

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

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	27 April 2023
Subject:	Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee• Highways and Transport 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 26 January 2023, 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 January 2023 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

Since 26 January 2023, when a report was last submitted, the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee has met on 28 February 2023 and 11 April 2023. The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee has met on 6 March 2023 and 24 April 2023. The key activities since January 2023 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 November 2023: -

Scrutiny Committee	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date
Adults and Community Wellbeing	23 Feb 23	25 May 23	28 Sept 23
Health			
Children and Young People	30 Mar 23	29 Jun 23	26 Oct 23
Public Protection and Communities			
Environment and Economy	27 Apr 23	24 Aug 23	23 Nov 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 28 February and 11 April 2023. 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?Committeeld=124>

Set out below is a summary of the outcomes since the last update in January 2023:

28 February 2023	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Local Nature Recovery Strategy - A Partnership Approach	The Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive on the formation of a partnership approach for the delivery of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and agreed to provide comments. The Executive approved the recommendations at its meeting on 7 March 2023.
Planning Reform and Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LURB)	<p>The Committee received an update on planning reforms and the LURB. The Committee considered whether the LURB would provide support against the challenges of climate change, housing, and energy security and was assured it was in the government's interest to formulate a stable platform for planning based off these interests to create stability in the sector. Members expressed concern regarding the imposition of a national development management policy which could undermine the varied needs of local developments.</p> <p>The Executive Councillor for Economic Development, Environment and Planning advised that he would be submitting a formal response to the government about the proposed planning changes in the LURB, and agreed to capture the comments of the Committee in his response.</p>

28 February 2023	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
<p>The Role of Local Enterprise Partnerships and the Relationship with Lincolnshire County Council following Government Guidance</p>	<p>The Committee endorsed the continuation of the approach in which the Council supports the Great Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (GLLEP) in its production of the economic strategy, seeking to align and avoid duplication wherever possible, and encouraged officers to continue to seek private sector input into priorities and initiatives by actively engaging with the LEP Board and its sub-groups.</p> <p>The Committee explored the impact devolution could potentially have on the GLLEP and assurance was provided that LEPs had been supported in combined authorities who had a county deal elsewhere.</p>
<p>Lincolnshire County Council's Response to Labour Market Trends</p>	<p>The Committee considered the common trends within Lincolnshire's labour market and the Council's response to the main challenges, and endorsed the work undertaken to deliver and support the skills development programmes across the county.</p> <p>Members explored whether Further Education (FE) providers could provide employment and skills training to address shortfalls in staff recruitment. Assurance was provided that FE providers supported local employers to identify skill gaps and align training provision accordingly. However, as post-16 education existed within the free market, it was difficult for the Council to intervene. To improve communication, the Council regularly attended the board of Lincolnshire FE Colleges, and the skills improvement plan aimed to steer FE priorities in Greater Lincolnshire, and subsequently the Council could promote skills-based qualifications through this avenue.</p>
<p>Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Pilot</p>	<p>The Committee welcomed the pilot and endorsed the continuation of the current approach, where pilot funding is used to understand the best way to deliver electric vehicle charging on the highway, in different geographical settings.</p> <p>Members acknowledged the rural nature of Lincolnshire, which meant that many locations could not be provided with an EV charger. Despite this, assurance was given that a village-solution to EV travel was an aspiration in the future.</p>

28 February 2023	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Visitor Economy Update	<p>The Committee endorsed the report and supported the work being undertaken to develop and enhance future Visitor Economy interventions.</p> <p>Members suggested specific promotion for events held in Lincolnshire and were assured that an ‘events’ section was being further developed for the Visit Lincolnshire website. Visit Lincolnshire was in the process of uploading events for 2023, but some quality control had to occur to ensure the right events were being advertised by the Council.</p>
Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2022-23 - Quarter 3	<p>The Committee endorsed the report and was satisfied with the performance achieved to date and the assurances provided where targets were not achieved.</p> <p>Members explored whether the withdrawal of the £8 million of European funding would be a limiting factor in the Council’s ability to interface and assist businesses in the future. The Council had requested £1.7m from the shared prosperity fund across the ten local authorities. Funding had been secured for West Lindsey, Rutland, and Lincoln City, and positive conversations were ongoing with South and North Kesteven. Expressions of Interest had been submitted for North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and South East Lincolnshire and were awaiting the outcome. An update on the final programme would be shared at a future meeting.</p>
Theddlethorpe Geological Disposal Facility Working Group - Interim Update	<p>The Committee received an interim verbal update on the workings of the Theddlethorpe Geological Disposal Facility Working Group.</p> <p>Members were advised that the residents in Theddlethorpe were the decisionmakers in relation to the disposal facility. From the Council’s perspective, it was important to view the situation as fluid and explore opportunities for locality and inward investment, as well as awareness of risks. A full report on the Working Group would be considered at the meeting on 11 April 2023.</p>

11 April 2023	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
<p>Theddlethorpe Geological Disposal Facility Working Group - 6 Monthly Update</p>	<p>The Committee reviewed the progress of the Community Partnership and its public engagement programme, which would continue throughout the siting process for the geological disposal facility; and supported the work being carried out to take advantage of the opportunities for investment in strategic infrastructure and for employment and business supply chains.</p> <p>The Committee explored the low take up of the Community Investment Fund and the potential need for match funding, and was advised that with any grant programme, take up was always slow in the first year. Assurance was provided that there would be no need for any project to have match funding in order to bid, but projects could be prioritised if they had match funding.</p>
<p>Energy for Growth - Energy Options Analysis for Greater Lincolnshire - Interim Report</p>	<p>The Committee was satisfied with the content of the Interim Report on the Energy Options Analysis for Greater Lincolnshire, and agreed to pass comments onto the consultants RLB.</p> <p>The Committee highlighted that the final report needed more information on solar and green energy, and that the flexibility and limitations of the grid should be a key consideration in the final report. The Committee's feedback would be provided to RLB for taking into consideration when completing the final report, which is due to be considered by the Committee in July 2023.</p>
<p>Waste Engagement Initiatives</p>	<p>The Committee was assured that action was being taken that allows Lincolnshire County Council to adhere to its statutory obligations as Waste Disposal Authority and continue to improve the efficiency of the service.</p> <p>The Committee highlighted that the twitter feed for household waste recycling centres needed to be updated more regularly and be more responsive to changes in service and provision, which officers agreed to look into. In addition, Members supported the engagement with the University of Lincoln, but highlighted that other higher and further education establishments also needed to be engaged with.</p>

11 April 2023	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
Twin Stream Recycling Update	<p>The Committee was assured that action was being taken that allows Lincolnshire County Council to meet objectives defined within the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and help contribute towards the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership objective of “seeking the best environmental option to provide innovative, customer friendly waste management solutions that give value for money to Lincolnshire.”</p> <p>The Committee explored the national plans for a separate food waste collection and disposal, which will be brought to a future meeting once more detail is known; the roll out of the twin stream across the remaining three district councils which is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2024; whether the tonnage collected has remained steady since roll out, on which an analysis was being undertaken and would be brought to a future meeting when there was data available; and the variation in the amount collected by district which was due to a combination of population size in each district and how well the twin stream was working.</p>

PLANNED WORK

Set out below are the items planned for future meetings of the Committee:

30 MAY 2023			
	<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Scrutiny Panel A: Town Centres Improvements Review – Report Overview/ Outcomes and Recommendations	Cllr Phil Dilks, Chairman of SPA Justin Brown, Assistant Director -Growth Kiara Chatziioannou, Scrutiny Officer	The Committee will receive the findings and recommendations made by Scrutiny Panel A.
2	Scrutiny Panel B: Agriculture Sector Support Review – Report Overview/ Outcomes and Recommendations	Cllr Gary Taylor, Chairman of SPB Justin Brown, Assistant Director -Growth Kiara Chatziioannou, Scrutiny Officer	The Committee will receive the findings and recommendations made by Scrutiny Panel B.

30 MAY 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
3	Business Premises Portfolio Performance	Simon Wright, Regeneration and Portfolio Manager, Economic Infrastructure Kelly Owbridge-Tasker, Portfolio Team Leader, Economic Infrastructure	This report sets out the performance for the Business Premises portfolio.
4	Horncastle Industrial Estate extension	Mick King, Head of Economic Infrastructure Ian Walker, Infrastructure Team Manager	This report provides an overview of the extension plans for the Horncastle Industrial Estate.
5	Motorhomes and Campervans Working Group – Outcomes and Recommendations	Justin Brown, Assistant Director -Growth Chris Miller, Head of Environment Kiara Chatziioannou, Scrutiny Officer	This report summarises the outcomes and recommendations formulated by the Motorhomes and Campervans Working Group.

11 JULY 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Adult Skills and Family Learning Programme 2022/23- <i>Annual Position Report</i>	Thea Croxall, Adult Learning & Skills Manager- Economic Development	This report provides an annual update on the Adult Skills and Family Learning Programme for 2022/23.
2	Growth Hub Annual Performance 2022 and future plans for business support initiatives for 2023 - <i>Annual Position Report</i>	Samantha Harrison, Head of Economic Development Angela Driver, Enterprise Growth Manager - Economic Development	This report offers an annual overview of the Growth Hub performance and introduces future plans for business support initiatives for 2023.
3	Provision of careers advice to all age groups in Lincolnshire	Thea Croxall, Adult Learning & Skills Manager Clare Hughes, Employment and Skills Executive Manager	This report offers an overview of plans for careers advice provision for Lincolnshire’s residents.
4	Broadband Programme - <i>Interim Verbal Update</i>	Justin Brown, Assistant Director – Growth Stephen Brookes, Broadband Programme Manager	This is an interim update on the broadband roll out programme.

11 JULY 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
5	Energy Options Analysis for Greater Lincolnshire Final Report, Outcomes, and Next Steps	Mick King, Head of Economic Infrastructure Johanna Rhoades, Project Officer – Utilities	This report will set out the Final Report from the consultants RLB on the energy options analysis for Greater Lincolnshire. The Committee received the Interim Report at its meeting on 11 April 2023.
6	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2022 - 2023 – Quarter 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economy • Flooding • Waste 	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.

12 SEPTEMBER 2023			
<i>Item</i>		<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
1	Waste Transfer Station Improvements	Mike Reed, Head of Waste	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to a decision by the Executive Councillor for Waste and Trading Standards between 18 – 22 September 2023.
2	Food Waste Disposal Contract Procurement	Mike Reed, Head of Waste	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to a decision by the Executive Councillor for Waste and Trading Standards between 18 – 22 September 2023.
3	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2023 - 2024 – Quarter 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economy • Flooding • Waste 	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.

12 SEPTEMBER 2023			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
4	Sutton Bridge place-making Scheme	Hayley Redford, Project Officer – Economic Infrastructure Mick King, Head of Economic Infrastructure Ian Walker, Infrastructure Team Manager	This report will provide an overview of the place-making scheme for Sutton Bridge.

23 OCTOBER 2023		
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	TBC	TBC

28 NOVEMBER 2023			
<i>Item</i>	<i>Contributor</i>	<i>Notes</i>	
1	Service Level Performance Reporting Against the Performance Framework 2023 - 2024 – Quarter 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economy • Flooding • Waste 	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.
2	Draft Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Preferred Approach	Adrian Winkley, Minerals and Waste Policy and Compliance Manager	This item is for pre-decision scrutiny prior to a decision by the Executive on 5 December 2023.

Items to be Programmed

Topic/Author	Est Date
Alternative Fuels	TBC
Climate Change Impact [Chris Miller, Head of Environment]	TBC
Food Waste Collection- (Waiting for Env Act Updates)	Winter/Spring 2023
Elements of Environment Act- (Waiting for Gov Guidance/Updates)	2023
Green Technology Grant	TBC
Historic Places Team Strategy	TBC
Lincolnshire Reservoir– Progress Updates [Matthew Harrison, Flood Manager]	Spring/Summer 2023
Local Nature Recovery Strategy (inc. Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership Update) [Chris Miller, Head of Environment & Dan Clayton, Sustainability Manager]	TBC
Property Green Agenda – potential guest presentation facilitated by Sustainability [Chris Miller, Head of Environment & Dan Clayton, Sustainability Manager]	TBC
Verge Biomass Management	TBC
Waste Performance Targets - Setting of Targets [Mike Reed, Head of Waste]	TBC
Lincolnshire County Council Carbon Report 2022-2023	Autumn 2023

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ACTIVITY

Since its last report to the Board, the Committee has met on 6 March and 24 April 2023. Full details on these items is available on the County Council's website:

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Set out below is a summary of the outcomes since the last update in January 2023:

6 March 2023	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Summary of Outcomes</i>
1. Lincolnshire Enhanced Partnership Plan for Buses	The Committee supported a proposed decision by the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and IT on approving a Lincolnshire Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme for Buses, with effect from 1 April 2023. The Committee's comments included: secure bicycle storage at bus stops; clarification of the national funding available; the impact of the £2 maximum single fare; punctuality of buses; and night-time and Sunday bus provision.
2. Road Safety Partnership Annual Update	The Committee recorded its satisfaction with the activity and service provision of the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, whose aim was to reduce the overall number of people killed or injured on the county's roads. This included plans to upgrade speed enforcement cameras in the coming year; improved detection of mobile phone use by drivers; and the activities of community speed watch schemes.
3. Highways – Quarter 3 Performance Report (1 October to 31 December 2022)	The Committee expressed its overall satisfaction with the performance of the Highways Service during quarter three. The Committee's comments, which were passed to the Executive Councillor, included the future recording of traffic regulation orders; and concerns over works undertaken by Anglian Water, which was due to be considered on 24 April 2023.

24 April 2023	
Item	Summary of Outcomes
1.	Anglian Water Road and Maintenance Works and Traffic Disruption
2.	Lincolnshire Traffic Management Working Group – Outcomes
3.	Transport - Quarter 3 Performance Report

A verbal update will be provided at the Board's meeting.

PLANNED WORK

Set out below are the items planned for future meetings of the Committee:

22 May 2023		
Item	Contributor	
1.	Levelling Up Fund - A16 Corridor Improvements - Springfields and Greencell <i>(Pre-decision Scrutiny: Executive Councillor Decision, 30 May – 2 June 2023)</i>	Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure and Laboratory Services
2.	Grantham Future High Street Fund - Station Approach <i>(Pre-decision Scrutiny: Executive Councillor Decision, 30 May - 2 June 2023)</i>	Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure and Laboratory Services
3.	Highways – Gully Cleansing/Repair and Surface Water Flooding – Update	Richard Fenwick, Head of Highways Asset and Local Management Services Shaun Butcher, County Programme Manager
4.	Street Works and Permitting - Progress Report	Mandi Robinson, Network Regulation Compliance Manager
5.	Process for the Adoption of Private Streets	Liz Burnley, County Manager for Development

17 July 2023	
Item	Contributor
1. Winter Service Plan 2022/23 <i>(Pre-decision scrutiny: Executive Councillor Decision, 24 - 31 July 2023)</i>	Karen Cassar, Assistant Director - Highways Johnathan Evans, Head of Highways, Client, and Contract Management
2. Highways– Quarter 4 Performance Report (1 January - 31 March 2023) (including Road Condition Indicator data)	Karen Cassar, Assistant Director - Highways Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways, Client and Contract Management
3. Major Work Schemes Report	Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure and Laboratory Services
4. Passenger Transport Annual Update	Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director – Communities, Helen Reek, Senior Projects Officer – Transport Services
5. Transport – Quarter 4 Performance Report (1 January - 31 March 2023)	Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director – Communities Verity Druce, Head of Transformation Services Helen Reek, Senior Projects Officer, Transport Services

11 September 2023	
Item	Contributor
1. Highway Works, Professional Services and Traffic Signals Contract Extension <i>(Pre-decision Scrutiny: Executive Councillor Decision 18 - 25 September 2023)</i>	Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways, Client and Contract Management
2. North Hykeham Relief Road - Permission to Submit Planning Application <i>(Pre-decision Scrutiny: Executive Decision, 3 October 2023)</i>	Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure and Laboratory Services
3. Highways – Quarter 1 Performance Report (1 April – 30 June 2023)	Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways, Client and Contract Management
4. Major Work Schemes Report	Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure and Laboratory Services

11 September 2023	
Item	Contributor
5. Transport - Quarter 1 Performance Report (1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023)	Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director – Communities Verity Druce, Head of Transformation Services Helen Reek, Senior Projects Officer, Transport Services

23 October 2023	
Item	Contributor
1. Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan 2023 <i>(Pre-decision scrutiny: Executive Councillor Decision, 30 October – 6 November 2023)</i>	Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways, Client and Contract Management
2. Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Policy <i>(Pre-decision scrutiny: Executive Councillor Decision, 30 October 2023 – 6 November 2023)</i>	Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways, Client and Contract Management
3. Transport Connect Limited (TCL) - Teckal Company Update Report	Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director – Communities Verity Druce, Head of Transformation Services Helen Reek, Senior Projects Officer, Transport Services
4. Highways – Gully Cleansing/Repair and Surface Water Flooding- Update	Richard Fenwick, County Highways Manager Shaun Butcher, County Programme Manager

11 December 2023	
Item	Contributor
1. Highways - Quarter 2 Performance Report (1 July to 30 September 2023)	Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways, Client and Contract Management
2. Major Work Schemes Report	Sam Edwards, Head of Highways Infrastructure and Laboratory Services

11 December 2023	
Item	Contributor
3. Transport - Quarter 2 Performance Report (1 July to 30 September 2023)	Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director – Communities, Verity Druce, Head of Transformation Services
4. Anglian Water Street Works Performance – Update on Action Plan	Mick Phoenix, Traffic Manager-Place Ashley Behan, Street Works and Permitting Manager Anglian Water Representatives

Items to be programmed:

- Civil Parking Enforcement Annual Report 2022 – 2023 (Autumn 2023)
- Stamford Transport Strategy (Autumn/Winter 2023)
- Annual Update on the Approach to Transport Strategy Developments (Winter 2023-24)

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