

## Scrutiny Topic Suggestion Form

Please complete the sections below if you wish to suggest a topic for scrutiny or policy development. If you require assistance whilst completing this form please contact the Scrutiny & Policy Officer on:

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**Suggested topics must meet one or both of the following criteria:**

**A High level/strategic topics that impact on how services are delivered and/or how the council works**

**B Issues that have a significant impact on the East Lindsey community**

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**1. Topic title**

How can ELDC help retain, attract and re-attract qualified, innovative, ambitious and young professionals in the district?

**2. Which of the above criteria does your topic suggestion meet – A or B (please highlight one or both) - and explain how.**

**B** – it affects the future viability of businesses and hinders the future growth and sustainability of towns and villages in the district.

**3. Reasons why the subject should be reviewed. If applicable please state whether this topic is:**

(a) post-decision scrutiny;

(b) pre-decision scrutiny; or

**(c) policy development**

Policy development. This topic would look at current policy/strategy and also look at how these can be developed to meet the future needs of the district.

**4. What is the relationship to the corporate priorities as identified in the Corporate Plan?**

- Support our town centres to remain vital and viable as shopping habits change
- Create an environment that helps businesses to survive and grow
- Improve equality of opportunity across the district and in target areas

**Portfolio Responsibility if known:** Cllr Kirk - Coastal Visitor Economy, Business Interaction and Engagement, Employment and Skills (and Cllr Grist – Business Interaction and Engagement, Rural Development Fund, Young People))

**5. Evidence** (What evidence is there to support the need for scrutiny? What are the facts?)

Skilled workers and young people leave the area and never return, taking with them skills, education and innovation to other parts of the country.

**Desired Outcomes** (What would be achieved for the council or district by undertaking this topic?)

Attract skilled work (and workers) to the district  
Make the area attractive to remote workers who can spend their money in the district  
Plan to upskill the labour force  
Reduce the skills divide

Topic proposed by: Cllr Billy Brookes

Date: June 2023

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- Overview Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023
- Accept/ Reject:

Please note, if you wish to see more details about how Overview Committee assesses scrutiny topics, please ask the Scrutiny Officer for a copy of the Scrutiny & Policy Panel Operational Guidelines.