



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

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	26 May 2022
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:

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 24 February 2022, when reports on these two committees were last considered by the Board; and on the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee with information on activity since 25 November 2021 when a report for this committee was last considered.

Actions Required:

- (1) The Board is requested to determine whether it is satisfied with the activity undertaken since 24 February 2022 (a & b) and 25 November 2021 (c) by:
 - (a) the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee;
 - (b) the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee; and
 - (c) the Flood and Water Management 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;
 - (b) the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee; and
 - (c) the Flood and Water Management 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, Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee and Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee

Since 24 February 2022, when a report was last submitted, the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee has met on 12 April 2022 and is due to meet on 24 May 2022. The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee has met on 7 March 2022, on 25 April 2022 and is due to meet on 30 May 2022. The Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee has, since the last report was submitted on 25 November 2021, met on 21 February 2022 and is due to meet on 23 May 2022. The key activities since the above dates and the planned work programme of each committee are set out in Appendices A, B and C 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 December 2022: -

Scrutiny Committee	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date
Adults and Community Wellbeing	24 Mar 22	30 Jun 22	27 Oct 22
Health			
Children and Young People	28 Apr 22	25 Aug 22	24 Nov 22
Public Protection and Communities			
Environment and Economy	26 May 22	29 Sept 22	15 Dec 22
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, 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 its last report to the Board, the Committee has met on 12 April 2022 with a second meeting due on 24 May 2022. Full details on all the items considered at these meetings are available on the County Council's website:

<https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=548>

Set out below is a summary of the outcomes since the last update in February 2022:

12 APRIL 2022		
<i>Item</i>		<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1	Flood and Coastal Resilience Project - The Greater Lincolnshire Groundwater Project, submission of Outline Business Case	<p>The Committee received and unanimously supported a report for the Greater Lincolnshire Groundwater Project outline business case that was due to be submitted to the Environment Agency.</p> <p>Members' views expressed during the debate were recorded and agreed to be passed on to the Executive Councillor for Economic Development, Environment and Planning, for their decision between the 15- 29 April 2022.</p>
2	Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Issues and Options for Updating the Plan	<p>The Committee recorded its support to the Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan and approved its recommendations.</p> <p>Members' views expressed during the debate were recorded and agreed to be passed on to the Executive for its decision on 4 May 2022.</p>

24 MAY 2022		
<i>Item</i>		<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1	Local Transport Plan V – Zero Carbon Target	To be advised.
2	Greater Lincolnshire Internationalisation Strategy and Action Plan 2022-24	To be advised.

PLANNED WORK

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

12 JULY 2022			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1	<p>Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2021 - 2022 – Quarter 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economy • Flooding • Waste 	<p>Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development</p> <p>Chris Miller, Deputy Head of Environment</p> <p>Mike Reed, Head of Waste</p>	<p>This is a quarterly report on performance for the Economy, Flooding and Waste Services.</p>
2	<p>Adult Education and Community Engagement and Development</p>	<p>Justin Brown, Assistant Director Growth</p> <p>Thea Croxall, Adult Learning & Skills Manager - Economic Development</p>	<p>The Committee will receive a report in relation to adult education and updates on relevant community engagement activities.</p>

13 SEPTEMBER 2022			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1	<p>Household Waste Recycling Centres Operational Contract Procurement</p>	<p>Mike Reed, Head of Waste</p>	<p>The views of the Committee will be sought ahead of the item being considered by the Executive Councillor for Waste and Trading Standards for a decision between 1 - 4 November 2022.</p>
2	<p>Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2022 - 2023 – Quarter 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economy • Flooding • Waste 	<p>Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development</p> <p>Chris Miller, Deputy Head of Environment</p> <p>Mike Reed, Head of Waste</p>	<p>This is a quarterly report on performance for the Economy, Flooding and Waste Services.</p>
3	<p>Lincolnshire Tourism</p>	<p>Mary Powell, Place & Investment Manager</p>	<p>The Committee will receive a report in relation to Tourism in Lincolnshire.</p>

13 SEPTEMBER 2022			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
4	Theddlethorpe Geological Disposal Facility Working Group - Update	Justin Brown, Assistant Director Growth	This is a regular update report on the activities undertaken by the Working Group.

29 NOVEMBER 2022			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2022 - 2023 – Quarter 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economy • Flooding • Waste 	Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development Chris Miller, Deputy Head of Environment Mike Reed, Head of Waste	This is a quarterly report on performance for the Economy, Flooding and Waste Services.

Items to be Programmed

- Alternative Fuels
- Climate Change Impact
- Coastal Car Park Strategy
- Developer Contributions
- Environment Act
- Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership Presentation
- Green Technology Grant
- Historic Places Team Strategy
- Infrastructure Planning –Progress Update
- Planning White Paper
- Property Green Agenda – potential guest presentation facilitated by Sustainability
- Recycling and Food Waste Collection
- Review of Land Sales Policy – Regeneration (County Farms)
- Skegness Business Park
- Tenant Survey
- The Levelling Up Agenda and Regeneration funding update
- The role of LEPs and the relationship with LCC following government guidance
- Update to Paper and Card Waste Collection Project
- Verge Biomass

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ACTIVITY

Since its last report to the Board, the Committee has met on 7 March 2022, on 25 April 2022 with a third meeting due on 30 May 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=492>

Set out below is a summary of the outcomes since the last update in February 2022:

7 MARCH 2022	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1 North Hykeham Relief Road – Design and Build Contract Procurement	<p>The Committee received and unanimously supported a report that sought approval to enter a two-stage design and build contract for the purpose of delivering the North Hykeham Relief Road.</p> <p>Members' views expressed during the debate were recorded and agreed to be passed on to the Executive, for its decision on 05 April 2022.</p>
2 Adoption and Implementation of the Advanced Payment Code Exemptions Policy	<p>The Committee received and unanimously supported a report that sought approval to adopt and implement an Advanced Payment Code exemptions policy where a development site meets specified criteria.</p> <p>Members' views expressed during the debate were recorded and agreed to be passed on to the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT, for their decision between 14 March - 18 March 2022.</p>
3 Road Safety Partnership Annual Report	<p>The Committee received an annual report from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP).</p> <p>The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most incidents occurred during periods of fine weather mid-day. • Dangerous driving reporting to the Police by residents. • The human cost factor relating to collisions (nationally agreed measure) was discussed.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital recording methods of incidents introduced by Police post 2019, recorded injuries more accurately as reflected in statistics. • Speeding and packages/solutions availed to residents.
4	Highways - Gully Cleansing, Drainage Repair Schemes and Surface Water Flooding	<p>The Committee received a regular report which set out the reactive, cyclic, and planned aspects of highways drainage maintenance including low-level flooding response.</p> <p>The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request made for additional gully cleanses in the annual cycle to be considered. • 12,000 assets required specialist traffic management.

25 APRIL 2022		
<i>Item</i>		<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1	Street Lighting Policy Update	<p>The Committee received and supported the Recommendations of a report which proposed updates to the Street Lighting Policy.</p> <p>Members' views expressed during the debate were recorded and agreed to be passed on to the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT for their decision between 25 April - 3 May 2022.</p>
2	Performance Report, Quarter 3 - (1 October 2021 - 31 December 2021)	<p>The Committee received a quarterly report which updated the Committee on the performance of the Highways Service including the Major Highway Schemes Update, Lincolnshire Highways Performance Report and Transport Complaints Report.</p> <p>The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noting the £12.3m funding cut from the Department of Transport (DfT), it was clarified that the funding regime referenced was likely to remain static for the forthcoming three years, however, for 2022/23, the Council supplemented the funding gap within its budget.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complaints within the report only extended to those received directly from residents to the Council.• Increased recycling of materials was employed to mitigate financial pressures.• Asphalt waste containing coal tar was considered hazardous and was disposed of in accordance with Environment Agency standards of encapsulation of cement then reused within the network thus avoiding the necessity for landfill.• Members were very impressed by the overall quality of pothole repairs they had seen throughout the County.• Highways App; awareness of technical problems over which the service was engaging with software developers to address.• Excessive growth of grass verges; increasing grass cutting among highly affected areas.• NHT survey; limited representation of some younger demographics.
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PLANNED WORK

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30 MAY 2022			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1	Gainsborough Transport Strategy	Karl Gibson, Senior Project Leader - Highways Infrastructure Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure and Laboratory Services	This report informs the Committee of the plans around this local Transport Strategy for Gainsborough.
2	Speed Limits Review - Task & Finish Group Verbal Progress Update Presentation	Richard Fenwick, County Highways Manager	This is a verbal update on the progress of the Task and Finish Group set up to review Speed Limits across Lincolnshire.
3	Levelling Up Schemes – Verbal Update	Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure	This is a verbal update on schemes emerging from the Levelling Up fund.

18 JULY 2022			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1	Highways Quarter 4 Performance Report (1 January to 31 April 2022)	Karen Cassar, Assistant Director - Highways Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways, Client and Contract Management Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Verity Druce, Head of Transformation - Transport Steven Batchelor, LRSP Senior Manager	This is the quarterly performance report.
2	Highways – Gully Cleansing/Repair and Surface Water Flooding	Richard Fenwick, Head of Highways Asset and Local Management Services	This is a regular update report submitted to this Committee.

18 JULY 2022		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
3	Passenger Transport Annual Update Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Helen Reek, Senior Projects Officer, Transport Services	This is an annual report on passenger transport services.

12 SEPTEMBER 2022		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy and Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (Pre-decision Scrutiny) Clair Dixon, Policy and Strategic Asset Manager	The views of the Committee will be sought ahead of the item being considered by the Executive for a decision on 1 November 2022 (TBC).
2	Highways Quarter 1 Performance Report (1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022) Karen Cassar, Assistant Director - Highways Johnathan Evans, Head of Highways, Client and Contract Management Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Verity Druce, Head of Transformation - Transport	This is the quarterly performance report.
3	Transport Quarter 1 Performance Report Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Verity Druce, Head of Transformation - Transport	This is a quarterly performance report on transport services.

24 OCTOBER 2022			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1	Route and Place Based Transport Strategies Annual Report	Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure	This is an annual report of the Route and Place Based Transport Strategies.
2	Transport Connect Updates	Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Helen Reek, Senior Projects Officer, Transport Services	This is an annual update report of the Transport Connect Service.

12 DECEMBER 2022			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1	Highways Quarter 2 Performance Report (1 July to 30 September 2022)	Karen Cassar, Assistant Director - Highways Johnathan Evans, Head of Highways, Client and Contract Management Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities Verity Druce, Head of Transformation - Transport	This is the quarterly performance report.
2	Highways – Gully Cleansing/Repair and Surface Water Flooding-Update	Richard Fenwick, County Highways Manager Shaun Butcher, County Programme Manager	This is a regular update report submitted to this Committee.
3	Transport Connect Ltd - Teckal Company Update Report	Verity Druce, Head of Transformation - Transport	This is an update report on the Transport Connect Ltd - Teckal Company.

Potential Items to be Scheduled

- Process for the adoption of Private Streets
- Civil Parking Enforcement Annual Report 2021 – 2022 (January 2023)
- Road Safety Partnership Update (March 2023)
- Winter Service Plan 2022/23 (September 2022, TBC)
- Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2023/24 (January 2023)

FLOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ACTIVITY

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<https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=581>

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

21 FEBRUARY 2022	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1 Development Fund - Drainage Investigations & Flood Repairs - Progress on Programme Delivery	<p>The Committee received an update report on progress with the Development Fund for Drainage Investigations and Flood Repairs.</p> <p>The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The flood repairs budget had successfully delivered programmed schemes. • Near misses concerning residential flooding were recorded but were not categorised as Section 19 incidents. • Flood works at Bardney were under the remit of the Highways budget and did come under the Development Fund. • Flood works at Cherry Willingham had been delayed as a need for a detailed modelling survey had been identified. • Flood works may not be prioritised if they existed under the remit of the Highways budget, and that incidental reporting of residential flooding could be made more robust, as in Section 19 reporting.
2 Lincolnshire Homeowner Property Flood Resilience Assistance Scheme Update	<p>The Committee received an update report on progress with the development and promotion of the Council's pilot approach to enhancing the resilience of properties.</p> <p>The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common flood prevention controls had been used throughout the trial.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wider publicity of the scheme was needed.• Owners were hesitant to formally identifying their house as being at risk of flooding due to impacts on insurance costs and resale value.• Applications for solar panel farms in Lincolnshire were being processed through the national infrastructure project and assessed by the strategic planning team.
3	Lincolnshire Riparian Project Update	<p>The Committee received a report on progress with the development of the Council's approach to the network of riparian watercourses.</p> <p>The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greater engagement and education regarding riparian rights and responsibilities were needed.• Greater oversight of developments that replaced dikes and ditches with pipes was needed.• There were substantial limitations in funding to make enforcement more robust.• Section 25 enforcement was only actioned as a last resort.• Riparian rights could be included in County News.
4	Flood Risk Team Update (including Section 19 investigations)	<p>The Committee received an update report on the recent work of the Flood Risk Team.</p> <p>The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Riparian watercourse on Altham Terrace, Lincoln had been blocked and works scheduled to resolve the issue had not yet been completed.• Reports of near misses were made public (except for that where personal information was being disclosed).• Over 200 investigations into reports of near misses emerged from adverse weather in 2019-20.• A Section 19 investigation into Waddingham Bank was currently underway.• A Section 19 investigation into Long Bennington was currently delayed due to complexities concerning ownership.

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5	Local Flood Incident Management - Draft Memorandum of Understanding between LCC and District Councils	<p>The Committee received a report on the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between local authorities for localised emergency events.</p> <p>Members discussed the report and welcomed the MoU giving greater clarity concerning emergency responses and financial responsibility.</p>
6	Environment Agency (EA) Update	<p>The Committee received a report on EA's recent activities.</p> <p>The following points were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The pace of flood defence maintenance needed to be increased to meet the pressures brought about by climate change.• Works were needed to repair the slipping footpath along Altham Terrace, Lincoln and Dixon Street.• The Lower Witham Project was crucial to mitigating flood risk in Lincoln.• Maintenance of rivers needed attention, especially considering mud and weed build-up in places such as Chapel Hill.• Members welcomed the opening up of rivers for amenity leisure use, and that the Slea and Witham showed great potential.• Members also sought clarity on funding for the Lower Witham Project to evaluate whether sufficient resources were allocated.
7	Anglian Water (AW) Update	<p>The Committee received a report on AW's recent activities.</p> <p>Further to the previous presentation by EA (above), it was highlighted that works at Altham Terrace, Lincoln had been delayed by approximately one month due to complexities concerning conditions. The contractors were to continue with cutting down roots and relining the pipe in the coming weeks.</p>

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<i>Item</i>		<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1	Flood Risk Team Update (including Section 19 investigations)	To be advised.
2	Environment Agency Update	To be advised.
3	Anglian Water Update	To be advised.

PLANNED WORK

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

19 SEPTEMBER 2022			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Flood Risk Team Update (including Section 19 investigations)	Matthew Harrison, Flood Manager	This is a regular update received by this Committee.
2	Environment Agency Update	Environment Agency	This is a regular update received by this Committee.
3	Anglian Water Update	Anglian Water	This is a regular update received by this Committee.

21 NOVEMBER 2022			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Flood Risk Team Update (including Section 19 investigations)	Matthew Harrison, Flood Manager	This is a regular update received by this Committee.
2	Environment Agency Update	Environment Agency	This is a regular update received by this Committee.
3	Anglian Water Update	Anglian Water	This is a regular update received by this Committee.

Potential Items to be Scheduled

- Riparian Watercourse Project – Progress and Next Steps
- Natural Flood Management
- Coastal Adaptation Strategy
- Red Diesel Ban – Impact on Internal Drainage Boards
- South Lincolnshire Reservoir Update and Project Overview
- Flooding near misses across the county
- Digby Flood Alleviation Scheme – Report on outcomes

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