

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 17 February 2020

6.00 pm

Committee Room 1, City Hall

Membership: Councillors Jane Loffhagen (Chair), Naomi Tweddle (Vice-Chair), Liz Bushell, Bill Bilton, Jackie Kirk, Sue Burke, Helena Mair, Lucinda Preston, Alan Briggs, Christopher Reid, Hilton Spratt, Rosanne Kirk and Donald Nannestad

Substitute member(s): Councillor(s) Kathleen Brothwell and Gary Hewson

Officers attending: Democratic Services

AGENDA

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1. Confirmation of Minutes - 5 November 2019	3 - 6
2. Declarations of Interest	
Please note that, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, when declaring interests members must disclose the existence and nature of the interest, and whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) or personal and/or pecuniary.	
3. Social Isolation - Update from Executive	Verbal Report
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5. Ben Barley - Voluntary Centre Services	Verbal Report
6. Jane Kilby/Emma Blackburn - Lincoln University	Verbal Report
7. Sian Wade - Bridge Church Lincoln	Verbal Report
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Present: Councillor Jane Loffhagen (*in the Chair*)

Councillors: Bill Bilton, Alan Briggs, Kathleen Brothwell, Liz Bushell, Gary Hewson, Lucinda Preston, Christopher Reid, Hilton Spratt and Naomi Tweddle

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Jackie Kirk, Councillor Sue Burke, Councillor Helena Mair, Councillor Rosanne Kirk and Councillor Donald Nannestad

22. Confirmation of Minutes - 27 August 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 August 2019 be confirmed.

23. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

24. Inclusive Growth Scrutiny Review Update

Graham Watts, Democratic and Elections Manager:

- a) presented a brief overview of the actions taken following implementation of the recommendations agreed by the Executive with regard to the Community Leadership Scrutiny Committee's Scrutiny Review into Inclusive Growth
- b) invited members comments and questions on the review.

Members commented that they were pleased with the format of the update and it was a lot easier to compare the recommendations to the actions taken.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

25. Welfare Reform Scrutiny Review Update

Graham Watts, Democratic and Elections Manager:

- a) presented a brief overview of the actions taken following implementation of the recommendations agreed by the Executive with regard to the Community Leadership Scrutiny Committee's Scrutiny Review into the local impact of welfare reform
- b) invited members comments and questions.

RESOLVED that the content of the report be noted.

26. Scrutiny Review of Social Isolation

Graham Watts, Democratic and Elections Manager:

- a) provided the Community Leadership Scrutiny Committee with an opportunity to consider the final report of the Committee's scrutiny review into social

isolation, which set out draft recommendations based on evidence gathered and key outcomes highlighted as part of the review

- b) explained that on the 11 June 2019, the committee met and agreed to undertake a scrutiny review of social isolation in the City of Lincoln. This followed concerns expressed by members of the Committee that social isolation existed throughout the city, particularly in relation to the elderly, single parents and carers
- c) stated that the scope of the review was to investigate:
 - How prevalent social isolation actually was in Lincoln and why it was occurring;
 - What support was currently in place for people suffering from isolation
 - Whether the current support was sufficient to address the issue of social isolation
- d) invited a number of key representatives from a range of organisations that contributed to the review and provided evidence which was used to formulate draft recommendations
- e) highlighted some of the key points made by each representative taking into account the scoping of the review as set out in Appendix A of the report
- f) invited members comments and questions.

Question: If somebody wanted to attend any social groups but found it daunting attending alone, was there anything that could be done to help them?

Response: It was a huge challenge helping people to attend groups however with the nature of the groups that were available now, officers hoped that a more proactive approach would be taken to get people involved.

Members suggested whether getting involved in a Buddy Scheme would helping people become more involved in local groups.

Members highlighted that Social Isolation could affect anyone but generally it affected introverts. If a range of activities were available it would encourage more people to become involved and develop more interest.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) conclusion 1 be amended to suggest that details of the Neighbourhood Boards be published in the Your Lincoln magazine
- 2) conclusion 1 be amended to suggest that an update of the social groups within the city be listed on the City of Lincoln Council Website
- 3) that the report be noted and referred to Executive and an update report on the key findings and conclusions of the scrutiny review be submitted to the Community Leadership Scrutiny Committee in 12 months.

27. Integrated Communities Scrutiny Review - Next Steps (Verbal Report)

Graham Watts, Democratic and Elections Manager, gave Members the opportunity to suggest any representatives that they felt would be useful to help the committee gather key information from in the next review of Integrated Communities. Members of the Committee suggested the following:

- Wes Shelbourne (Just Lincolnshire)
- Paul Carrick/Neighbourhood Boards
- Jane Kilby (Student Union)
- Faith Groups
- Alive Church

Due to the General Election on 12 December it was agreed that the survey that was going out to residents would be delayed until the New Year.

28. Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19

Jess Cullen, Democratic Services Officer, presented the Scrutiny Annual Report and asked for Members' questions and comments.

Jane Loffhagen, Chair of Community Leadership Scrutiny Committee took the opportunity to thank the previous Chair, Bob Bushell for all of his work on the reviews highlighted in the report and asked for his name to be added to the report alongside hers.

The Chair also gave members of the Committee the opportunity to confirm whether they felt that their views had been represented during the meeting

All members were in agreement and felt that their views were represented fairly.

Members commented that they were pleased that as part of the City Centre Masterplan the vibrancy of the city was being increased and a review of empty commercial units, particularly units above shops was taking place to ascertain whether there were any opportunities to convert them into residential use.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and forwarded to Full Council for approval.

29. Work Programme 2019/20

Jess Cullen, Democratic Services Officer:

- a. presented the draft work programme for 2019/20 as detailed at Appendix A of her report
- b. advised that the work programme for the Community Leadership Committee was put forward annually for approval by Council; the work programme was then regularly updated throughout the year in consultation with the Community Leadership Committee and its Chair
- c. reported that items had been scheduled in accordance with the existing work programme and officers' guidance regarding the meetings at which the most up-to-date information could be reported to the committee; the work programme also included the list of portfolio holders under scrutiny

- d. requested any relevant comments or suggestions to the proposed work programme for 2019/20.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Community Survey would be distributed to Lincoln Residents in January 2020
- 2) The work programme 2019/20 as detailed at Appendix A to the report be noted.

Community Leadership Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny Review Scoping Template

<p>Title of Review</p>	<p>Integrated Communities</p>
<p>Purpose of the Review</p>	<p>The review would seek to investigate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What additional support, if any, Neighbourhood Boards required in order to be more effective; - The outcomes and benefits achieved as part of the Sincil Bank Regeneration project, together with lessons learnt and the impact on the community to date; - Successful examples of integration across the City and how these could be implemented elsewhere; - Hot spots in the city where there were challenges associated with integration and how these could be addressed
<p>Key witnesses or contributors to the Review</p>	<p>The following people or organisations have been identified as potential key witnesses or contributors as part of this Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Councillor Rosie Kirk, Portfolio Holder for Reducing Inequality; - Councillor Donald Nannestad, Portfolio Holder for Quality Housing and representative on the Health and Wellbeing Board; - Simon Colburn, Assistant Director, Health and Environmental Services; - Andrew McNeil, Assistant Director, Housing Investment and Strategy; - Paul Carrick, Neighbourhood Manager; - Community Groups; - Resident Groups; - Faith-based organisations – the Active Faith Network; - The YMCA; - Neighbourhood Boards; - Lincolnshire Police; - Lincolnshire County Council (Supplementary Schools); - Volunteer Centre Services. <p>Details of any Place Survey results to be considered.</p> <p>Details of the results of any housing surveys to tenants that may be relevant to be considered.</p>

	<p>Case studies from shop keepers in Abbey, Park and Carholme in particular will be sought via a short survey given their central and key role in their respective communities.</p>
<p>Possible Meetings</p>	<p><i>Meeting One</i> Background to any performance information, presentation of any case studies and contributions from Portfolio Holders, Assistant Directors and representatives of external organisations to be confirmed.</p> <p><i>Meeting Two</i> Evidence gathering and contributions from representatives of external organisations, any specific community groups and any other organisations identified as part of the review.</p> <p><i>Further Meetings</i> (if required) Further evidence gathering meetings may be necessary depending on the level of information received at the first two meetings, given the significance of the subject of the review.</p> <p><i>Meeting Four</i> (or three) Collation of findings and confirmation of recommendations for submission to the Executive.</p>

Community Leadership Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – Timetable for 2019/20**11 June 2019**

Item(s)	Responsible Person(s)	Strategic Priority/ Comments
Work Programme for 2019-20 Update	Democratic Services Officer	Regular Report

15 July 2019

Item(s)	Responsible Person(s)	Strategic Priority/ Comments
Scrutiny Review – Social Inclusion – Evidence Gathering	Democratic Team Leader and Elections Manager	Scrutiny Review
Scrutiny Review – Integrated Communities – Scoping	Democratic Team Leader and Elections Manager	Scrutiny Review
Work Programme for 2019-20 Update	Democratic Services Officer	Regular Report
Scrutiny Annual Report	Democratic Services Officer	Annual Report

27 August 2019

Item(s)	Responsible Person(s)	Strategic Priority/ Comments
Scrutiny Review – Social Inclusion – Evidence Gathering	Democratic Team Leader and Elections Manager	Scrutiny Review
Universal Credit Support – Update	Head of Revenues and Benefits Shared Service	Update Report
Work Programme for 2019-20 Update	Democratic Services Officer	Regular Report

October 2019 (additional meeting, date to be confirmed)

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Scrutiny Review – Social Inclusion – Evidence Gathering	Democratic Team Leader and Elections Manager	Scrutiny Review
Work Programme for 2019-20 Update	Democratic Services Officer	Regular Report

5 November 2019

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Scrutiny Review – Social Inclusion – Conclusion	Democratic Team Leader and Elections Manager	Scrutiny Review
Scrutiny Review – Integrated Communities – Evidence Gathering	Democratic Team Leader and Elections Manager	Scrutiny Review
Work Programme for 2019-20 Update	Democratic Services Officer	Regular Report
Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19	Democratic Services Officer	Annual Report

7 January 2020 - CANCELLED

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Scrutiny Review – Integrated Communities – Evidence Gathering	Democratic Team Leader and Elections Manager	Scrutiny Review
Work Programme for 2019-20 Update	Democratic Services Officer	Regular Report

February 2020 (additional meeting, date to be confirmed)

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Social Isolation – Update from Executive	Democratic Team Leader and Elections Manager	Scrutiny Review
Scrutiny Review – Integrated Communities – Evidence Gathering	Democratic Team Leader and Elections Manager	Scrutiny Review
Work Programme for 2019-20 Update	Democratic Services Officer	Regular Report

10 March 2020

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Scrutiny Review – Integrated Communities – Conclusion	Democratic Team Leader and Elections Manager	Scrutiny Review
Work Programme for 2019-20 Update	Democratic Services Officer	Regular Report

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