report to:	<b>Environmental Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>02 December 2016</b>
Subject:	<b>Environmental Scrutiny Committee Work Programme</b>

**Summary:**

This item enables the Committee to consider and comment on the content of its work programme for the coming year to ensure that scrutiny activity is focused where it can be of greatest benefit. Members are encouraged to highlight items that could be included for consideration in the work programme.

The work programme will be reviewed at each meeting of the Committee to ensure that its contents are still relevant and will add value to the work of the Council and partners.

**Actions Required:**

Members of the Committee are invited to consider and comment on the work programme as set out in Appendix A to this report and highlight any additional scrutiny activity that could be included for consideration in the work programme.

### 1. Background

The Committee's work programme for the coming year is attached at Appendix A to this report. The Committee is invited to consider and comment on the content of the work programme.

#### Work Programme Definitions

Set out below are the definitions used to describe the types of scrutiny, relating to the items on the Work Programme:

Budget Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising the previous year's budget, or the current year's budget or proposals for the future year's budget.

Pre-Decision Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising a proposal, prior to a decision on the proposal by the Executive, the Executive Councillor or a senior officer.

Performance Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising periodic performance, issue specific performance or external inspection reports.

Policy Development - The Committee is involved in the development of policy, usually at an early stage, where a range of options are being considered.

Consultation - The Committee is responding to (or making arrangements to) respond to a consultation, either formally or informally. This includes pre-consultation engagement.

Status Report - The Committee is considering a topic for the first time where a specific issue has been raised or members wish to gain a greater understanding.

Update Report - The Committee is scrutinising an item following earlier consideration.

Scrutiny Review Activity - This includes discussion on possible scrutiny review items; finalising the scoping for the review; monitoring or interim reports; approval of the final report; and the response to the report.

## **2. Conclusion**

To consider and comment on the Work Programme.

## **3. Consultation**

### **a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

This report does not require policy proofing.

## **4. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Flood and Drainage Management Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

## **5. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE &  
FLOOD AND DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Chairman:** Councillor Lewis Strange

**Vice Chairman:** Councillor Victoria Ayling

<b>02 December 2016</b> <b>Environmental Scrutiny Committee</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Water Recycling Centres Update	Brian Kane, Regional Treatment Manager (Anglian Water)	Update Report
Update on English Coastal Path	Chris Miller, Team Leader – Countryside Services	Update Report
Performance Report, Quarter 2 (1 July to 30 September 2016)	Sean Kent, Group Manager Environmental Services	Performance Scrutiny

<b>09 December 2016</b> <b>Flood And Drainage Management Scrutiny Committee</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Insurance Industry Update	Seth Williams, Head of Public Affairs, Association of British Insurers	Status Report
Update from Severn Trent Water	Adam Boucher, Wholesale Operations Waste Team Manger	Update Report
Environment Agency Update	Deborah Campbell, Flood and Coastal Risk Manager; John Ray, Senior Advisor, Flood & Coastal Risk Management (Environment Agency)	Update Report
Verbal update from the Water Companies and Statutory Consultee Planning Application Process Working Group	Mark Welsh, Flood Risk and Development Manager	Verbal Update
Stamp End Flood Alleviation Scheme – Update	Mark Welsh, Flood Risk and Development Manager	Presentation
Investigations held under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010	Mark Welsh, Flood Risk and Development Manager	Update Report

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Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2017/18	Michelle Grady, Head of Finance (Communities)	Budget Scrutiny
Outcome of Lincolnshire Waste Partnership Audit	Sean Kent, Group Manager Environmental Services	Status Report

<b>03 March 2017</b>		
<b>Flood And Drainage Management Scrutiny Committee</b>		
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Investigations held under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010	Mark Welsh, Flood Risk and Development Manager	Update Report
Environment Agency Update	Deborah Campbell, Flood and Coastal Risk Manager (Environment Agency)	Update Report
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Performance Report, Quarter 3 (1 October to 31 December 2016)	Sean Kent, Group Manager Environmental Services	Performance Scrutiny

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**Forward Plan of Decisions relating to Environmental Scrutiny Committee**

DEC REF	MATTERS FOR DECISION	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	PEOPLE/GROUPS CONSULTED PRIOR TO DECISION	DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR DECISION	HOW AND WHEN TO COMMENT PRIOR TO THE DECISION BEING TAKEN	RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER AND CHIEF OFFICER	KEY DECISION YES/NO	DIVISIONS AFFECTED

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