

REPORT UNDER RULE 2(VI) OF THE COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

Report by Councillor Bill Bilton, Chair of Policy Scrutiny Committee

Introduction

This year's Policy Scrutiny Committee's membership consists of the following Councillors: Laura McWilliams, Alan Briggs, Hilton Spratt, Ralph Toofany, Pat Vaughan, Jane Loffhagen, and Bill Bilton.

Substitute member(s): Councillors Gary Hewson and Kathleen Brothwell. The vice-chair of the committee is Councillor Laura McWilliams

Officers attending include: Toby Forbes-Turner, Simon Walters, Simon Colburn, Andrew McNeil and Paula Burton.

The committee has been, since May, scrutinising and discussing major themes and making recommendations, among them:

- Community Infrastructure Levy Policy
- Interim Air Quality Action Plan
- Acquisitions Policy Addendum
- Health and Environment Enforcement Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Parking on Grass Verges
- ICT Strategy 2020-2025

The Committee also received regular updates on the work of the Health Scrutiny Committee (HSC) held on 12 June 2019, 10 July 2019, 18 September 2019, which were attended on behalf of the City Council. The subjects and organisations scrutinised were:

- The new Medical School and nurse placements.
- United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust – Update on Care Quality Commission Inspection.
- United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust – Children and Young Persons Services Update.
- Mental Health, Learning Disability & Autism Services – Case Change for Emerging Options.
- General Practise Access and Demand.
- Glebe Medical Practice Consultation on Proposal to Close Skellingthorpe Health Centre.
- Update for Healthy Conversion 2019, the NHS Long Term Plan and NHS Estates.

- Medical Services at Grantham and District Hospital – Cause for change and Emerging Options (Health Conversion 2019)
- Trauma and Orthopaedic Services – Case for Change and Emerging Options (Healthy Conversion 2019)
- General Surgery Services – Case for Change and Emerging Options (Healthy Conversion 2019)
- Winter Resilience.

Work Programme

- Vision 2025
- Housing Allocations Policy
- Review of PSPO at St Peters Passage
- Environmental Policy

I encourage Members of the Committee to identify future items from the new Executive Work Programme and elsewhere for inclusion in the work programme for 2020/21. The function of the Policy Scrutiny Committee strengthens the position of the Council to ensure that we are able to deliver our strategic priorities, inform the decision making process and make robust decisions. In addition, the Committee makes sure that the Council is improving value for money and efficiency and helps to make sure we are open and accountable to our residents.