

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY PANEL**

**13 January 2022**

**PRESENT:** - Councillor D Robinson (Chairman)

Councillors T Gosling (Vice-Chair) and H Rowson.

Councillors J Longcake and S Swift attended the meeting in accordance with Procedure Rule 1.37(b).

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

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

86     **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 and personal or personal and prejudicial interests.

No whip was declared.

87     **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2021 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN** - Councillor Swift attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the members on the Places Scrutiny Panel. He informed the meeting that further to Minute 82 of the Governance Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 19 November 2021, the Places Scrutiny Panel had at its meeting on 13 January 2022, formally agreed to form a joint Governance and Places Scrutiny Panel in order to commence a review into Neighbourhood Action Teams in North Lincolnshire.

The Chairman facilitated a discussion between the Panel Members on the creation of a joint scrutiny panel to consider Neighbourhood Action Teams in North Lincolnshire.

**Resolved** – (a) That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 19 November 2021, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chairman, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Swift as a member that attended that meeting in accordance with Procedure Rule 1.37(b), and (b) that a joint Governance and Places Scrutiny Panel be established to review Neighbourhood Action Teams in North Lincolnshire.

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

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- 89 **NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL - FINANCIAL PLANNING** - The Chairman welcomed Becky McIntyre, Nina Torr and Adam Hopley to the meeting, the council's Director: Governance and Communities, Head of Finance and Commissioning and Financial Strategy Strategic Lead respectively. The council officers had been invited to guide the members through the local government finance settlement and how it had impacted on the council's financial planning.

The Director delivered a presentation to members on the following –

- Background and context
- Financial planning timeline
- Local government finance settlement
- Increased grant funding
- Council tax and Adult Social Care precept
- Adult Social Care reform funding
- Spending power projection

Following the completion of the presentation, the Chairman facilitated a discussion between Panel Members and Mrs McIntyre, Mrs Torr and Mr Hopley.

**Resolved** – (a) That the presentation be received with thanks, and (b) that the Director: Governance and Communities, Head of Finance and Commissioning and Financial Strategy Strategic Lead be thanked for their attendance, presentation and for answering members' questions.

- 90 **HOMELESSNESS IN NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE – UPDATE** - The Chairman provided a precis of the discussion that was held at the panel's previous meeting on 16 December 2021, whereby members held an informative and enlightening discussion with the council's Group Manager – Environmental Health and Housing and Assistant Group Manager – Housing Advice and Support on the support that was available to individuals who were or were at threat of being homeless over the winter period.

**Resolved** – (a) That the meeting held on 16 December 2021 be noted, and (b) that the council's Group Manager – Environmental Health and Housing and Assistant Group Manager – Housing Advice and Support be thanked for their attendance, verbal presentation and for answering member's questions.

- 91 **ADDED ITEM, IF ANY** - The Chairman informed the Panel that, in accordance with the council's Procedure Rules, Councillor Yeadon had submitted an added item on the 'proceeds of property sold in the financial year 2020 to 2021 – an explanation of procedures and considerations prior to selling'. The added item would be considered at a future meeting of the Panel.

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

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