



**Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham,  
Executive Director - Resources**

Report to:	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Management Board</b>
Date:	<b>17 December 2020</b>
Subject:	<b>Scrutiny Review Report: Developer Contributions</b>

**Summary:**

In September 2020, the Executive Councillor for Economy and Place, Councillor C J Davie, with the backing of Group Leaders, requested that a short urgent scrutiny review be undertaken by Scrutiny Panel A on Developer Contributions, on behalf of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

The Board is requested to consider the draft final report, attached at Appendix 1, by Scrutiny Panel A. Following this, and subject to the Board's approval, the report will be submitted to the Council's Executive on 5 January 2021.

**Actions Required:**

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is invited to consider approving the draft final report, attached at Appendix 1, as the final report on Developer Contributions for submitting to the Executive.

## **1. Background**

In September 2020, the Executive Councillor for Economy and Place, Councillor C J Davie, with the backing of Group Leaders, asked Scrutiny Panel A to carry out an urgent short review of Developer Contributions to see how the County Council can maximise the benefits for local communities from such contributions.

The following key lines of enquiry for the scrutiny review were agreed by the Panel:

1. To examine how Developer Contributions could be utilised to maximise the benefits to the local community and how a list of potential local schemes to fund through Developer Contributions could be developed, while taking into consideration the National Planning Policy Framework, local circumstances and the views of the local member.
2. To examine the impact of the proposals in the Government's consultation paper 'Planning for the future' and what the proposals would mean for Lincolnshire.

3. To examine how to achieve better quality design and more sustainable communities in new developments through the use of Developer Contributions, recognising that the viability of new developments can be marginal to the development industry.

Scrutiny Panel A consisted of Councillors L Wootten (Chairman), M T Fido (Vice Chairman), Mrs A M Austin, R Renshaw, S P Roe and M A Whittington. The Panel met three times in October and November 2020. Councillors C J Davie, Executive Councillor for Economy and Place, and E J Poll, Executive Councillor for Commercial and Environmental Management, attended the meetings as advisors on behalf of the Executive.

The attached report on Developer Contributions sets out the findings of Scrutiny Panel A. There are six recommendations contained in the report for the Executive's consideration.

## **2. Conclusion**

The Board is requested to consider the attached report, including the six recommendations, and approve the report for submitting to the Executive.

## **3. Consultation**

### **a) Risks and Impact Analysis**

Not Applicable

## **4. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix 1	Review of Developer Contributions – Draft Final Report by Scrutiny Panel A

## **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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