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## NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

### GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY PANEL

10 December 2020

**PRESENT:** - Councillor D Robinson in the chair.

Councillors T Gosling (Vice-Chair) and M Armiger

This was a Microsoft Teams Virtual Online Meeting.

57 **SUBSTITUTIONS** - Councillor M Armiger filled the vacancy at this meeting.

58 **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.

59 **TO TAKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2020 AS A CORRECT RECORD AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN - Resolved** – That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 26 November 2020, having been printed and circulated amongst the members, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chairman.

60 **PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUESTS, IF ANY** - There were no requests received.

61 **SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE OR ARE AT THREAT OF BEING HOMELESS OVER THE WINTER PERIOD**

61a **DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS WITH LIZ WEBSTER, THE COUNCIL'S GROUP MANAGER - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND HOUSING AND JAMES JELLINEK, THE COUNCIL'S ASSISTANT GROUP MANAGER - HOUSING ADVICE AND SUPPORT**

61b **NEXT STAGES, IF ANY** - The Chairman welcomed Liz Webster and James Jellinek to the meeting, the Council's Group Manager – Environmental Health and Housing and the Council's Assistant Group Manager – Housing Advice and Support respectively.

The Group Manager and Assistant Group Manager had been invited to the meeting to answer member's questions on the following –

- What help was available from the Council and other responsible authorities to support people who are homeless or at risk of becoming

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- homeless?
- How does the council intend to promote this support?
  - Whether a rough sleeper count had been undertaken in North Lincolnshire in 2020 and if so, what support had the council offered to those individuals?
  - What support was available from the council to those individuals who require emergency accommodation?
  - Support provided to individuals as a result of the pandemic.

The Assistant Group Manager delivered a presentation to members, before the Chairman facilitated a discussion on homelessness between the Scrutiny Panel and the Group Manager and Assistant Group Manager.

**Resolved** – (a) That the Group Manager – Environmental Health and Housing and Assistant Group Manager – Housing Advice and Support be thanked for their attendance, presentation and for answering scrutiny panel members questions, and (b) that Council officers be invited to a future meeting to provide a further update.

- 62 **FINANCIAL SUPPORT DURING THE PANDEMIC – UPDATE** - Further to Minute 53, the Chairman circulated a briefing paper that the council's Head of Council Strategy, Information and Outcomes had prepared following the panel meeting held on 26 November 2020.

The Chairman then facilitated a discussion on the briefing paper.

**Resolved** – That the briefing paper presentation be received with thanks.

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

- 64 **ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MUST BE SPECIFIED** - There was no added item for consideration at this meeting.