

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL

10 November 2021

PRESENT: - Councillor J Longcake (Chairman)

Councillors S Swift (Vice-Chair) and P Vickers

The meeting was held in the Conference Room, Church Square House, Scunthorpe.

68 **SUBSTITUTIONS** - There were no substitutions at the meeting.

69 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AND DECLARATIONS OF WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS (IF ANY)** - There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, or personal or personal and prejudicial interests.

No whip was declared.

70 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2021 AND 4 OCTOBER 2021 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN - Resolved** – That the minutes of the proceedings of this panel held on 3 February 2021 and 4 October 2021, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and signed by the chairman.

71 **PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUEST, IF ANY** - There were no requests received.

72 **MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE** - The Director: Governance and Partnerships briefed members on the Places Scrutiny Panel terms of reference and panel membership which were agreed by council at its Annual Meeting on 25 May 2021.

Resolved – That the panel's terms of reference and panel membership be noted.

73 **FUTURE MEETING DATES** - The Chairman facilitated a discussion on the frequency of future meetings.

Resolved – That, wherever possible, meetings be held every three weeks.

74 **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS** - The Chairman invited members to contact the Director: Governance and Partnerships should they require member development on any aspects of the panel's terms of reference.

Resolved – That the Director: Governance and Partnerships consider the reintroduction of the annual overview and scrutiny member development

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workshop.

- 75 **FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES** - The Director: Governance and Partnerships invited Panel Members to consider their future work programme and priorities for the 2021-22 Municipal Year.

Resolved – (a) That, alongside the Panel’s statutory requirements, members consider the operational elements of Neighbourhood Action Teams in North Lincolnshire, and (b) that the review be ran in partnership with the council’s Governance Scrutiny Panel.

- 76 **STREET CLEANSING IN NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE** - The Chairman welcomed Chris Ramsbottom, the council’s Head of Service – Asset and Infrastructure, Andy Fidell, the council’s Group Manager (Neighbourhoods and Bereavement Services) and Mick Johnson, the council’s Highways Operations Manager to the meeting. Messrs Ramsbottom, Fidell and Johnson had been invited to the meeting to discuss with members street cleansing in North Lincolnshire.

Mr Fidell delivered two presentations. The first presentation was on grounds maintenance, followed by a presentation on street cleansing. The interactive presentation included video footage of some of the work the council’s Neighbourhood Services Operatives undertake in North Lincolnshire.

Following the presentations, the Chairman invited the Head of Service to comment on the content of the presentations. Mr Ramsbottom congratulated and thanked all the Neighbourhood Services Operatives for the transformation of the service over the past twelve months, resulting in a dramatic improvement of the service being provided.

The Chairman then facilitated a discussion between the Panel Members and the council’s Head of Service – Asset and Infrastructure, Group Manager (Neighbourhoods and Bereavement Services) and Highways Operations Manager.

Resolved – (a) That the presentations be noted; (b) that the Head of Service - Asset and Infrastructure communicate to his employees the Scrutiny Panel’s appreciation and gratitude for the transformation of the service and its impact on the appearance of North Lincolnshire; (c) that the Scrutiny Panel re-visit street cleansing in North Lincolnshire in twelve months time, and (d) that Messrs Ramsbottom, Fidell and Johnson be thanked for their attendance, presentations and for answering members questions.

- 77 **ADDED ITEM (IF ANY)** - There was no added item for consideration at the meeting.

- 78 **ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MUST BE SPECIFIED** - There were no urgent items for consideration at the meeting.

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