

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL

13 January 2022

PRESENT: - Councillor J Longcake (Chairman)

Councillors S Swift (Vice-Chair) and P Vickers

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

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

87 **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 J Longcake

Minute No: 90

Nature of Interest: Member of Bottesford Neighbourhood Action Team

Councillor S Swift

Minute No: 90

Nature of Interest: Member of Bottesford Neighbourhood Action Team and Brumby Neighbourhood Action Team

Councillor P Vickers

Minute No: 90

Nature of Interest: Chair of Barton Neighbourhood Action Team

88 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2021 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN** - That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 13 December 2021, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chairman.

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

90 **TO CONSIDER AND REVIEW THE OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM STRUCTURE** - The Chairman welcomed the council's Director: Governance and Communities and Principal Officer: Safer Neighbourhoods to the meeting. In addition, a report that detailed the findings of a review into the Neighbourhood Action Team concept in North Lincolnshire had been circulated with the agenda.

Members heard that Neighbourhood Action Teams (NATs) were community meetings that were held in each of the 17 electoral wards within North

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Lincolnshire. They allowed people living in that 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.

The Chairman then facilitated a discussion between the Director and Principal Officer on the Neighbourhood Action Team concept, including best practice and learnings from their professional experience of the NATs across North Lincolnshire.

Resolved – (a) That the Director: Governance and Communities and Principal Officer: Safer Neighbourhoods be thanked for their attendance, verbal presentation and for answering members' questions, and (b) that the Governance Scrutiny Panel be formally invited to form a joint Governance and Places Scrutiny Panel and commence a review into Neighbourhood Action Teams in North Lincolnshire.

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

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.