

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

PLACE SCRUTINY PANEL

18 October 2023

PRESENT: - Councillor J Kennedy (Chair)

Councillors S Swift (Vice-Chair) and P Vickers

Councillor J Reed, the council's Children, Families and Communities Cabinet Member attended the meeting in accordance with Procedure Rule 1.37(b) of the council's Constitution.

The meeting was held in Room S01e, Church Square House, Scunthorpe.

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

167 **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.

168 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2023 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN** - That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings held on 20 September 2023, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.

169 **PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUEST, IF ANY** - No public speaking requests had been received.

170 **PROVIDING HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT TO NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE RESIDENTS** - The Chair welcomed Rachel Johnson, the council's Head of Housing, Rehabilitation and Recovery and James Jellinek, the council's Lead Officer Housing Advice and Homelessness Prevention to the meeting. Mrs Johnson and Mr Jellinek had been invited to discuss the housing, rehabilitation and recovery service with the panel.

The Head of Service and Lead Officer guided members through a presentation which informed the panel of –

- What the service comprised, including management team, team members and total budget.
- The local North Lincolnshire Council offer.
- Service statistics.

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- Aspirations of the service.
- Top ten priorities of the service.
- An update on the 'somewhere safe to stay hub'.

Councillor J Reed, Children, Families and Communities Cabinet Member attended the meeting in accordance with Procedure Rule 1.37(b) of the council's Constitution and spoke at length on the council's commitment to assisting those residents who needed support with their housing needs.

Following the presentation, the Chair facilitated a discussion between the panel and Mrs Johnson, Mr Jellinek and Councillor Reed.

Resolved – (a) That the presentation be received with thanks, and (b) that the council's Head of Housing, Rehabilitation and Recovery, the council's Lead Officer Housing Advice and Homelessness Prevention and the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Communities be thanked for their attendance, presentation and for answering members' questions.

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

172 **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.