



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

Report to:	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Management Board</b>
Date:	<b>24 February 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes: -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee</b></li><li>• <b>Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee</b></li></ul>

### Summary:

As set out in the Council's constitution, a key role for this Board is monitoring the future work programmes of the other scrutiny committees. The role of the Board is to satisfy itself that it is content with each committee's work programme, rather than to discuss the detail of particular items listed in the work programme, as these discussions are appropriately held at the relevant meeting of the scrutiny committee.

This report focuses on the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee and the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee and includes information on activity since November 2021.

### Actions Required:

- (1) The Board is requested to determine whether it is satisfied with the activity undertaken since November 2021 by:
  - (a) the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee; and
  - (b) the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) The Board is requested to determine whether it is satisfied with the planned work programme of:
  - (a) the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee; and
  - (b) the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee.

## 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.

### Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee and Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee

So far in the new council term, the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee and the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee have held six meetings respectively. The key activities since November 2021 and the planned work programme of each committee are set out in Appendices A and B respectively. If members of the Board require further details on any item of previous activity, the full reports can be found on the County Council's website.

### Committee Reporting Timetable

The table below sets out the planned reporting timetable until September 2022: -

Scrutiny Committee	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date
Adults and Community Wellbeing	16 Dec 2021	24 Mar 2022	30 June 2022
Health			
Environment and Economy	27 Jan 2022	28 Apr 2022	25 Aug 2022
Highways and Transport			
Environment and Economy	24 Feb 2022	26 May 2022	29 Sept 2022
Highways and Transport			
Flood and Water Management			

## 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, and the Highways and Transport 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

**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

The Committee has met on six occasions in the new Council term: 22 June, 13 July, 14 September, 19 October (a summary of the outcomes of which was provided at the October 2021 meeting), 30 November 2021, and 18 January 2022. Full details on all the items considered at these meetings are available on the County Council's website:

<https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=548>

Set out below is a summary of the outcomes since the last update in November 2021:

<b>30 November 2021</b>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2021 - 2022 - Quarter 2	<p>The Committee welcomed an update on key performance indicators by the Head of Economic Development, the Head of Waste and the Head of Environment.</p> <p>As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 new formal investigations that had been launched as a result of flooding during the previous quarter.</li> <li>• The review of targets for waste and recycling collection as these services continue to develop.</li> <li>• The improvements to be made to positively engage with certain groups in order to improve recycling rates in certain areas.</li> </ul>
Flood and Coastal Innovation Programme - The Greater Lincolnshire Groundwater Project	<p>The Committee received an update from the Senior Commissioning Officer – Flood Risk.</p> <p>As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Flood Risk Management Partnership's objectives, amongst which was: the aim to develop community resilience and enhance the resilience of Lincolnshire's natural capital.</li> <li>• The programme would provide the opportunity to develop an understanding of a broad range of groundwater risks and opportunities across Greater Lincolnshire.</li> </ul>

<b>30 November 2021</b>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
The Levelling Up Agenda for Lincolnshire	<p>The Committee received an update report on the Levelling up Agenda for Lincolnshire by the Head of Infrastructure and Investment, which aimed to reduce inequality between communities to deliver sustainable, inclusive on our plans for growth in Lincolnshire, whilst addressing the challenges for Lincolnshire's communities, individuals and businesses.</p> <p>As part of its consideration, the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised concerns that the principles behind the 'levelling up' fund did not accurately represent the wealth inequality of some of the poorer divisions within the County.</li> <li>• Commended the use of funding being spent in an appropriate way which would stimulate local economic growth.</li> <li>• Discussed that the Midlands Engine looked at the economic activity across the whole of the Midlands.</li> <li>• Explored investments in Gainsborough which would be highly beneficial for the economy.</li> </ul>
Planning For Strategic Infrastructure in Greater Lincolnshire	<p>The Committee received a report by the Principal Planning Officer on the priorities for officers to develop an up-to-date evidence base on infrastructure matters.</p> <p>As part of its consideration, the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcomed investment for infrastructure projects in Grantham and supported partnership working between the County and District on the development of projects.</li> <li>• Suggested that a second bridge for Gainsborough be considered as a possible project due to congestion and poor traffic flow throughout the town.</li> <li>• Considered that the plan was a prioritised pipeline in which some projects had been prioritised for the short term as they had demonstrated a strong degree of strategic fit and deliverability.</li> <li>• Raised concerns with broadband issues not being considered as a priority.</li> </ul>

<b>30 November 2021</b>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Tree Strategy: "The Right Tree in The Right Place"	<p>The Committee received a report by the Sustainability Manager on the Green Masterplan and the initial progress towards the County Council's target to reach net zero carbon by 2050.</p> <p>As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The introduction of a tree strategy and the progress that was being made in the planting of more trees across the County, for environmental and aesthetic reasons.</li> <li>• Confirmation that the Council would be taking part in the Jubilee Tree Planting Celebrations that were planned for 2022.</li> <li>• There were plans to add to existing woodland through improving hedgerows.</li> <li>• The Council was working closely with District Councils to analyse any existing strategies and have a joined-up approach.</li> <li>• The Council would be working with the Woodland Trust on the tree strategy project.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee supported the proposal to submit an application to the Trees all for Action Fund.</p>

<b>18 January 2022</b>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Council Budget 2022/23	<p>The Committee recorded its unanimous support for the Economic and Environmental Services budget proposals.</p> <p>The Committee also recorded additional comments for the Executive.</p>
Lincolnshire Carbon Tool	<p>The Committee received a report by the Sustainability Manager – Environment on the work that has been done to quantify the carbon dioxide emissions across the county and seeks support for the work underway to reduce emissions.</p> <p>As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working in partnership with District Councils and on the installation of electric vehicle charging points in suitable locations across the County.</li> </ul>

<b>18 January 2022</b>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of addressing the issue of domestic energy efficiency and upgrades to housing in a timely manner was emphasised.</li> <li>• The opportunity to reduce emissions by encouraging children to walk or cycle to school.</li> <li>• The Council would continue to consider alternative fuels for their transport fleet, including the possibility of using hydrogen.</li> <li>• Concerns over the capacity of the national grid to cope with the increase in electric cars on the road.</li> <li>• The Council had invested a significant amount of money on making energy efficiently improvements at County Council operated buildings across the County.</li> </ul>
Lincolnshire Homeowner Property Flood Resilience Assistance Scheme Update	<p>The Committee received a report by the Flood and Water Manager on the Lincolnshire Homeowner Property Flood Resilience Assistance Scheme.</p> <p>As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The devastating effects flooding could have for residents of the County and welcomed the scheme.</li> <li>• The project would run alongside the Innovation Resilience Fund.</li> <li>• £2.9m had been invested by the Government to support projects elsewhere in the UK.</li> <li>• £5000 of financial assistance offered by the Council had been predominantly used to support the 12-month pilot and of which 10 properties were signed up to.</li> <li>• Sustainable drainage systems were prioritised within new developments, as well as recommending retrofitting.</li> <li>• Officers were working to better promote the scheme and its benefits to ensure residents were better protected against future flooding events.</li> </ul>
Green Masterplan: 2021 Progress Report	<p>The Committee received a report by the Sustainability Manager on the progress that has been made in initiating delivery of the green masterplan.</p> <p>As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The process of biodiversity net gain.</li> </ul>

<b>18 January 2022</b>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The schools project that would engage children through theatre groups.</li> <li>• A project to carry out a study on the energy from waste plant and suitable nearby heat sources that could utilise the energy produced by heat at the plant.</li> </ul>

## PLANNED WORK

Set out below are the items planned for future meetings of the Committee, up to July 2022.

<b>22 February 2022</b>		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2021 - 2022 – Quarter 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economy</li> <li>• Flooding</li> <li>• Waste</li> </ul>	Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development David Hickman, Head of Environment / Chris Miller, Deputy Head of Environment Mike Reed, Head of Waste	This is the quarterly performance report.
Theddlethorpe Geological Disposal Facility Working Group - Update	Justin Brown, Assistant Director Growth	This item enables the Committee to consider an update on the Theddlethorpe Geological Disposal Facility Working Group activity.
Lincolnshire Wolds AONB Partnership – Responses to the recommendation of the Glover Review	Chris Miller, Deputy Head of Environment	This item enables the Committee to consider the responses to the recommendation of the Glover Review.

<b>22 February 2022</b>		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Local Transport Plan V <i>[Information only Item]</i>	Vanessa Strange, Head of Infrastructure Investment Jason Cooper, Transport and Growth Manager	This item informs the Committee on the pre-decision scrutiny that took place at the January Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee, the comments from which were shared with the Executive for a decision made in February 2022.

<b>12 April 2022</b>		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Flood and Coastal Resilience and Innovation Programme - Submission of Outline Business Case	David Hickman, Head of Environment / Chris Miller, Deputy Head of Environment Matthew Harrison, Flood and Water Manager	This is a pre-decision report on the submitted business case for the Flood and Coastal Resilience and Innovation Programme. A decision will be taken by the Executive on this matter on 4 May 2022.
Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Issues and Options for updating the plan	Adrian Winkley, Minerals and Waste Policy and Compliance Manager	This is a pre-decision report on the proposed updates to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan. A decision will be taken by the Executive on 4 May 2022.
Property Green Agenda	Chris Miller, Deputy Head of Environment	This is a report and presentation by Countryside Services on the Council's green agenda for environmentally friendly and sustainable properties.
UK Share Prosperity Fund	Mandy Ramm, Funding and Investment Manager	The Committee will receive a report on the UK government's post-Brexit UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) – replacing EU 'structural funds', to be launched in April 2022.

<b>12 April 2022</b>		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Internationalisation Strategy	Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development	This is an update on the Council's Strategy on preparing businesses for the international markets in the post-EU Exit era.
Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership Presentation (TBC)	Chris Miller, Deputy Head of Environment	The Committee will receive a presentation from the Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership.

<b>24 May 2022</b>		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Study Visit to Gibraltar Point	Chris Miller, Deputy Head of Environment	This is a report on a site study visit.
Sustainable Transport	Dan Clayton, Sustainability Manager - Environment	This is a report on Sustainable Transport.
Joint presentation on Local Transport Plan focusing on the Green Agenda	Dan Clayton, Sustainability Manager - Environment	This is an update on LTP with a focus on the Council's Green Agenda.
Infrastructure Planning – 6-month Progress Update	Vanessa Strange, Head of Infrastructure Investment	This item enables the Committee to consider progress updates over a 6-month period.

<b>12 July 2022</b>		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2021 - 2022 – Quarter 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economy</li> <li>Flooding</li> <li>Waste</li> </ul>	Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development David Hickman, Head of Environment / Chris Miller, Deputy Head of Environment Mike Reed, Head of Waste	This is the quarterly performance report.

#### **Other Potential Items**

- Historic Places Team Strategy
- Verge Biomass
- Humber and East Coast Strategies

- Review of Land Sales Policy – Regeneration
- Skegness Business Park
- Planning White Paper
- Green Technology Grant
- Coastal Car Park Strategy

## HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### ACTIVITY

The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee has met on six occasions in the new Council term: 28 June, 19 July, 13 September, (a summary of the outcomes of which was provided at the October 2021 meeting), 25 October, 13 December 2021 and 24 January 2022. Full detail on these items is available on the County Council's website:

<https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=492>

Set out below is a summary of the outcomes since the last update in November 2021:

<b>13 December 2021</b>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Rail Recovery and Strategic Role in Providing Connectivity, Supporting Lincolnshire Communities and Economy	<p>The Committee received a report by the Rail Policy Officer on the changes to the rail industry, forward strategy and the Department for Transport and Transport for East Midlands rail collaborative agreement. As part of this, presentations were received by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Senior Strategic Planner – Network Rail, who gave an overview of Network Rail's strategic advice process.</li> <li>• The Head of Train Planning and Access – East Midlands Railway (EMR), who gave an overview of EMR's recovery from the Covid-19 Pandemic.</li> <li>• The Head of Rail Improvement – East Midlands Councils, who offered an introduction to the Transport for the East Midlands (TfEM) Board and its Strategic Statement for Rail.</li> </ul> <p>As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to infrastructure proposals for the coastal area, land would also benefit from rail investments including new platforms.</li> <li>• The value Network Rail identified in network centres which benefitted from plentiful parking spaces.</li> <li>• Work being done to improve connectivity and journeys between towns.</li> <li>• Consultation of local groups such as forums or community groups to contribute to reviews.</li> </ul>

<b>13 December 2021</b>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Service Level Performance Reporting against the Performance Framework 2021-2022 – Quarter 2	<p>The Committee welcomed an update on key performance indicators by the Client and Contract Manager.</p> <p>As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kerbing jobs were not subject to a performance measure.</li> <li>• Delays in the North Hykeham Relief Road and exercise undertaken with Anglian Water to identify why the latter delayed attendance to leaks.</li> <li>• Traffic flow improvements as a result of the North Hykeham Relief Road.</li> <li>• Highways App functionality - bugs and glitches.</li> <li>• Potholes- maintenance teams presenting to fill only pre-reported potholes.</li> <li>• Support in offering apprenticeships for Children in Care.</li> <li>• Appreciation of the completed A17/A15 Holdingham Roundabout works.</li> <li>• Budgetary arrangements for tree works.</li> </ul>
Highways - Gully Cleansing, Drainage Repair Schemes and Surface Water Flooding	<p>The Committee received the annual report from the County Highways Manager.</p> <p>As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development Drainage Funding - overview of the broad nature of schemes currently under consideration.</li> <li>• Working closely with District Councils to encourage leaf clearing on streets before a flooding problem was caused.</li> <li>• Delays in the availability of CCTV equipment to investigate blocked gullies, going onto ask what was considered reasonably acceptable by officers in delays.</li> </ul>
Transport Connect Ltd - Teckal Company Update Report (1 May - 31 October 2021)	<p>The Committee received an update report from the Head of Transport Services on activities and performance of the Council's Teckal Company, Transport Connect Ltd (TCL), over the period May-October 2021.</p> <p>As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TCL's governance and resilience to be assessed encompassing the resilience of both the Board's governance and the resilience of its finances.</li> <li>• Fuel spikes likely to decline in the future.</li> </ul>

<b>13 December 2021</b>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit agreement- a capital loan, to finance assets.</li> </ul>

<b>24 January 2022</b>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2022/23	<p>The Committee recorded its unanimous support for the Highways and Transport Services budget proposals.</p> <p>The Committee also recorded additional comments for the Executive.</p>
Local Transport Plan V	<p>The Committee recorded its unanimous support for the adoption of the recommendations of the 5<sup>th</sup> Local Transport Plan.</p> <p>The Committee also recorded additional comments for the Executive.</p>
Civil Parking Enforcement Annual Report 2020/21	<p>The Committee received an annual report from the Parking Services Manager on activities, performance and various statistics related to enforcement and appeals and contains financial information on the cost of the service.</p> <p>As part of its consideration, the Committee explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The reconsidered approach to parking violation mitigation outside schools.</li> <li>• The significant number in parking waivers issued in Lincoln compared to the other District Councils.</li> <li>• Parking provision in Boston Marketplace.</li> <li>• Enforcement activity against Police vehicles.</li> <li>• Civil Parking Enforcement reserves.</li> <li>• Increase in parking restriction breaches.</li> </ul>

## PLANNED WORK

Set out below are the items planned for future meetings of the Committee, up to June 2022.

<b>7 March 2022</b>		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
North Hykeham Relief Road – Design and Build Contract Procurement	Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure	The views of the Committee will be sought on the design and build contract procurement for North Hykeham Relief Road as part of the decision to be taken by the Executive on 5 April 2022.
Adoption and Implementation of the Advanced Payment Code Exemptions Policy	Liz Burnley, County Manager for Development	The views of the Committee will be sought on the proposed Advanced Payment Code Exemptions Policy as part of the decision to be taken by the Executive Councillor between 14 March 2022 and 18 March 2022.
Bikeability Training Across Lincolnshire	Chris Miller, Deputy Head of Environment Philip Watt, TSG Project Officer	The views of the Committee will be sought on the proposed Bikeability Training Across Lincolnshire as part of the decision to be taken (date and decision maker tbc.).
Road Safety Partnership Update	Steven Batchelor, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership	This is an annual update report.
Highways – Gully Cleansing/Repair and Surface Water Flooding	Richard Fenwick, County Highways Manager Shaun Butcher, County Programme Manager	This is the six-monthly update on Highways Gully Cleansing/Repair and Surface Water Flooding.

<b>25 April 2022</b>		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Street Lighting – Policy Updates	Karen Cassar, Assistant Director Highways John Monk, Head of Design Services	The Committee will receive a report on street lighting policy updates.
Highways Quarter 3 Performance Report (1 October to 31 March 2022)	Karen Cassar, Assistant Director - Highways Tom Gifford, Client and Contract Manager – Highways Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Verity Druce, Head of Transformation Services	This is a quarterly performance report.
Process for the adoption of Private Streets	Liz Burnley, County Manager for Development	The views of the Committee will be sought on the proposed process for the adoption of Private Streets as part of the decision to be taken (date and decision maker tbc.).

<b>30 May 2022</b>		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Speed Limits Review	Mick Phoenix, Traffic Manager	This is a review of Speed Limits and opportunities for adopting the 20-is-plenty campaign in Lincolnshire.

<b>18 June 2022</b>		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Highways Quarter 4 Performance Report (1 January to 31 April 2022)	Karen Cassar, Assistant Director - Highways Tom Gifford, Client and Contract Manager – Highways Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Verity Druce, Head of Transformation Services	This is a quarterly performance report.