

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

1. Topic Title	Planning Scrutiny
2. Which of the above criteria does your topic suggestion meet – A or B (please highlight one or both) - and explain how.	<p>A. Planning policy and planning decisions impact on the efficiency and effectiveness with which development and delivery of services are planned and delivered throughout East Lindsey.</p> <p>B. Examples of issues that have a significant impact on the East Lindsey community: Local Plan strategic policies; public consultations (NPPF, National Grid et al); Neighbourhood Plans; planning applications.</p>
3. Reasons why the subject should be reviewed. If applicable, please state what type of scrutiny – (a) post-decision scrutiny; (b) pre-decision scrutiny; (c) policy development.	<p>This topic involves post-decision scrutiny, pre-decision scrutiny and policy development, according to the particular issues.</p> <p>This topic is to identify aspects of planning policy and decisions that could benefit from improvement.</p> <p>Planning scrutiny members be able to assist the Planning and the Planning Policy Committees, portfolio holders and officers by making recommendations.</p>
4. What is the relationship to the sub-regional, corporate or local priorities as identified in the Sub-Regional Strategy?	One of the issues that could be addressed by the scrutiny is how to achieve greater convergence of planning policies and decision making across sub-regional, corporate and local priorities as identified in the Sub-Regional Strategy.
Portfolio Responsibility if known	Councillor Tom Ashton
5. Evidence (What evidence is there to support the need for scrutiny? What are the facts?)	Lack of involvement of local communities; imbalance between applicants/planning department/local residents regarding planning decisions; uncertainty respecting relationship between policy committee and planning committee; lack of confidence of

	parish councils and residents in decision making process; need to learn from loss of recent Fotherby appeal; slippage in timetable for emerging Local Plan; adjustments expected to be required in response to anticipated changes in national planning policy, such as planning reform and increased devolution to local councils, following the General Election.
6. Desired Outcomes (What would be achieved for the council or district by undertaking this topic?)	Desired outcomes include: greater opportunity for Members to reflect on policy development and decision making processes, to consider criteria used to measure outcomes, and to make constructive recommendations on these and other issues; enhanced understanding and involvement of parish councils and the general public leading to better acceptance of planning policies and decisions; opportunity for greater and more timely involvement of communities in policy development and decision making; improved understanding and co-operation between developers, consultees and planning officers; identification and justification of additional resources needed by planning department; improvements in efficiency and effectiveness of policy development and decision making; liaison with other districts regarding convergence within the sub-regional partnership.
Topic proposed by: Date:	Councillor Roger Dawson 2 nd April 2024
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<p>Please note, if you wish to see more details about how Overview Committee assesses scrutiny topics, please ask the Scrutiny & Policy Officer for a copy of the Scrutiny & Policy Panel Operational Guidelines.</p>	