



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

Report to:	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Management Board</b>
Date:	<b>27 October 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 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 26 May 2022, when reports on these two committees were last considered by the Board.

**Actions Required:**

- (1) The Board is requested to determine whether it is satisfied with the activity undertaken since 26 May 2022 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 Flood

Since 26 May 2022, when a report was last submitted, the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee has met on 12 July 2022 and was due to meet on 13 September 2022, but the meeting was adjourned following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. The September meeting will now be reconvened on 25 October 2022, which is the date of the next meeting. Similarly, the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee has met on 30 May 2022, on 18 July 2022 and was due to meet on 12 September 2022 but the meeting was adjourned following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. The September meeting will now be reconvened on 24 October 2022, which is the date of the next meeting. The key activities since the above dates 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 April 2023: -

Scrutiny Committee	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date
Adults and Community Wellbeing	25 Aug 22	24 Nov 22	23 Feb 23
Health			
Children and Young People	29 Sept 22	15 Dec 22	30 Mar 23
Public Protection and Communities			
Environment and Economy	27 Oct 22	26 Jan 23	27 Apr 23
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

Since its last report to the Board, the Committee has met on 12 July 2022 with a second meeting due on 25 October 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 May 2022:

<b>12 JULY 2022</b>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
<b>1</b> Service Level Performance Reporting against the Performance Framework 2021/2022 - Quarter 4	<p>The Committee considered the Quarter 4 performance for Economy, Waste and Flooding Services and the following comments were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses were designed to fill a gap in learning provision.</li> <li>• More focus on employment outcomes concerning the hospitality, construction and health sectors was requested in future reports.</li> <li>• Officers were exploring options in reporting the flooding of outbuildings. A backlog of Section 19 investigations took priority.</li> <li>• More data was needed to analyse the fall in recycling at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and better inform performance targets.</li> <li>• The Government was pushing to tax businesses on waste.</li> <li>• Separate paper and card collections being rolled out across the county were improving the quality of recycling.</li> <li>• Work was underway to investigate haulage capacity of waggons.</li> </ul>

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<b>2</b>	Adult Skills & Family Learning Programme 2021/22 (inc. plans for academic year 2022/23)	<p>This report provided an overview of the activity delivered by the Adult Skills &amp; Family Learning Service in 2021/22.</p> <p>Members were informed that funding for Level 3 qualifications had been secured to roll out additional courses. The adult learning system was fragmented, and work was underway between the Council and the Government to help join up the system and allow greater focus for local priorities.</p>
<b>3</b>	Environment Act 2021 - General Implications	<p>The Committee was informed of the requirements the authority will face as and when the individual elements of the Environment Act 2021 come into force.</p> <p>Members were informed that new (limited) burden funding was available to help with the costs of resourcing new waste collection plans. Per household waste production metrics were favoured by waste collection authorities so they could calculate service provision. Traffic measurements were administrated by the environmental health authority under air quality plans.</p>
<b>4</b>	Update on Visit Lincolnshire & Tourism Commission	<p>Members were informed of the activities undertaken in year 1 (2021/22) to deliver the Tourism Commission Action Plan.</p> <p>Some of the comments raised in debate included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lincolnshire had historically not promoted its tourism offer as well as neighbouring counties. Work was underway to promote the county and make up for lost opportunities.</li><li>Lincolnshire had a lack of accommodation to support the visitor economy at busy points throughout the year.</li><li>Tourism Officers across the county were currently meeting once a week to establish a joined-up approach across authorities.</li><li>The pandemic had skewed data reporting for the past two years. Pre-pandemic data from 2019 was being used to inform work going forward.</li></ul>

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<b>5</b>	Business Lincolnshire Growth Hub Annual Performance and future business support landscape	<p>This report was pertinent to activity delivered by the Business Lincolnshire Growth Hub and the activity of other business support delivery partners.</p> <p>During consideration of the report, the following comments were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The success of the Growth Hubs was measured by the number of jobs created.</li> <li>• The Growth Hubs proved to have a positive net effect on job creation.</li> </ul>
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**PLANNED WORK**

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

**25 OCTOBER 2022 (INCLUDING ADJOURNED MEETING -13 SEPTEMBER 2022)**

<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<b>1</b>	Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) Reception Facilities Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)	Mike Reed, Head of Waste	Committee members will be briefed on the decision taken and published on 22 September 2022.
<b>2</b>	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2022 - 2023 – Quarter 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economy</li> <li>• Flooding</li> <li>• Waste</li> </ul>	Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development  Chris Miller, Head of Environment  Mike Reed, Head of Waste	This is a quarterly report on performance for the Economy, Flooding and Waste Services.
<b>3</b>	Coastal Car Park Strategy	Chris Miller, Head of Environment	This report is on the development and revision of the car parking strategy at the six County Council owned car parks on the East Coast and within the Coastal Country Park.

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<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<b>4</b>	Lincolnshire Reservoir – Position Paper	Matthew Harrison, Flood and Water Manager	This report is on the new reservoir and the opportunities and economic benefits it creates for Lincolnshire.
<b>5</b>	Energy For Growth	Mick King, Head of Economic Infrastructure Johanna Rhoades, Project Officer – Utilities	This paper is on the Council’s approach to energy for growth and provides an overview of the utilities work programme being delivered by the Economic Infrastructure Team within the Growth Service Area.
<b>Information Only Item</b>			
<b>6</b>	Theddlethorpe Gas terminal: update	Justin Brown, Assistant Director Growth	This is a regular update to the Committee on developments at Theddlethorpe Gas Terminal.

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<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<b>1</b>	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2022 - 2023 – Quarter 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economy</li> <li>• Flooding</li> <li>• Waste</li> </ul>	Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development  Chris Miller, Head of Environment  Mike Reed, Head of Waste	This is a quarterly report on performance for the Economy, Flooding and Waste Services.
<b>2</b>	Planning Reform and Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LURB)	Phil Hughes, Strategic Planning Manager	This report provides a summary of proposed changes to the planning system contained in the LURB and likely implications for Lincolnshire.
<b>3</b>	Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Operational Contract Procurement	Mike Reed, Head of Waste	This report is for pre-decision Scrutiny prior to an Executive Decision on 6 December 2022.

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<b>4</b>	Business Premises Portfolio Lettings Policy	Simon Wright, Regeneration and Portfolio Manager  Kelly Owbridge-Tasker, Portfolio Team Leader, Economic Infrastructure	This report provides an overview of the Business Premises Portfolio Lettings Policy.
<b>5</b>	Team Lincolnshire Investment Strategy	Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development  Karen Seal, Principal Place and Investment Officer	This report provides an update on the Team Lincolnshire Investment Strategy.
<b>6</b>	Energy Options Analysis for Greater Lincolnshire -Interim Report	Mick King, Head of Economic Infrastructure  Johanna Rhoades, Project Officer – Utilities	This report provides a review and analysis of Energy Options for Greater Lincolnshire.
<b>7</b>	Charging rates in Planning Services	Neil McBride, Head of Planning	This report provides an update on the changing rates in Planning Services.
<b>8</b>	Infrastructure Update	Vanessa Strange, Head of Infrastructure Investment	This report provides an update on Infrastructure projects.
<b>9</b>	Recycling and Food Waste Collection	Mike Reed, Head of Waste	This report is on the progress of the Recycling and Food Waste Collection project.

**Items to be Programmed**

- Alternative Fuels
- Climate Change Impact
- Elements of Environment Act (TBC, Oct/Nov 2022)
- Endorsement of Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Plan
- Future plans for business support initiatives
- Green Technology Grant
- Historic Places Team Strategy
- Horncastle Industrial Estate extension Mick King, Head of Economic Infrastructure & Hayley Redford, Project Officer- Place (Nov 2023)
- Lincolnshire Reservoir – Progress Updates
- Local Electric Vehicle Initiative scheme
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy (inc Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership Update)



- Ongoing relationship with Department for Education and Department for Work and Pensions
- Outcomes of energy analysis and next steps
- Planning White Paper- 2023-24
- Property Green Agenda – potential guest presentation facilitated by Sustainability
- Sutton Bridge place-making Mick King, Head of Economic Infrastructure & Hayley Redford, Project Officer- Place (Nov 2023)
- The role of LEPs and the relationship with LCC following government guidance (Feb 2023)
- Update to Paper and Card Waste Collection Project (Spring/Summer 2023)
- Verge Biomass Management
- Visitor economy current situation and prospects for 2023
- Waste Performance Targets - Setting of Targets

## HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### ACTIVITY

Since its last report to the Board, the Committee has met on 30 May 2022, on 18 July 2022 with a third meeting due on 24 October 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 May 2022:

<b>30 MAY 2022</b>	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
<b>1</b> Gainsborough Transport Strategy	<p>The report set out the final update on the Gainsborough Transport Strategy and the main Gainsborough Transport Strategy 2022 documents.</p> <p>During consideration Members raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person visits to transport strategy sites in the future to be considered.</li> <li>• A more service-based economy may take prominence.</li> <li>• Stakeholder engagement had been undertaken successfully for this strategy, particularly emphasising the engagement with West Lindsey District Council.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b> Speed Limits Review - Task & Finish Group Verbal Update	<p>This verbal update set out a proposal for an officer task and finish group to look at terms of reference for a potential Speed Limits Review (now known as the Traffic Management review).</p> <p>Following discussion at the meeting, the Committee agreed to commission a working group of councillors to explore the issues and identify terms of reference prior to a potential formal review by a scrutiny panel. This working group was approved at the meeting on 18 July 2022.</p>

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<b>3</b>	Levelling Up Schemes – Verbal Update	<p>This was a verbal update and visual presentation on Levelling Up schemes.</p> <p>Issues covered in the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A16 - Marsh Lane Roundabout, Boston</li> <li>• Active Travel Project in Boston</li> <li>• A16 – Kirton Junction</li> <li>• A16 – Greencell Roundabout, Spalding</li> <li>• A16 – Springfield Road Roundabout, Spalding</li> <li>• Active Travel Project in Spalding</li> <li>• Overall programme of works</li> </ul>
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**18 JULY 2022**

<i>Item</i>		<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
<b>1</b>	Passenger Transport Annual Update	<p>The Committee received an annual update on Passenger Transport Matters relating to public transport.</p> <p>During consideration Members raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driver shortages continued to impact services.</li> <li>• Members agreed Call Connect was offering a good service across the county with good coverage – providing routes that were not viable for timetabled operators.</li> <li>• Alternative fuel buses were being investigated by operators, with larger operators pursuing national policies on reducing emissions.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	Winter Service Plan 2022/23	<p>The Committee unanimously supported the recommendations set out in the report.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that their views were passed on to the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT in relation to the consideration of this item.</p>

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<i>Item</i>		<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
<b>3</b>	Performance Report, Quarter 4 - (1 January 2022 - 31 March 2022)	<p>The Committee was provided with the latest Highways Service performance data.</p> <p>During consideration Members raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In relation to a Surface Dressing compensation claim that had been received from a member of the public, officers confirmed that claims of this nature were reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine if the Council and its contractors carried out the works in the correct way.</li><li>• The improvements to pothole and drain temporary cover repairs were welcomed.</li><li>• The contractor backlog regarding drainage repairs was set to be cleared by the end of the month.</li></ul>
<b>4</b>	Highways - Gully Cleansing/Repair and Surface Water Flooding	<p>The Committee received information on the reactive, cyclic, and planned aspects of highways drainage maintenance including low-level flooding response.</p> <p>During consideration Members raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Targeted works were welcomed.</li><li>• Flood event categories were becoming less appropriate as floods classed as once in a 100-year event were becoming more and more frequent.</li></ul>
<b>5</b>	Review of Traffic Management in Lincolnshire	<p>Further to the item on Speed Limits Review considered at the meeting on 30 May 2022, this item enabled the Committee to consider a proposal to set up a working group tasked with reviewing branches of the existing Traffic Management Policy.</p> <p>The Committee supported setting up the Working Group and requested that a membership was identified to take part in this.</p>

## PLANNED WORK

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

<b>24 OCTOBER 2022 (INCLUDING ADJOURNED MEETING -12 SEPTEMBER 2022)</b>			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<b>1</b>	Highway Service - Inflation Options Paper	Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways Client and Contractual Management Services	The Committee will be briefed on the decision made and published on 20 September 2022.
<b>2</b>	Highway Service – Winter Maintenance Contract Award	Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways Client and Contractual Management Services	The Committee will be briefed on the decision made and published on 20 September 2022.
<b>3</b>	Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy and	Clair Dixon, Policy and Strategic Asset Manager	The views of the Committee will be sought ahead of the item being considered by the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT for a decision between 31 October – 8 November 2022.
<b>4</b>	Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan	Clair Dixon, Policy and Strategic Asset Manager	The views of the Committee will be sought ahead of the item being considered by the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT for a decision between 31 October – 8 November 2022.
<b>5</b>	Re-procurement of Hirebike Scheme	Chris Miller, Head of Environment	The views of the Committee will be sought ahead of the item being considered by the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT for a decision between 25 October – 1 November 2022.

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<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
<b>6</b>	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.
<b>7</b>	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.
<b>8</b>	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**

<b>12 DECEMBER 2022</b>			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
<b>1</b>	Grantham Future High Street Public Realm Improvements EXEMPT	Teresa James, Senior Project Leader (Major Schemes)	The views of the Committee will be sought ahead of the item being considered by the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT and the Leader of the Council (Executive Councillor for Resources, Communications and Commissioning) for a decision between 12 – 20 December 2022.

<b>2</b>	A16/Marsh Lane Boston and Boston Active Travel Scheme	Charlotte Hughes, Senior Project Leader-Place	The views of the Committee will be sought ahead of the item being considered by the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT for a decision between 14 – 16 December 2022.
<b>3</b>	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.
<b>4</b>	Transport Quarter 2 Performance Report	Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities  Verity Druce, Head of Transformation - Transport	This is a quarterly performance report on transport services.
<b>5</b>	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.
<b>6</b>	Grantham Transport Strategy	Karl Gibson, Senior Project Leader, Highways Infrastructure, Place Directorate	The Committee will receive information on the Transport Strategy for Grantham area.
<b>7</b>	Sleaford Transport Strategy	Karl Gibson, Senior Project Leader, Highways Infrastructure, Place Directorate	The Committee will receive information on the Transport Strategy for Sleaford area.
<b>8</b>	Skegness & Mablethorpe Transport Strategy	Karl Gibson, Senior Project Leader, Highways Infrastructure, Place Directorate	The Committee will receive information on the Transport Strategy for Skegness and Mablethorpe areas.

### **Items to be Scheduled**

- Process for the adoption of Private Streets (TBC Autumn/Winter 2022)
- Civil Parking Enforcement Annual Report 2021 – 2022 (January 2023)
- Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2023/24 (January 2023)
- Route and Place Based Transport Strategies Annual Report (January 2023)
- Road Safety Partnership Update (March 2023)
- Levelling Up Fund - A16 Corridor Improvements - Springfields and Greencell (Pre-decision Scrutiny -Executive Councillor- 24 April – 2 May 2023)