



**Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham,
Deputy Chief Executive & Executive Director – Resources**

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	12 March 2024
Subject:	Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee• Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee• Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee

Summary:

A key role for this Board is monitoring the work programmes of the other scrutiny committees, and to satisfy itself that it is content with each committee's work programme. Discussions on details of particular items are appropriately held at the relevant meeting of the scrutiny committee.

This report focuses on the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee, the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee, and includes information on activity since 25 January 2024, when reports on these two committees were last considered by the Board; and on the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee, which was last considered on 28 September 2023.

Actions Required:

- (1) The Board is requested to determine whether it is satisfied with the activity undertaken by:
 - (a) the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee since 25 January 2024;
 - (b) the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee since 25 January 2024; and
 - (c) the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee since 28 September 2023.

- (2) The Board is requested to determine whether it is satisfied with the planned work programme of:
 - (a) the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee;
 - (b) the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee; and
 - (c) the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee.

(3) The Board is requested to consider waiving the provision in the Constitution restricting the Storms Impact Working Group, established by the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee, to three meetings, thus enabling the Working Group to meet on more than three occasions.

1. Background

The Council's constitution includes in this Board's terms of reference the following two clauses: -

- To agree and monitor the ongoing overview and scrutiny work programme, in particular holding the chairmen and/or vice chairmen to account for their committee's work programme on a quarterly basis.
- To monitor and guide the activities of the other overview and scrutiny committees.

Committee Reporting Timetable

The table below sets out the planned reporting timetable until January 2025: -

Scrutiny Committee	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date
Adults and Community Wellbeing	25 Apr 24	31 Oct 24	30 Jan 25
Health			
Children and Young People	30 May 24	29 Aug 24	28 Nov 24
Public Protection and Communities			
Environment and Economy	12 Mar 24	27 June 24	26 Sep 24
Highways and Transport			
Flood and Water Management			

Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee

Since 25 January 2024, when a report was last submitted, the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee has met on 27 February 2024. Appendix A sets out the key activities and future programme of the Committee.

Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee

Since 25 January 2024, when a report was last submitted, the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee has met on 29 January 2024 and 4 March 2024. Appendix B sets out the key activities and future programme of the Committee.

Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee

Since 28 September 2023, when a report was last submitted, the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee has met on 27 November 2023 and 19 February 2024. Appendix C sets out the key activities and future programme of the Committee. It also includes information on the Committee's Storms Impact Working Group and a series of site visits undertaken on 16 October 2023.

Storms Impact Working Group

The County Council's Constitution enables each scrutiny committee to establish a working group for a particular purpose and each working group may meet up to a maximum of three occasions. Where a working group plans to meet on more than three occasions this Board's approval is required. As set out in Appendix C, the Storms Impact Working Group currently has six meetings planned and the Board's approval is sought to waive the provision in the Constitution, thus enabling the Storms Impact Working Group to hold more than three meetings.

2. Conclusion

The Board is asked to consider whether it is satisfied with the previous activity and the planned work programmes of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee, the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee, and the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee.

3. Appendices

These are listed below: -

Appendix A	Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee – Activity and Planned Work
Appendix B	Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee – Activity and Planned Work
Appendix C	Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee – Activity and Planned Work

4. 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

ACTIVITY REPORT

Since 25 January 2024, when a report was last submitted, the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee has met on 27 February 2024. Full details on all the items considered at these meetings are available on the County Council's website:

A. PREVIOUS ACTIVITY

27 February 2024	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Visitor Economy Update	<p>The report outlined the performance of the visitor economy businesses which were in the past year faced with adverse weather, economic difficulties, staff shortages and reduced opening hours. Despite these challenges, the Council had demonstrated strategic leadership by supporting the sector through initiatives such as visitlincolnshire.com and other measures. Additional efforts included providing direct support, implementing development programmes, and employing tools to enhance the overall visitor experience. The primary strategic objectives remained focused on the count of higher spending overnight visitors to the county.</p> <p>Key points raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members emphasised the need for championing Lincolnshire as a destination of choice. • Great effort was made into attracting journalists in the county as well as advertising through established avenues to attract new visitors. • Visitlincolnshire.com was going from strength to strength. • Members requested that a future report be added to the Committee's work programme pertinent to the objectives for the Strategic Plan for the visitor economy in Lincolnshire.
Greater Lincolnshire Internationalisation Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2024 – Update	<p>The report outlined the progress made in implementing the action plan associated with the Greater Lincolnshire Internationalisation Strategy launched in Q4 of 2022. The strategy recognised existing support for businesses involved in international trade and identified opportunities for improvement in knowledge sharing, collaboration, coordination and centralisation of information. The update highlighted successful initiatives emphasising that international trade remained a priority.</p>

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<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
	<p>Key points raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members raised concerns about EU exports being down post-Brexit due to red tape, impacting small and medium businesses. Officers acknowledged the administrative changes affecting exports but mentioned a shift toward other global markets, and export volumes are back to pre-COVID levels.• Members emphasised the need for detailed statistics, especially at the local level, to understand the impact of Brexit on businesses; and expressed the importance of having data at the local level and suggested the committee's role in lobbying for more granular information. Officers explained the historical commercial sensitivity around HMRC data, and Department for Business and Trade's reluctance to share more granular information.• The committee was informed of the Exemplar Council recognition for their effective support in international trade.• It was explained that Team Lincolnshire was an ambassador programme supporting both export strategies and inward investment; this fed into the Council's efforts.
Inward Investment Strategic Plan	<p>The report outlined the development of the inward investment strategic plan, collaboratively crafted with input from Team Lincolnshire Steering Group comprising of members from the public and private sectors dedicated to advancing greater Lincolnshire's prosperity. This update built further upon the plan approved in January 2023, introducing new strategic aims and objectives aligned with the investment priorities of Lincoln County Council and Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership. Furthermore, the report included an interim performance update detailing progress against key performance indicators up to January 2024.</p> <p>Key points raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As part of LCC's strategic plan, ambassadorship was grown into North Lincolnshire and NE Lincolnshire to be more representative of the whole county.• Recruitment into the Ambassador programmed remained a focus and Officers were in contact with businesses that were interested in taking part in that.• LCC was taking part as a Greater Lincolnshire Pavilion at UKREiF 2024, representing the whole of Greater Lincolnshire as part and parcel of presenting one voice to the investor community about the opportunities across Lincolnshire. The pavilion was being set up on a sector basis so it aligned to the inward investment strategy and was also supported by Team Lincolnshire Ambassadors.

27 February 2024

<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
<p>Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2023 - 2024 – Quarter 3</p>	<p>Members received an update on the performance of the Council’s Economy, Environment and Waste Service areas and reviewed Key Performance Indicators from Q3 of 2023-24.</p> <p>Key points raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 19 investigations’ number remained high with many being outstanding (recent storms were acknowledged as negatively contributing factors); Officers explained that some of these were complex and time-consuming investigations whereas other were very close to a sign off. Based on recent Council Budget decisions it was anticipated that further resource would contribute to improvements on the speed of resolution. • Near misses were discussed and assurances were offered that businesses are being looked after and investigated within flooding issues. Larger swathes of agricultural and other land types were also included. • Resolved S19 cases were forwarded to risk management authorities (i.e., Internal Drainage Boards, Environment Agency etc.); what followed was working closely with these to ensure resource allocated was wisely targeted to mitigate issues faced across the county. • Assurances were offered that the new contractors at the Household Waste Recycling Centres were proactively collaborating with the service area towards improving rates across the county. • Recycling of electronic devices, where these were proven to be fully functional and could be certified, or where these could be fixed and repurposed, was being considered. • Efforts were made towards influencing behavioural change in the consumer base. However, it was emphasised that what needed to be prioritised was working with the government and manufacturers and big companies (i.e., supermarkets) to influence their decisions about what packaging they provided to their customers, as well as managing customer expectations about what that should look like.
<p>Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Pilot – Contract Procurement</p>	<p align="center">EXEMPT REPORT CONSIDERATION</p> <p>The Committee considered and commented on a report that outlined the outcomes of the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure pilot procurement exercise and made a decision to suggest the recommended approach to the Executive Councillor for Highways Transport and IT unanimously.</p>

B. PLANNED ACTIVITY

16 APRIL 2024– 10:00am			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor(s)</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Introduction to East Atlantic Flying Way Heritage Site Bid	Chris Miller, Head of Environment	Scrutiny Report
2	Carbon Management Plan	Chris Miller, Head of Environment Dan Clayton, Sustainability Manager	[Pre-decision Scrutiny] (Executive Councillor Decision TBC)
3	Strategic Plan Objectives for the Visitor Economy in Lincolnshire	Mary Powel, Place & Investment Manager Justin Brown, Assistant Director, Growth	Scrutiny Report
4	Theddlethorpe Geological Disposal Facility Working Group – 6-Monthly Update	Justin Brown, Assistant Director, Growth	Scrutiny Report 6-monthly update on the work of the Theddlethorpe Geological Disposal Facility Working Group

28 MAY 2024– 10:00am			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor(s)</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Draft Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Preferred Approach	Adrian Winkley, Minerals and Waste Policy and Compliance Manager	[Pre-decision Scrutiny] (Executive Decision TBC)
2	Waste Transfer Station Improvements	Chris Yorston, Head of Waste	[Pre-decision Scrutiny] (Exec Cllr Decision 3 -7 June 2024)
3	LCC Business Centres and Economic Development Portfolio - Performance Report	Simon Wright, Regeneration and Portfolio Manager	Annual Position/Performance Report
4	Transition of Local Enterprise Partnerships	Justin Brown, Assistant Director -Growth	Scrutiny Report

09 JULY 2024– 10:00am			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor(s)</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Adult Learning Provision 2023-24 and plans for the 2024-25 academic year	Thea Croxall, Adult Learning & Skills Manager Jenny Riordan, Principal Officer for Learning and Skills	Annual Position Report

09 JULY 2024– 10:00am			
	<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor(s)</i>	<i>Notes</i>
2	Business Lincolnshire Growth Hub Annual Performance and Future Business Support Landscape	Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development	Annual Position Report
3	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2023 - 2024 – Quarter 4: <i>Economy, Flooding and Waste</i>	Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development Chris Miller, Head of Environment Chris Yorston, Head of Waste	Quarterly Service Performance Monitoring Report

10 SEPTEMBER 2024– 10:00am			
	<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor(s)</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Broadband Programme – Annual Position Report	Stephen Brookes, Broadband Programme Manager	Annual Position Report
2	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2024 - 2025 – Quarter 1: <i>Economy, Flooding and Waste</i>	Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development Chris Miller, Head of Environment Chris Yorston, Head of Waste	Quarterly Service Performance Monitoring Report
3	Sutton Bridge Place Making - Update Report	Mick King, Head of Economic Infrastructure	Project Update Scrutiny Report

15 OCTOBER 2024– 10:00am			
	<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor(s)</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	<i>Agenda to be populated</i>	<i>Agenda to be populated</i>	<i>Agenda to be populated</i>

26 NOVEMBER 2024– 10:00am			
	<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor(s)</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2024 - 2025 – Quarter 2: <i>Economy, Flooding and Waste</i>	Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development Chris Miller, Head of Environment Chris Yorston, Head of Waste	Quarterly Service Performance Monitoring Report

C. ITEMS TO BE PROGRAMMED

Topic	Est Date
Alternative Fuels	TBC
Climate Change Impact	2024
Elements of Environment Act- (Waiting for Gov Guidance/Updates)	2024
Food Waste Collection- (Waiting for Env Act Updates)	W/S 2024
Green Technology Grant	TBC
Historic Places Team Strategy	TBC
Horncastle Industrial Estate extension	TBC
Introduction to East Atlantic Flying Way Heritage Site Bid	W 2024
Lincolnshire Reservoir– Progress Updates	2024
Local Nature Recovery Strategy (inc. Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership Update)	TBC
Motorhomes & Campervans Working Group	W 2024
New Burdens Doctrine – Funding for Net Additional Costs	TBC
Property Green Agenda – potential guest presentation facilitated by Sustainability	TBC
Verge Biomass Management	TBC
Waste Performance Targets - Setting of Targets	TBC
Town Centre Improvements Action Plan Update	A 2024
Agri Sector Supports Action Plan Update	A 2024

A= Autumn, W= Winter, S=Spring, TBC= To be confirmed

D. SITE VISIT

Members will be visiting the Lincolnshire Energy from Waste North Hykeham site on 23rd May 2024 following agreement at the Committee's last meeting on 27th February 2024 were Members expressed their interest in developing greater understanding about the recycling process and performance scrutinised quarterly in meetings.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ACTIVITY REPORT

Since 25 January 2024, when a report was last submitted, the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee has met on 29 January 2024 and 4 March 2024.

A. PREVIOUS ACTIVITY

<i>29 January 2024</i>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals	<p>This pre-decision scrutiny report invited the Committee to consider the budget proposals for the next financial year 2024/25, regarding Highways and Transport.</p> <p>Points raised in presentation/discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget had been set in line with previous indications and had been calculated based on the provisional settlement made by the Government in December 2023. • Members raised concerns about the £12 million cut in the government budget for highways in 2021-22. Council decided to reinstate £12 million through local taxation, but the Department for Transport only announced a partial restoration of around £5 million. • Questions were raised about the sufficiency of the £4 million allocated for flooding issues. Officers clarified that it came from underspends, moved to the reserve and capital programme by the Executive. • Concerns about inflation's impact on Highways and Transport services budget were discussed. Officers mentioned government funding and contingency measures, like a £9 million reserve, to address unforeseen inflationary pressures. • Escalating costs in the educational transport budget, especially due to inflation, were discussed. Officers clarified that there's no specific contingency for transport in the future, but ongoing efforts are focused on managing budgetary challenges. • Reassurance was given that the £6 million contingency set aside for the future should be sufficient to cover potential challenges in the transport area and other issues. <p>The Committee approved the Recommendations to the decision maker(s).</p>

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<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
North Hykeham Relief Road – Land Assembly Preparation and Highways Matters	<p>This pre-decision scrutiny report invited the Committee to comment on and consider this item ahead of a decision by the Executive.</p> <p>Points raised in presentation/discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New changes to the proposal included: A left turning facility on the A45 roundabout; and Ecological mitigation initiatives following feedback from the consultation.• Members asked about additional funding for the Network North project, but detailed information from the government was pending.• Concerns were raised about the compulsory land purchase process, and negotiations were emphasised, with compulsory purchase orders used when necessary.• Valuations for residential properties were based on a "no scheme world" principle.• An inquiry about the parallel process with planning applications and public awareness was addressed. Assurance was given that major landowners were engaged, and public consultation had taken place.• Planning was clarified as a separate process, and a key decision for compulsory purchase order would only be made after planning consent.• The Section 6 agreement with National Highways was standard, and the relationship was positive.• A commuted sum for future maintenance of the project's asset was likely payable as part of the agreement. <p>The Committee approved the Recommendations to the decision maker(s).</p>
Civil Parking Enforcement - 2024 Contract and Notice Processing Solution	<p>This pre-decision scrutiny report invited the Committee to comment on and consider this item ahead of a decision by the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport, and IT.</p> <p>Points raised in presentation/discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approximately 44,000 penalty charges were issued per annum by the service, at a cost of £1.8million.• Soft market testing had been undertaken to evaluate service capabilities and the use of IT and intelligence systems to improve service efficiency. It was also determined that no one contract type was standard or preferred by the sector.• The proposals of the new contract were to consider a fully outsourced service, a hybrid service or a fully inhouse service. The recommendation ruled out a fully inhouse service due to associated increased levels of risk.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members sought assurance on enforcement flexibility, especially in offline locations like schools. • Concerns raised about the effectiveness of mobile cameras in certain situations. Officers acknowledged the need for flexibility and mentioned potential use of fixed-point cameras. • Hope for improved coverage using IT and a more mobile workforce was emphasised. Fixed-point cameras were considered cost-effective compared to mobile camera cars. • Ongoing discussions with districts and town councils about potential inclusion in the contract. • Concerns about school-related enforcement were addressed, with the possibility of cameras in the new contract for flexibility. • Members agreed on the effectiveness of fixed cameras outside schools and inquired about applying for them for specific schools. Officers explained that implementing cameras required renegotiating with the current supplier, likely extending into the new contract. • Regarding electric vehicles and bikes, members inquired about their contribution to service efficiency and potential costs to the County Council. Officers clarified that costs for electronic vehicles and bikes would likely be built into the contract, monitored, and subject to re-evaluation if onerous. Further, the benefits of electronic vehicles were highlighted, contributing to a cleaner environment and enabling quicker deployment for addressing parking issues. <p>The Committee approved the Recommendations to the decision maker(s).</p>
<p>Winter Service Plan Interim Report</p>	<p>The report provided an interim picture of the progress of the delivery of this year’s Winter Service Plan.</p> <p>Points raised in presentation/discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9,650 tons of salt had been used thus far. • 2,000 tons of salt was needed to top up stocks across local depots. • Salt bags had been issued to parish councils upon request, as it was assumed that restocking was not necessarily due to mild conditions last winter. Members emphasised the need for better communication with parish councils for salt stocking. • The Service was at full capacity, no feasibility to add more routes; focus on optimising existing resources. • A route review and consultation were underway, which looked to optimise the service and determine which roads required greater focus though optimisation modelling assessing.

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	Members expressed interest in engaging with route optimisation and suggested consultation if modelling recommended route removal from the network.

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Grantham Future High Street Fund - Market Place & Station Approach Projects	<p>The report provided with an overview of the Future High Streets Fund (FHSF) Projects in Grantham focusing on Market Place and Station Approach. These projects aligned with South Kesteven District Council masterplan for Grantham, emphasising public realm enhancements to foster growth and improve the overall experience. A Feasibility report detailed the Market Place and Station Approach projects, integral components of SKDC's broader Future High Street Fund programme for Grantham. A decision is due to be considered by the Executive Councillors for Resources, Communications and Commissioning and Highways, Transport, and IT respectively between 11 March and 15 March 2024.</p> <p>Members of the Committee considered and unanimously approved the report and recommendations made to the Executive Councillors.</p>
Public Rights of Way Fees & Charges	<p>The report introduced the development of new and updated Fees and Charges for Public Rights of Way services. This initiative arose from a comprehensive review of the service, existing fees, and recent legislation incorporating new work and cost recovery mechanisms. Notably, the previous charges, stagnant for approximately 15 years, no longer aligned with the escalating costs associated with these services. This report sought that the Executive Councillor for Economic Development, Environment and Planning approves the proposed fees and additionally requests authorisation for annual increases. The Executive Councillor will consider a decision between the 5 and 15 March 2024.</p> <p>Members of the Committee considered and unanimously approved the report and recommendations made to the Executive Councillor.</p>
Highways - Quarter 3 Performance Report (1 October to 31 December 2023)	<p>The Committee received an update on the Performance achieved by the Highways Service area in Quarter 3.</p> <p>Key points raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee recorded their thanks and appreciation to all staff that attended the recent flooding events. • Members requested that a stand-alone report be added in the Work Programme around Fix-My-Street app. • Assurance was given that complaints were viewed as a learning

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	<p>opportunity, and each was reviewed thoroughly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members asked that, going forward, in automated responses to members of the public, about the timescales of response being relevant to the urgency of each incident being reported. • The service collaborated with the LCC communications team towards getting positive messages across to the public in relation to activities and achievements. • In relation to resource allocated to tree maintenance, it was noted that parts of Lincoln were covered by a service level agreement with the City of Lincoln Council that delivers work on behalf of LCC. • Officers took comments in relation to surface dressing away to consider and come back with more information about processes to address surface flooding. The use of grips was investigated as a means of shedding the water of the highways.
Major Work Schemes Report	<p>The Committee received this quarterly report that reflected on the progress achieved on major schemes across the county.</p> <p>Key points raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members expressed disappointment about the Lincoln Relief Rd transitioning from dual to single carriageway, causing issues, especially during peak travel times. There was Officer acknowledgment of the long-term aspiration for the entire Lincoln Relief Rd to be a dual carriageway and emphasised that recent constructions, like at Riseholme Rd, were designed with future dual carriageway expansion in mind. Officers clarified that the section from Pennel’s roundabout to Carholme Rd roundabout was under County Council jurisdiction. • Expressions of concern were raised about the Greencell Roundabout proposed project, specifically regarding the potential closure of B1180, which was a crucial access route to Spalding’s principal industrial estate. Officers acknowledged that a closure period on B1180 could last up to eight weeks, with consideration for one-way closures in each direction based on working restrictions. • Ongoing assessments for the likely impacts on the settlements of Surfleet and Pinchbeck were mentioned, particularly considering the narrow old bridge over the River Glen. Assurance was given that there were discussions with local members, freight associations, and the permitting team are taking place to address potential disruptions, including exploration of alternative routes. • Concerns were raised about the condition of existing cycle paths, specifically mentioning the shared path on Scaling Fault

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	<p>Rd and the absence of a proper cycle path in certain areas; question raised about coordination for a proper cycle path in Lincoln, with a reference to Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans and the Lincoln Transport Strategy. Officers acknowledged existing plans, including Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans, addressing concerns about cycle paths in Lincoln and mentioned the dependency on funding for such projects and invited members to bring up concerns at the Lincoln Transport Board.</p>
<p>Approach to Transport Strategy Developments – Annual Update Report</p>	<p>The report highlighted the progress made in implementing the Transport Strategy since the endorsement of a more robust approach by this Committee in June 2018. The report outlined the annual update on progress against planned activities and explores further developments over the past year. It emphasised the holistic nature of the Transport Strategy, extending beyond motorised vehicles and roads. Additionally, the document revisited the background of the Transport Strategy approach and its integration with the Local Transport Plan.</p> <p>Key points raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were interested in the post-implementation evaluation of completed projects like the Lincoln Eastern Bypass and Grantham Southern Relief Rd. Officers mentioned of specific requirements within funding bids, such as the five-year post-construction data provision. • Emphasis was placed on the importance of monitoring and evaluation data for assessing the performance and wider benefits of projects. Reference was made to different funding sources, each with its own set of rules and guidelines for data provision. • Assurance was given that lessons learned were embedded exercises within the monitoring and evaluation process, emphasising their significance in understanding project outcomes. Officers reiterated their commitment to collating lessons learned onto a system for future reference, highlighting the ongoing process of learning from completed projects.
<p>Highways Gully Cleansing/Repair and Surface Water Flooding</p>	<p>The report set out the reactive, cyclic, and planned aspects of highway drainage maintenance including low level flooding response.</p> <p>Key points raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members raised concerns about gully cleaning in streets where parked cars hindered access. Officers explained the cyclic programme for gully flushing, performance management, and addressing issues reported by customers. Efforts were made to manage parked cars during cleaning, including temporary traffic regulation orders and

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	<p>communication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members inquired about challenges in collaborative working across departments and offered committee support. Officers acknowledged a dip in quality during emergencies but highlighted efforts to collaborate, especially with floods and water teams. Mention of the high volume of reports during storm events and the need for alignment between teams for effective problem-solving. Members expressed awareness of disputes over culverts and inquired about progress and challenges. Officers discussed difficulties in establishing liability, recent discussions with floods and water teams, and the need for a big-picture exercise. Emphasis was placed on a pragmatic approach, working with landowners for the best public result, and a commitment was made to provide updates on progress in future reports.

B. PLANNED ACTIVITY

29 APRIL 2024 - 10:00 am			
	Item	Contributor	Type of Report
1.	Bus Service Improvement Plan	Helen Reek, Support Services Manager (Transport Services)	Pre-decision Scrutiny. Executive Councillor decision between 07 - 31 March 2024.
2.	Transport - Quarter 3 Performance Report (1 October to 31 December 2023)	Helen Reek, Support Services Manager (Transport Services)	Service Performance Monitoring Report
3.	Stamford Transport Strategy	Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure and Laboratory Services Charlotte Hughes, Senior Project Leader Highways Infrastructure	Scrutiny Report
4.	Road Safety Partnership Update	Steven Batchelor, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Senior Manager	Annual Position Report
5.	EXEMPT REPORT North Willingham Highways Depot - Replacement of Vehicle	Matthew Stapleton, Senior Project Manager, Corporate Property	Pre-decision Scrutiny. Executive Councillors decision between 03 - 07 May 2024.

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10 JUNE 2024 - 10:00 am		
Item	Contributor	Type of Report
1. Sincil Bank Towns Fund Project	Karl Gibson, Senior Project Leader	Pre-decision Scrutiny. Executive Councillors decision between 24 -28 June 2024
2. Rail Recovery and Strategic Role in Providing Connectivity, Supporting Lincolnshire Communities and Economy	Jayne Wingad, Rail Policy Officer Richard Bates, Lead Strategic Planner (Network Planning) for Eastern Region Network Rail Representation TBC	Scrutiny Report
3. Parking Enforcement Procedures Manual	Matt Jones, Parking Services Manager	Pre-decision scrutiny Executive Councillor decision 17 - 24 June 2024

29 JULY 2024 - 10:00 am		
Item	Contributor	Type of Report
1. Winter Service Plan 2024-25	Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways Client and Contractual Management Services	Pre-decision scrutiny Executive Councillor decision 30 Jul 2024 and 12 Aug 2024
2. Anglian Water Street Works Performance Improvements	Mick Phoenix, Traffic Manager Ashley Behan, Street Works and Permitting Manager	Scrutiny Report
3. Highways - Quarter 4 Performance Report (1 January to 31 March 2024)	Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways Client and Contractual Management Services	Service Performance Monitoring Report
4. Major Work Schemes Report	Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure and Laboratory Services	Service Performance Monitoring Report

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5.	Highways Gully Cleaving/Repair and Surface Water Flooding (inc. disputes over culverts)	Richard Fenwick, County Highways Manager Shaun Butcher, County Programme Manager	Six-monthly Performance Report
6.	Public Transport Annual Update	Helen Reek, Support Services Manager (Transport Services)	Annual Position Report
7.	Scrutiny Panel B – Review of Traffic Management Policy for Lincolnshire	Councillor Gary Taylor, Chairman of Scrutiny Panel B Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways Client and Contractual Management Services Kiara Chatziioannou, Scrutiny Officer	Scrutiny Review Report

16 SEPTEMBER 2024 - 10:00 am			
Item	Contributor	Type of Report	
1.	Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan 2024	Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways Client and Contractual Management Services	Pre-decision scrutiny Executive Councillor decision Date Range TBC
2.	Highways – Quarter 1 Performance Report (1 April – 30 June 2024)	Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways Client and Contractual Management Services	Service Performance Monitoring Report
3.	Major Work Schemes Report	Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure and Laboratory Services	Service Performance Monitoring Report
4.	Transport - Quarter 1 Performance Report (1 April 2023 to 30 June 2024)	Helen Reek, Support Services Manager (Transport Services)	Service Performance Monitoring Report

28 OCTOBER 2024 - 10:00 am			
Item		Contributor	Type of Report
1.	Highways Gully Cleansing/Repair and Surface Water Flooding	Richard Fenwick, County Highways Manager Shaun Butcher, County Programme Manager	Six-monthly Performance Report
2.	Transport Connect Limited (TCL) - Teckal Company Update Annual Report	Helen Reek, Support Services Manager (Transport Services)	Annual Position Report

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1.	Highways - Quarter 2 Performance Report (1 July to 30 September 2024)	Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways Client and Contractual Management Services	Service Performance Monitoring Report
2.	Major Work Schemes Report	Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure and Laboratory Services	Service Performance Monitoring Report
3.	Transport - Quarter 2 Performance Report (1 July to 30 September 2024)	Helen Reek, Support Services Manager (Transport Services)	Service Performance Monitoring Report

C. ITEMS TO BE PROGRAMMED

Topic	Est Date
Highways Performance Report – 3-year Statutory Update following Year 6 Update in 2023	Spring 2026
Fix-My-Street app Report	Spring 2024
TROs performance report	Spring- Summer 2024

FLOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ACTIVITY REPORT

Since 28 September 2023, when a report was last submitted, the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee has met on 27 November 2023 and 19 February 2024.

A. PREVIOUS ACTIVITY

<i>27 November 2023</i>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Storm Babet (including Section 19 Investigations)	<p>Between 18 and 21 October 2023, weather stations in Lincolnshire recorded between 55 mm and 93 mm of rainfall, which led some catchment experiencing over three times the average monthly rainfall for October. This item focused on the response to Storm Babet of the Council's Flood and Water Team, the Environment Agency, and Anglian Water. In addition to members of the Committee, all members of the County Council were invited to attend the meeting to participate in this item.</p> <p>The Committee considered both details of local flooding events and overall strategic responses of the flood risk partners. The following is a selection of some of the issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information and points of contact for local communities, including town and parish councils; • the Horncastle Flood Alleviation Scheme; • the overall response of partners Boards, including Internal Drainage and the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum; • the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and District Councils; • the availability of household and business insurance; • foul water networks being overwhelmed by flood water; and • the importance of 'near-miss' data. <p>The Committee concluded that a working group would be established to look in greater detail at the response to Storm Babet.</p>

27 November 2023	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Storm Overflows	A presentation was provided by Anglian Water on Storm Overflows, which informed the discussion of the Council Resolution on Sewage Discharge (see item under 19 February 2024 below). As part of the presentation, Anglian Water advised that there were 139 storm overflows in Lincolnshire, 54 of which discharged sewage fewer than ten times per year. Investment of £200 million was envisaged by Anglian Water across its region to reduce the use of storm overflows.
Project Groundwater (Greater Lincolnshire)	Greater Lincolnshire Project Groundwater Project is one of the 25 schemes funded by DEFRA as part of the £200 million Flood and Coastal Innovation Programme, and is looking at five sites (Barrow, Barton, Bourne, Grimsby and Scopwick) in Greater Lincolnshire. Schemes will be developed to alleviate the escape of groundwater, for example by designing and developing sustainable wetlands.
County Council Resolution on Sewage Discharges	<i>This item was deferred to 19 February 2024.</i>

19 February 2024	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Storm Henk: County Council Update (including Section 19 Investigations)	Between 31 January 2023 and 3 January 2024, Storm Henk had led to almost one month's rainfall in three days. It was confirmed that there were currently 230 section 19 investigations, covering a total of 859 properties affected by Storms Babet and Henk. This was an unprecedented number, and a target of completing these investigations, which were being undertaken by external organisations on behalf of the County Council, by 31 August 2024 had been set. The report also detailed the County Council's Flood Recovery Framework, which facilitated grants to households and businesses, including the Government's Property Flood Resilience Grant Scheme.
Storm Henk: Environment Agency Update	Storm Henk had led to a further three breaches of Environment Agency flood embankments: the Barlings Eau; the Bourne Eau, and the River Welland. The Environment Agency was now focusing on the recovery, which included the inspection of 10,000 flood risk assets along 2,200 kilometres of waterways. The Agency welcomed the benefits partnership working, across all agencies involved, but particularly between itself and the Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs). Some IDBs had suffered significant damage to their pumping stations, and funding proposals were being developed by IDBs for their repair. The Agency's programme of capital schemes would continue.

19 February 2024		
<i>Item</i>		<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Storm Anglian Update	Henk: Water	Unlike Storm Babet, where the impact had been focused on Lincolnshire, Storm Henk had impacted across the whole Anglian Water region, including in addition to Lincolnshire, impacts on Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk. This meant resources, both staff and equipment, could not be borrowed from other areas for alleviation. Thus, Anglian Water reported that they had to prioritise those areas where the deployment of resources could make a difference. Anglian Water also stressed that 'unflushable' materials such as cotton buds could often make vacuum pumps fail, by blocking the valve function.
County Resolution Discharges	Council on Sewage	Following consideration of the resolution from the County Council on 15 September 2023, the Committee agreed to request the Executive Councillor for Economic Development, Environment and Planning to write to the relevant Government Minister to raise the issue of making long term plans to reduce the amount of sewage discharged directly into rivers and the sea via storm overflows.
Storms Working Group	Impact	The Committee formally established a working group, in which all members of the Committee could participate. Please refer to the information in Section C below.

B. PLANNED ACTIVITY

24 June 2024		
Item		Contributor
1	Floods Team Update (including Section 19 Investigations)	Matthew Harrison, Flood Risk Manager
2	Environment Agency Update	Morgan Wray, Area Flood and Coastal Risk Manager, Environment Agency
3	Anglian Water Update	Matthew Moore, Flood Partnership Manager, Anglian Water
4	Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes – Approving body Update	Warren Peppard, Head of Development Management, Lincolnshire County Council
5	Fens 2100+ Project	Chris Miller, Head of Environment Lincolnshire County Council

14 October 2024		
Item		Contributor
1	Floods Team Update (including Section 19 Investigations)	Matthew Harrison, Flood Risk Manager

14 October 2024		
	Item	Contributor
2	Environment Agency Update	Morgan Wray, Area Flood and Coastal Risk Manager, Environment Agency
3	Anglian Water Update	Matthew Moore, Flood Partnership Manager, Anglian Water
4	Report of the Storms Impact Working Group	Councillor Tom Ashton, Chairman of the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee

20 January 2025		
	Item	Contributor
1	Floods Team Update (including Section 19 Investigations)	Matthew Harrison, Flood Risk Manager
2	Environment Agency Update	Morgan Wray, Area Flood and Coastal Risk Manager, Environment Agency
3	Anglian Water Update	Matthew Moore, Flood Partnership Manager, Anglian Water

Note: Currently only three meetings of the Committee are scheduled for the 2024/25 municipal year (24 June 2024, 14 October 2024 and 20 January 2025), and the Committee has recorded its preference for a fourth meeting to be timetabled.

Items to be Programmed (Dates to be Confirmed)

- Natural Flood Management
- South Lincolnshire Water Partnership and Water Resources East - Progress Update
- Coastal Adaptation Strategy
- Lincolnshire Reservoirs – Update

C. STORMS IMPACT WORKING GROUP

The following remit for the Working Group was agreed by the Committee on 19 February 2024:

- (a) To consider the impact of Storm Babet and Storm Henk in late 2023 and early 2024 including the responses from partner organisations in relation to floods and incidents in Lincolnshire.

- (b) To submit a report to the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee by October 2024 on the Working Group’s findings, considering good practice, lessons learned and future action to be taken, including (but not limited to) possible recommendations both to partner agencies and Lincolnshire County Council.
- (c) To aim to be satisfied by its conclusion that all findings have been considered, including the work completed by the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee on Section 19 report findings, whilst taking into account any financial implications that may arise out of any actions.
- (d) To consider addressing the concerns raised by the public and stakeholders around information available to communities.

Six meetings of the working group are planned, with the intended contributor or activity listed (although some of these dates may change depending on availability):

Date	Activity / Contributor
16 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference • Internal Drainage Boards
15 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Resilience Forum / Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue • Overview of Response and Activities of District Councils
5 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 19 Investigations (Lincolnshire County Council)
10 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anglian Water
24 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Agency
7 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Evidence Received and Themes for Final Report of the Working Group

At the Working Group’s first meeting on 19 February there were eleven councillors present, and representatives from five Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs), who between them provided information on the impact of Storms Babet and Henk on the eight most affected IDB areas in the county. The final report of the Working Group is due to be submitted to the Flood and Water Management Committee on 14 October 2024.

D. SITE VISITS – 15 OCTOBER 2024

On 15 October 2023, nine members of the Committee visited several locations in Lincolnshire such as the Horncastle Flood Alleviation Scheme, the Louth Flood Storage Area, the Saltfleet, Fulbeck, Trusthorpe and Boygift Pumping Stations, as well as coastal defences across the east of Lincolnshire. A further series of site visits will be planned on a date during the summer of 2024.