

Policy Scrutiny Committee (last revised on 19 April 2016)

1. To ensure that needs and aspirations of the citizens of Lincoln are recognised through our community.
2. To assist the Council and the Executive in the reviewing of policy by analysing the communities unmet needs and wants and evaluating areas by:-
 - Undertaking consultation within communities to assist in policy development/review.
 - Recommending mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options
3. To establish gaps in policy and any unmet policy issues facing the authority and make recommendations to the Executive and/or Council on their development.
4. To act as a consultation forum for the development of the Council's budget and policy framework.
5. To scrutinise and monitor the development of the Local Plan.
6. To prepare an annual work programme for approval by the Council having regard to any recommendations by the Council, or the Executive and Select Scrutiny Committee.
7. To ensure that all matters provided within the work programmes are carried out efficiently including reporting to Council or the Executive.
8. To respond, in consultation with the Executive to any Government or external consultation concerning any issues within its remits.
9. To appoint any Panels as is considered appropriate to fulfil its functions.
- 10 To look at areas of concern in the Council where policies or processes are not enabling the authority to meet its targets and objectives, or where objectives have changed and policy needs to reflect those changes. To recommend to the Executive and or Council changes in policy or process.
- 11 To review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Executive, whether taken by the Executive itself, any committee of the Executive, any individual member of the Executive or any officer.
- 12 To hold the Executive to account by reviewing the Executive Work Programme.

- 13 To liaise on significant emerging issues to ensure common understanding on their impact within the authority.
- 14 To report to Full Council on any decision made by the Executive which the Committee is of the opinion that the decision was a key decision, as defined in the Access to Information Rules as contained in the Constitution, but was not dealt with by the Executive as a key decision
- 15 To consider Councillor Calls for Action.

Membership:

The Committee will consist of 7 Elected Members.