



REPORT TO:	Council
DATE:	24 th May 2023
SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY PANEL REPORT: - To explore the issues surrounding caravan licensing and enforcement.
PURPOSE:	Report of a Scrutiny & Policy Panel
KEY DECISION:	<i>n/a</i>
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Thomas Ashton
REPORT OF:	The report has been prepared by the Scrutiny & Policy Panel as set out in the attachment
REPORT AUTHOR:	Councillor Jill Makinson-Sanders
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All
EXEMPT REPORT?	NO

SUMMARY

The Overview Committee commissioned a Scrutiny & Policy Panel to carry out a scrutiny and policy review to explore the issues surrounding caravan licensing and enforcement. The aim of the scrutiny was to look at how the Council could help ensure that sites were running lawfully and how they can use all enforcement options open to them to ensure that sites are compliant. There was also a need to consider the health, wellbeing and deprivation issues linked to this topic, which were exposed during the pandemic and the associated lockdown period.

Note: All content is contained in the attached member report and not summarised in this covering report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- To note the attached report;
- For the recommendations that have been agreed by the Portfolio Holder to be taken back to Overview Committee with a response.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To consider recommendations put forward by Scrutiny as part of a scrutiny process.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Overview Committee commissions Scrutiny & Policy Panels in order to scrutinise topics identified in the Overview Annual Scrutiny Plan, or in-year topics.
- 1.2 The scope of this work was set out by the Overview Committee and is attached at **Appendix B**.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 All content is contained in the attached report at **Appendix A** and not summarised in this covering report.
- 2.2 The portfolio holder has been consulted on these recommendations. He indicated that he was grateful for the work done on this issue and is supportive of the aims and objectives of the piece of work. Councillor Ashton has advised that he is in agreement with all the recommendations and is keen to work with officers and colleagues to move forward on the actions as far as resources and legislation allows.

EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

IMPLICATIONS

SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

STAFFING

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

none

DATA PROTECTION

None

FINANCIAL

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

RISK MANAGEMENT

None

STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

This piece of work was undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

REPUTATION

none

CONTRACTS

none

CRIME AND DISORDER

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

MISSIONS	
This paper contributes to the follow Missions outlined in the Government's Levelling Up White paper.	
Health	By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed, and by 2035 HLE will rise by 5 years.
Wellbeing	By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing.

ACRONYMS

none

APPENDICES	
Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -	
APPENDIX A	Caravan Licensing and Enforcement Scrutiny Report
APPENDIX B	Scoping Document

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

Name of body	Date
Overview Committee	7 th March 2022

REPORT APPROVAL

Report author:	The Scrutiny Panel report has been prepared by a Scrutiny & Policy Panel as set out in the attachment.
Signed off by:	Rebecca James (Scrutiny Officer)
Approved for publication:	James Gilbert (Assistant Director, Corporate)