

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

**Report by Councillor Jane Loffhagen, Chair of Policy Scrutiny Committee**

**Introduction**

This year's Policy Scrutiny Committee's membership consists of the following Councillors: Debbie Armiger, Jane Loffhagen Rebecca Longbottom, Bill Mara, Mark Storer, Calum Watt and Emily Wood.

Substitute member(s): Councillors Gary Hewson and Pat Vaughan. The Vice-Chair of the committee is Councillor Calum Watt

Officers attending include: Francesca Bell, Caroline Bird, Steve Bird, Paul Carrick, Tracey Parker and Simon Walters. Thank you to all Officers who attended for their work .

I would like to thank all Committee members for their contributions. We have had a full and varied range of themes and undertaken our role as a "critical friend" to the Council in ensuring the Council is operating in the best interests of the residents of Lincoln.

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

- Updated Animal Policy (inc Welfare Statement)
- Updated Noise Policy
- Updated Internal Domestic Abuse Policy
- Bulky Items Collections
- CCTV Code of Practice Update
- Neighbourhood Working Update
- Localised Council Tax Support Scheme 2023/24

Minutes of these meetings are available to any members who wish for more details about discussions that took place and questions asked by Members. Each subject was considered carefully and thoughtfully by Members and many questions asked.

The Committee also received regular updates on the work of the Health Scrutiny Committee (HSC) held on 18 May 2022, 15 June 2022, 13 July 2022, 12 October 2022 and 9 November 2022 which were attended on behalf of the City Council. The subjects and organisations scrutinised were:

- United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust – Elective Recovery Plan and Response to the Care Quality Commission Inspection
- Untied Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust – Reconfiguration of Urology Services Update.
- Reconfiguration of Four NHS Services in Lincolnshire: Orthopaedics; Urgent and Emergency Care; Acute Medicine; and Stroke Service

- Engagement by the NHS in Lincolnshire on Lincolnshire's Second Community Diagnostic Centre
- NHS Dental Services in Lincolnshire
- Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – Response of the Committee to the Consultation Draft
- Cancer Programme Update and Lincolnshire Living with Cancer Programme
- The Lincolnshire People Board Strategy for Recruiting and Retaining Talent
- Humber Acute Services Programme – Update
- North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust: Restoration Recovery Update and Progress on Clinical Strategy for Stamford and Rutland Hospital Site
- Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022
- Spalding GP Surgery Managed List Dispersal
- East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust
- Ashley House Service Change
- Replacement of Lincolnshire's Adult Acute Mental Health Wards
- Lakeside Medical Practice, Stamford – Update
- Lincoln Medical School
- Integrated Care System Clinical Care Portal Data Sharing
- General Practice Provision [Lincolnshire Local Medical Committee]
- General Practice Provision [NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board]
- Hawthorn Medical Practice Skegness – Care Quality Commission Report.

Minutes of the Health Scrutiny Committee are available to all members who wish to know further details of discussions that took place and questions asked. The Health Service faces many challenges currently as Members will be aware and the Committee has represented the interests of Lincolnshire residents on all occasions.

### **Work Programme for Future Meetings**

- Recycling- paper and card collections proposal
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Post Implementation Review – Public Conveniences
- County Homelessness Strategy
- Grounds, Street Cleansing, Waste/Recycling Contracts after 2026

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 2022/23. 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.

**Councillor Jane Loffhagen**  
**Chair of Policy Scrutiny Committee**