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NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY PANEL

12 July 2023

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.