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NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY PANEL

25 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 meeting held on 12 July 2023, and the special meeting held on 12 July 2023 as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign. (Pages 1 - 4)
4. Public speaking requests, if any.
5. Leader Portfolio - Place Shaping, Steel and Heavy Industry
 - (a) Discussion and questions with Councillor Waltham MBE
 - (b) Next stages, if any.
6. Added item, if any.
7. Any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent by reason of special circumstances that must be specified.

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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.

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PRESENT: - Councillor J Lee (Chairman)

Councillors A Davison (Vice-Chair) and H Rowson

Councillor L Yeadon attended the meeting as one of the call-in signatories.

Councillor R Hannigan and Councillor E Marper attended the meeting as the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health, Families and Communities and Cabinet Member for Investment, Outcomes and Governance respectively.

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

143 **SUBSTITUTIONS** - There were no substitutes at the meeting.

144 **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.

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

146 **ITEM REQUESTED FOR CALL-IN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 22 OF PART D RULE 5 (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES) OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION** - The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Councillor L Yeadon and Councillor A Davison to introduce their reasons for calling in the decision. The reasons being -

- I think that it was good that we aim to support unpaid carers in the community, but I would like to know more about how these carers were identified and supported?
- I know of local people who were at their wits ends trying to look after family members with very little support.
- How do we know that all those that need help and want help were identified.

The signatories also believed that the decision was contrary to the policy framework or contrary to, or not wholly in accordance with the budget. The

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reason being -

Collectively, the Labour Group supported council employees being supported in their caring role, but the report stated there were no financial and other resource implications, yet inevitably, if the employee required additional support to care for a family member this would inevitably have implications for the council. How, with ever decreasing resources, would this be managed?"

Councillor E Marper, Cabinet Member for Investment, Outcomes and Governance, responded to questions, explaining the rationale for the decision and describing the agreed methodology for the introduction of a Carer Support Plan. Councillor R Hannigan, Cabinet Member for Adults, Health, Families and Communities also contributed to the discussion. Officers assisted the Cabinet Members by responding to technical questions about the council's policy and its implementation.

Resolved – (a) That no further action be taken, and the decision be implemented with immediate effect, and (b) that the introduction of a Carer Support Plan be added to the Panel's work programme, with consideration in six months' time.

- 147 **ADDED ITEM, IF ANY** - There was no added item for consideration at the meeting.
- 148 **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.