

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

**12 July 2023**

**PRESENT:** - Councillor J Lee (Chairman)

Councillors A Davison (Vice-Chair) and H Rowson

Councillor L Yeadon attended the meetings in accordance with Procedure Rule 1.37(b).

The meeting was held in Room G01e/G02e, Church Square House, Scunthorpe.

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

133    **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.

134    **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2023 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN** - That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 26 January 2023, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.

135    **PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUESTS, IF ANY** - No public speaking requests had been received.

136    **MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE** - The Director: Governance and Communities briefed members on the Governance Scrutiny Panel terms of reference and panel membership which were agreed by council at its Annual Meeting on 18 May 2023.

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

137    **FUTURE MEETING DATES OF THE GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY PANEL** - The Chairman facilitated a discussion on the frequency of future meetings.

**Resolved** – That meetings of the Governance Scrutiny Panel be held on the second Tuesday of each month (except August), commencing at 4.00 pm at Church Square House, Scunthorpe.

138    **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS** - The Chair facilitated a discussion on what, if

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any, training the Panel required to assist them in fulfilling their duties as a member of the Governance Scrutiny Panel.

**Resolved** – That the Director: Governance and Communities be respectfully requested to co-ordinate a member development session for all councillors on overview and scrutiny.

- 139 **FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME AND PRIORITIES** - The Chair facilitated a discussion on the Panel's priorities for the Municipal Year 2023-24.

Suggested topics for discussion included –

- Digital Council
- Welfare support
- Participation at public council meetings
- Complaints - Information Governance
- Recruitment and retention of council employees

**Resolved** – That the aforementioned list be the Panel's work programme for the Municipal Year 2023-24.

- 140 **LEADER PORTFOLIO - PLACE SHAPING, STEEL AND HEAVY INDUSTRY** - The Chair informed the meeting that due to an unavoidable urgent commitment, the Leader of the Council and Place Shaping, Steel and Heavy Industry Cabinet Member would not be able to attend the meeting.

**Resolved** – That the Leader of the Council and Place Shaping, Steel and Heavy Industry Cabinet Member be invited to the next scheduled meeting of the Panel.

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

- 142 **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.