

Open Report on behalf of Keith Ireland, Chief Executive

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	25 October 2018
Subject:	Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee • Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee

Summary:

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board reviews the work programme of each scrutiny committee on a quarterly basis, with the focus on two or three scrutiny committee work programmes at each meeting.

This report sets out the work programmes of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee; and the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

Actions Required:

- 1) The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is invited to consider the content of the work programmes of the **Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee** (Appendix A); and the **Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee** (Appendix B).

1. Background

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board review the work programmes of each scrutiny committee and each scrutiny committee on a quarterly basis. To facilitate this, the chairman of each scrutiny committee would be invited to provide an update on the work of their committee and any working groups, and highlight future items on which their committee would be focusing.

The table below sets out the reporting timetable for 2018/19:

Scrutiny Committee	First Review	Second Review	Third Review
Adults and Community Wellbeing	26 April 2018	30 August 2018	29 November 2018
Health			

Scrutiny Committee	First Review	Second Review	Third Review
Children and Young People	24 May 2018	27 September 2018	20 December 2018
Public Protection and Communities			
Environment and Economy	28 June 2018	25 October 2018	31 January 2019
Highways and Transport			
Flood and Water Management			

Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee

The work programme of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee is attached at Appendix A. Councillor Barry Dobson, the Chairman of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee, will be making a statement to provide supporting information on the content of the work programme.

Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee

The work programme of the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee is attached at Appendix B. Councillor Mike Brookes, the Chairman of the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee, will be making a statement to provide supporting information on the content of the work programme.

2. Conclusion

As part of the new reporting arrangements of the work programmes of scrutiny committees, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is asked to consider the work programmes of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee, and the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

Not Applicable

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Not Applicable

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
Appendix B	Highways and Transport 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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ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Since the last report of this Committee to the Board on 28 June 2018, two meetings of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee have taken place. The key issues that the Committee has considered are:

Revitalising our Highstreets

In July 2018 the Committee considered trends that are taking place in the nation's high streets and the work carried out by the Local Government Association into high street vitality. High Streets have recently experienced some high profile losses with some companies disappearing altogether (Maplin and Toys R Us), while others are planning wide reaching store closures.

In Lincolnshire there are signs of significant investment in the County including plans for Lincoln's Cornhill Quarter and the area around Sincil Street and Exchange Square; a proposed new retail development in Sleaford; and ongoing vibrancy of Marshall's Yard in Gainsborough.

The Committee considered work undertaken by the Local Government Association to produce a toolkit to help local authorities to understand the various steps that they could make in supporting high streets through this period of change. The toolkit shows that more responsibilities are at district than county level, but nonetheless it highlighted a useful description of issues that could be addressed.

Given the importance of issues relating to the high street it is important to examine how LCC's various services support high street revitalisation. The Committee supported the formation of a working group to enable this to happen.

Greater Lincolnshire Local Industrial Strategy

In July 2018 the Committee considered an update on the progress towards the production of a Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) following on from a previous item considered in January 2018. As a founding partner of the LEP the Committee endorsed Lincolnshire County Council playing a strong role in supporting the LEP's production of the Local Industrial Strategy.

The Committee considered and endorsed the work undertaken and supported the following areas of focus for a future strategy:

- Food processing productivity
- National Centre for Rural Health
- Future skills needs
- Test bed area for rural energy solutions
- Future proofing our sectors through digitalisation

The Committee will receive a further update on this item towards the end of the year and considered the proposed draft strategy once completed.

Permitted development for shale gas exploration Consultation

In September 2018 the Committee considered responses to two Government consultations in respect to the planning process for shale gas developments. The first consultation by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government sought views on the relaxation of planning controls for the exploration of shale gas. The second consultation by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy invited comments on a proposal to include shale gas production projects within the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) regime.

The Committee highlighted concern that permitted development rights for development allow the grant of planning permission by the General Permitted Development (England) Order 2015 without the need for a formal planning application. The Committee unanimously endorsed the proposed responses and the need for timely planning decisions whilst also ensuring local communities are fully involved in planning decisions for developments that will impact on them.

The Committee will continue to monitor this area and receive additional items as required.

Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS)

In September 2018 the Committee revisited the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. A previous Consultation Draft JMWMS came before Environment and Economy Scrutiny in April 2018. The Committee considered a revised version in line with consultation feedback including from the committee. The Revised Draft has now been endorsed by the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership (LWP), subject to minor modifications, with the recommendation that each partner council now formally adopts this JMWMS.

The Committee supported the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and recommended the Executive endorse the final JMWMS and to recommend its adoption by the County Council at its meeting on 14th December 2018.

Future Work Planned

30 OCTOBER 2018 – 10.00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Greater Lincolnshire Local Industrial Strategy	Cathy Jones, Policy Manager, Greater Lincolnshire LEP	Review of the work undertaken on the Greater Lincolnshire Local Industrial Strategy
Agri-Food Sector – Plan, Progress and Prospects	Justin Brown, Head of Economic Development	To provide an update on the agri-food sector plan and seek advice from members on next steps
Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership – Accountable Body Progress Report	Linsay Hill Pritchard, Principal Commissioning Officer	To scrutinise performance of the projects funded by greater Lincolnshire LEP (NB. Lincolnshire County Council is the accountable body for the GLLEP)
Agriculture Bill	Vanessa Strange, Accessibility and Growth Manager	Update on the Government's Agriculture Bill

27 NOVEMBER 2018 – 10.00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Household Waste Recycling Centres	Sean Kent, Group Manager Environmental Services	TBC
Visitor Economy Sector – Plan, Progress and Prospects	Mary Powell, Tourism Manager	To provide an update on the visitor economy sector plan and seek advice from members on next steps
Coastal Tourism Marketing	Mary Powell, Tourism Manager	To update members on tools that have been developed to promote Lincolnshire's green coast
Co-commissioning Historic Environment Services	David Hickman, Growth & Environment Commissioner	To shape development of a more integrated approach to LCC services relating to the historic environment.
Quarter 2 Performance Report (1 July to 30 September 2018)	Justin Brown, Commissioner for Economic Growth, David Hickman, Growth and Environment Commissioner	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information.

15 JANUARY 2019 – 10.00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2019/20	Andy Gutherson, County Commissioner Economy and Place; Justin Brown, Commissioner for Economic Growth; David Hickman, Growth and Environment Commissioner	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Budget Proposals for 2019/20
Third Carbon Management Plan	Vanessa Strange, Accessibility and Growth Manager	Review of the initial draft of the third Carbon Management Plan
LEP Review	Ruth Carver, LEP Director	To update members on the emerging implications of the LEP and recommend any required LCC actions
Holbeach Food Enterprise Zone	Simon Wright, Regeneration Projects Manager and Ian Walker, Senior Project Manager	To update members on the Holbeach FEZ
Skegness Countryside Business Park	Tanya Vaughan, Senior Project Manager	

26 FEBRUARY 2019 – 10.00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 3 Performance Report (1 October to 31 December 2018)	Justin Brown, Commissioner for Economic Growth, David Hickman, Growth and Environment Commissioner	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information.
Recommendations of High Street Revitalisation working group	Justin Brown, Commissioner for Economic Growth	To review the findings of the working group before making recommendations to the Executive Councillor (Economy and Place)
Learning points from DfE/GLLEP Skills Pilot Project	Clare Hughes, Skills Manager, Greater Lincolnshire LEP	Review of the programme to assist people in retraining to higher qualifications

26 FEBRUARY 2019 – 10.00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership – Accountable Body Progress Report	Linsay Hill Pritchard, Principal Commissioning Officer	To scrutinise performance of the projects funded by greater Lincolnshire LEP (NB. Lincolnshire County Council is the accountable body for the GLLEP)
Lincolnshire Utility Strategy	Andrew Brooks, Regeneration Manager	To update members on the progress and next steps for the Lincolnshire utility strategy
Team Lincolnshire Programme 2019/2020	Jill McCarthy, Investment Team Manager	To update members on the Team Lincolnshire programme to attract investment into the county

09 APRIL 2019 – 10.00am North Sea Observatory, Chapel St Leonards		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Lincolnshire Broadband Programme Progress Report	Steve Brookes, Lincolnshire Broadband Programme Manager	Review of the implementation of the Lincolnshire Broadband Programme (Onlincolnshire).
LCC Business Centres and economic development portfolio progress report/occupancy figures	Simon Wright, Regeneration Projects Manager, Emma McCuddon Woodcock and Alistair Humphreys, Regeneration projects Officers	To scrutinise occupancy levels at LCC's economic development portfolio
Scale up Business Advice	Samantha Harrison, Enterprise Growth Manager	To scrutinise performance of the Business Growth Hub's scale up programme and make recommendations on enhancing the service as appropriate
Lincolnshire's relationship with Hunan, China Emerging Priorities	Angela Driver / Simon Murphy, Senior Enterprise Growth Officers	a review of progress and debate about next steps

For more information about the work of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee please contact Daniel Steel, Scrutiny Officer on 01522 552102 or by e-mail at daniel.steel@lincolnshire.gov.uk

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Since the last report of this Committee to the Board on 28 June 2018, two meetings of the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee have taken place. The key issues that the Committee has considered are:

Route and Place Based Transport Strategies

In July 2018 the Committee considered the benefits of clear Transport Strategies in the delivery of improvements to the transport network through the identification of policies and proposals founded on a sound evidence base. The Committee considered proposals for the future of the Route and Place Based Transport Strategies across Lincolnshire and endorsed the proposed model for creating these various strategies.

The Committee determined to receive an annual report on the progress of the overall development of Route and Place Based Transport Strategies for the County, and also to consider each individual strategy at an appropriate point in its lifecycle. The Committee propose to review the Boston and Lincoln transport strategies later in 2018.

Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan

In September 2018 the Committee considered the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (HIAMP) which sets out the policies and standards around Highways Maintenance. The Committee supported a robust Asset Management Plan as an instrumental tool towards achieving the aim of maintaining Band 3 Highways status and align with the Well Maintained Highways – Code of Practice.

The Committee unanimously supported the recommendations to the Executive Councillor on this item and supported response times becoming more risk based due to the increase in inspections, and the opportunity for Highways Officers to escalate or de-escalate a defect through a risk assessment.

The Committee highlighted the essential need for Member-led input for escalation based on the number of enquiries to elected representatives being fed to the Highways Officer, or sent through our web portal.

The Committee highlighted the high quality of the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan and recommended that the Overview Scrutiny Management Board consider that the style of the report should be endorsed as good practice to other Council departments.

The Committee plan to review the HIAMP on an annual basis.

North Hykeham Relief Road Business case

In September 2018 the Committee considered the length and type of carriageway, for the North Hykeham Relief Road prior to the completion of the Outline Business Case. The Committee supported a dual carriageway from the A46 (Pennells' roundabout) to connect with the roundabout at the A15 (currently being constructed as part of the Lincoln Eastern Bypass). As the final phase of the ring road around Greater Lincoln and North Hykeham, the Committee felt this would give added resilience and increase traffic relief on the A46.

CCTV Pilot Scheme for Parking enforcement outside schools

At the September meeting the Committee reviewed the CCTV enforcement trial implemented outside eight schools within the County. The Committee previously supported and recommended that Lincolnshire County Council implement a trial scheme involving a CCTV vehicle to monitor motorist's behaviour on school keep clear markings. The scheme was implemented in January 2017 and is currently ongoing.

The Committee considered progress of the trial over the last 18 months and highlighted a number of areas for future development, and queried whether there were other options that could have a wider benefit to schools across Lincolnshire.

The Committee endorse that a decision be taken for the trial be extended for a final time for further 12 months until the end of 2019 on the understanding that a Working Group is established in early 2019 to consider more detailed information and the possible outcomes / recommendations from this trial scheme.

The Committee will continue to review this area of work during 2019.

Future Work Planned

22 OCTOBER 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Engagement with Network Rail	Network Rail	Annual engagement session with Network Rail which will include details of network performance and discussion of any key issues or concerns in Lincolnshire.
Highways 2020 Update	Paul Rusted, Infrastructure Commissioner	Update on progress towards replacement arrangements for Highways 2020.
New Highways Operating Model VfM Assessment	Paul Rusted, Infrastructure Commissioner	Consideration of the value for money assessment for the New Highways Operating Model.

22 OCTOBER 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Effective Highways Communication	Satish Shah, Network Manager	Review of the work being undertaken to enhance service users' experience with regards to the Highways and Transport services.

10 DECEMBER 2018 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 2 Performance Report (1 July to 30 September 2018)	Paul Rusted, Infrastructure Commissioner	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information.
Lincoln Transport Strategy	Sam Edwards, Major Schemes and Design Commissioner	
Boston Transport Strategy Progress Report	Sam Edwards, Major Schemes and Design Commissioner	Review of the progress for the Boston Transport Strategy.
Lincolnshire Connected	Vanessa Strange, Accessibility and Growth Manager; Ian Kitchen, Transport Policy Manager	Update on the work being undertaken in relation to future infrastructure requirements.
Highways Grass Cutting and Control of Weeds Update	Paul Little, Highway Asset Manager	Review of the current arrangements for Grass Cutting and Control of Weeds following the 2018 season.

21 JANUARY 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2018/19	Andy Gutherson, County Commissioner Economy and Place, Paul Rusted, Infrastructure Commissioner	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Budget Proposals for 2018/19
Highways 2020 Update	Paul Rusted, Infrastructure Commissioner	Update on progress towards replacement arrangements for Highways 2020.
Permit Scheme Annual Report 2017/18	Mick Phoenix, Network Management Commissioner; Mandi Robinson Network Regulation Compliance Manager	Annual review of the Highway Permit Scheme.

21 JANUARY 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Parking Policy and Strategy	Matt Jones, Parking Services Manager	Consideration of an updated version of Lincolnshire County Council's parking policy and strategy.

11 MARCH 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 3 Performance Report (1 October to 31 December 2018)	Paul Rusted, Infrastructure Commissioner	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information.

29 APRIL 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Winter Maintenance – End of Year Report	Vincent VanDoninck, Policy and Strategic Asset Manager	Review of 2018/19 winter maintenance period.
Review of the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (HIAMP)	Vincent VanDoninck, Policy and Strategic Asset Manager	Review of the Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan.

10 JUNE 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 4 Performance Report (1 January to 31 March 2019)	Paul Rusted, Infrastructure Commissioner	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information and progress against the NHT Public Satisfaction Survey 2017 Action Plan
Route and Place Based Transport Strategies Annual Report	Sam Edwards, Major Schemes and Design Commissioner	Annual review of Route and Place Based Transport Strategies development.

Items to be programmed

- **A46 Dunholme / Welton Roundabout scheme**
- **Midlands Connect Update**
- **Review of Cycling Strategy**
- **Local Transport Plan**

- **Coastal Highway** – Teresa James, Senior Project Leader – *Review of the first phase of work and initial report on possible options.*
- **Review of the Lincolnshire 'Bus Strategy'**
- **Passenger Transport Strategy**
- **Re-consideration of the Speed Management in Lincolnshire Scrutiny Review - (20mph Limits and Zones)** – *To be reviewed once additional information is received from Government.*
- **Midlands Connect Sub National Transport Body**

Other

- A **CCTV Pilot Scheme Working Group** will commence in April 2019 and report back to the Committee in late 2019.

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