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## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

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| <b>GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY<br/>PANEL</b> |
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**12 July 2023**

**Chairman:** Councillor Janet Lee

**Venue:** Room G01e/G02e,  
Church Square House

**Time:** 4.00 pm

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### **AGENDA**

1. Substitutions.
2. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal or personal and prejudicial interests and declarations of whipping arrangements (if any).
3. To take the minutes of the meetings held on 26 January 2023 as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign. (Pages 1 - 2)
4. Public speaking requests, if any.
5. Membership and Terms of Reference (Pages 3 - 4)
6. Future Meeting Dates of the Governance Scrutiny Panel
7. Training Requirements
8. Future Work Programme and Priorities
9. Leader Portfolio - Place Shaping, Steel and Heavy Industry (Pages 5 - 6)  
  
Discussion and questions with the Leader of the Council on the responsibilities contained within the cabinet member portfolio.
10. Added item, if any.
11. Any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent by reason of special circumstances that must be specified.

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## 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.

## GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY PANEL

Membership:

3 Councillors (2 Conservative and 1 Labour)

Terms of Reference:

To carry out the relevant overview and scrutiny functions relating to services delivered or commissioned by the council and its relevant partners and partner authorities including the shared services arrangements with North East Lincolnshire Council and including all governance issues, corporate and strategic services, the council's budget performance and/or cross cutting and engagement issues,.

*To be mindful at all times of the need to take account of the Council's Corporate Parenting Pledge, and the commitment to children in care and care leavers as contained within the Pledge in carrying out the panel's work.*

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## **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL PLACE SHAPING, STEEL & HEAVY INDUSTRY PORTFOLIO**

- (a) The Leader is responsible for providing overall political leadership for the council in relation to the co-ordination and delivery of council policies, strategies and services.
- (b) The Leader is responsible for leading the cabinet in its work to deliver the policy framework and to deliver services to the local community.
- (c) The Leader will chair the Cabinet.
- (d) The functions and areas of policy and decision making responsibility to the extent that they are not non-executive are:
  - (i) Lead on financial strategy and medium term financial plan
  - (ii) Community and Place Leadership
  - (iii) Promotion of North Lincolnshire as the best place to live, work, visit and invest
  - (iv) Representation at national, regional and sub-regional level
  - (iv) Devolution and other regional growth initiatives and partnerships
  - (v) Promotion of Diversity within the Council and North Lincolnshire
  - (vi) Ambassador for Place partnerships with business and business representatives
  - (vii) Public Sector Place and system transformation
  - (ix) Economic Growth
  - (x) Schools capital investment
  - (xi) Commercial Property and Investment Strategy
  - (xii) Corporate Landlord (operational buildings and facilities management)
- (e) Additional specific delegated decision making powers to:
  - (i) Appoint cabinet members
  - (ii) Determine which individual members of the Executive, committees of the Executive, officers or joint arrangements are responsible for the exercise of particular executive functions (portfolios)
  - (iii) Determine the agenda for meetings of the Executive

- (iv) Take any decision which in his opinion requires to be taken during the period of the recess and falls within the delegated powers of the Cabinet but before doing so shall consult the chair and vice chair of the relevant scrutiny panel
- (v) Sell, purchase, acquire and dispose of land and property outside the scope of officer delegation