

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL
GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY PANEL

26 January 2023

PRESENT: - Councillor D Robinson (Chairman)

Councillors T Gosling (Vice-Chair) and H Rowson

The meeting was held in Room G01e, Church Square House, Scunthorpe.

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

126 **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.

127 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2022 (X2) AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN - Resolved** – That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings held on 17 November 2022 (x2), having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chairman.

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

129 **COUNCIL BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023-26** - The Chairman welcomed Becky McIntyre, Nina Torr and Mark Kitching to the meeting, the council's Director: Governance and Communities, Assistant Director - Resources and Performance and Head of Financial Services 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 –

- Financial strategy for achieving a sustainable council
- Local Government Finance Settlement
- Forecast spending power
- Changes in spending power
- Medium Term Financial Planning and proposed budget adjustments
- Council reserves
- Robustness of estimates
- Capital Investment Strategy

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- Capital Investment Programme
- Treasury Management Strategy

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

Resolved – (a) That the presentation be received with thanks, and (b) that the Director: Governance and Communities, Assistant Director - Resources and Performance and Head of Financial Services be thanked for their attendance, presentation and for answering members' questions.

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

131 **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.