

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

PLACE SCRUTINY PANEL

22 November 2023

PRESENT: - Councillor J Kennedy (Chair)

Councillors S Swift (Vice-Chair) and P Vickers.

The meeting was held in Room F01e, Conference Room, Church Square House, Scunthorpe.

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

174 **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.

175 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2023 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN** - That the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings held on 18 October 2023, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.

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

177 **HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS IN NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE** - The Chair welcomed Steve Hepworth, Chief Executive of Ongo and Murray Macdonald, Chief Executive of Lincolnshire Housing Partnership to the meeting. Mr Hepworth and Mr Macdonald had been invited to the meeting to discuss with Members the growth of the housing associations and the rationale behind the proposed merger of the organisations.

Members received a presentation, which covered –

- What the proposed merger entailed.
- What the merger would look like.
- Why Ongo and Lincolnshire Housing Partnership were considering a merger.
- Advantages of a merger.
- Merger timeline.
- Benefit to tenants.

Following the presentation, the Chair facilitated a discussion between Panel

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Members and Mr Hepworth and Mr Macdonald.

Resolved – (a) That Mr Hepworth and Mr Macdonald be thanked for their attendance, presentation and for answering members' questions, and (b) that representatives of Home Choice Lincs be invited to the Panel's next meeting.

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

179 **ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES ARE URGENT BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MUST BE SPECIFIED** - There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.