

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

**13 February 2024**

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

Councillors A Davison (Vice-Chair) and H Rowson

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

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

189 **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.

190 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2024, AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2024 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN** - That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 9 January 2024, and the special meeting held on 24 January 2024, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chairman.

191 **PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUESTS, IF ANY** - There were no public speaking requests.

192 **COUNCIL BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN** - The Chairman welcomed Stuart Fair, Mark Kitching and Louise Allison to the meeting, the council's Director: Finance and section 151 Officer (Interim), Head of Financial Services and Financial Strategy Strategic Lead 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

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Capital Investment Strategy  
Capital Investment Programme  
Treasury Management Strategy

Following the completion of the presentation, the Chairman facilitated a discussion between Panel Members and Mr Fair, Mr Kitching and Mrs Allison.

**Resolved** – (a) That the presentation be received with thanks, and (b) that the Director: Finance and section 151 Officer (Interim), Head of Financial Services and Financial Strategy Strategic Lead be thanked for their attendance, presentation and for answering members' questions.

193 **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW** - The Director: Outcomes updated the panel on the progress being made in progressing the Community Governance Review.

**Resolved** – That the verbal update be noted.

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

195 **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.