

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY PANEL

5 November 2021

PRESENT: - Councillor D Robinson (Chairman)

Councillors T Gosling (Vice-Chair) and P Clark

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

70 **SUBSTITUTIONS** - Councillor P Clark substituted for Councillor H Rowson.

71 **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AND DECLARATIONS OF WHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS (IF ANY)** - The following members declared a personal interest –

Councillor P Clark

Minute Number: 74

Nature of Interest: Chair of Ferry Neighbourhood Action Team

Councillor T Gosling

Minute Number: 74

Nature of Interest: Chair of Kingsway with Lincoln Gardens Neighbourhood Action Team

Councillor D Robinson

Minute Number: 74

Nature of Interest: Chair of Axholme Central Neighbourhood Action Team

No whip was declared.

72 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2020 AND 9 APRIL 2021 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN - Resolved** – That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings held on 10 December 2020 and 9 April 2021, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chairman.

73 **PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUESTS, IF ANY** - There were no public speaking requests received.

74 **TO CONSIDER AND REVIEW THE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM STRUCTURE** - The Chairman circulated report that detailed the findings of a review into the Neighbourhood Action Team concept in North Lincolnshire. Neighbourhood Action Teams (NATs) were community meetings that were held in each of the 17 electoral wards within North Lincolnshire. They allowed people living in that

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community to influence, prioritise and resolve issues relating to community safety and the environment.

NATs had been in place in North Lincolnshire since 2007, with all meetings Chaired by a ward member appointed by the council.

Currently NATs were set up to deal with issues relating to Crime and Anti Social Behaviour and issues of environmental nuisance.

In September 2020, Safer Neighbourhoods were asked to undertake a review of the NATs by the council's Places Scrutiny Panel.

The review report agreed a future direction and operating procedure for the NATs.

Members discussed at length the NATs review report and shared best practice and learnings from their experience of the NAT in their ward.

Resolved – (a) That the contents of the Neighbourhood Action Team review report be noted; (b) that the Panel agree in principle to a joint review with the council's Places Scrutiny Panel on the Neighbourhood Action Team concept, and (c) that at the Panel's next meeting the Cabinet Member for Finance and Governance be invited to discuss Neighbourhood Action Teams.

75 **ADDED ITEM, IF ANY** - There was no added item for consideration at the meeting.

76 **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.