

**OVERVIEW SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION TRACKER**

	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Time scale</b>	<b>Officer Responsibility</b>	<b>AD &amp; Directorate</b>	<b>Portfolio Holder</b>
<b>Carbon Management Scrutiny Panel</b>						
7	A standing Climate Change and Environment Committee be established to take this forward with regular monitoring of progress of projects through scrutiny / overview. This committee or a reconvened carbon management scrutiny panel should begin work immediately on outstanding issues from this scrutiny and the implementation of reduction projects, assessing action plans and governance procedures outlined in the CRP.	<p><u>UPDATE 22/02/2021:</u> A Climate Change and Environment task force is due to be established with staff champions from across the different service areas together with the relevant portfolio holders. <u>UPDATE 12/05/2021:</u> Now the CC&amp;E Team in place this will be a focus for them. A revised timeline will see this introduced by December 2021. <u>UPDATE OCT 2022:</u> Work has started again on this now a new officer is in post, and it is due to be established by December 2022. <u>UPDATE JAN 2023:</u> Staff survey in November 2022 found 25% of respondents were interested in being involved with an internal climate change committee. Structure being finalised before staff invited to express interest. <u>UPDATE JUNE 2023:</u> Terms of Reference have been drafted and EOIs have gone out to staff and these are currently being reviewed. <u>UPDATE SEPT 2023:</u> EOIs were invited but unfortunately didn't yield many responses. Has been discussed via the existing staff forum, future leaders and a second EOI request is currently open. A carbon scrutiny subject is proposed for later in this year and could review how carbon &amp; environmental work is being monitored and review this action point if the current EOIs are still not fruitful. <u>UPDATE NOVEMBER 2023:</u> This has been discussed as being something for the next cohort of Future Leaders to take on as a project. The upcoming scrutiny review will look to review progress against the CRP as part of its work. <b><u>UPDATE APRIL 2024: A new scrutiny has started, which is reviewing the Carbon Reduction Plan and progress towards actions. As such, this action is complete as future updates will come as part of the new scrutiny review. Proposal to close this recommendation.</u></b></p>	Jul-24	Sarah Baker - Climate Change and Environment Manager	Communities Directorate - Christian Allen	PORTFOLIO - COMMUNITY SAFETY, LEISURE & CULTURE, AND CARBON REDUCTION Councillor Graham Marsh

11	Include local offsetting projects in the council's carbon strategy and begin to invest in these projects as soon as possible.	<p><u>UPDATE 22/02/2021</u>: Net zero target means that residual emissions can only be offset using approved methods of Green House Gas emissions. More detail on this is due to be given in 2021 following Government consultation. An offsetting strategy should then be developed. SB</p> <p><u>UPDATE 01/04/2021</u>: No update at present. SB</p> <p><u>UPDATE 24/09/2021</u>: No further update at present. SB</p> <p><u>UPDATE 12/01/2022</u>: No further update at present. SB</p> <p><u>UPDATE JANUARY 2023</u>: No further update at present</p> <p><u>UPDATE MARCH 2023</u>: no further update at present     <u>UPDATE JUNE 2023</u>: No further update at present - this is unlikely to progress formally in 2023-24 as isn't captured in the Annual Delivery Plan. We are in touch with some projects such as seagrass reintroduction off the EL coastline which may in the future hold potential in this regard. <u>UPDATE MARCH 2024</u>: This has been added to the scope of the upcoming Carbon Reduction scrutiny review for further consideration, following member comments at the Overview meeting in January 2024. <b><u>UPDATE APRIL 2024: As part of the new scrutiny work, this action will be reviewed and future updates will come as part of the scrutiny review. Proposal to close this recommendation.</u></b></p>	Jul-24	Sarah Baker - Climate Change and Environment Manager	Communities Directorate - Christian Allen	PORTFOLIO - COMMUNITY SAFETY, LEISURE & CULTURE, AND CARBON REDUCTION Councillor Graham Marsh
<b>OVERVIEW STANDING REFERENCE GROUP</b>						
<b>Sutton on Sea Colonnade Project</b>						

3	To work with Lincolnshire County Council to improve the surfacing of Broadway.	<p>22/02/2022: An approach has been made to LCC Highways to understand opportunities to link up future works to resurface the Broadway car park (ELDC) and any repairs or resurfacing to the Broadway highway (LCC). This is beyond the control of ELDC to implement directly but we will seek to work in partnership with Highways colleagues. UPDATE 18/07/2022: Agreed and with Delivery team following which a Council decision is required. UPDATE MARCH 2023 Emphasis has been on completing design works to progress the main build. Site not progressed as a tender opportunity for coming season UPDATE JUNE 2023: Resurfacing project is not being progressed at this time as works on finalising main contractor arrangements for the Towns Fund Colonnade project are finalised. Works to resurface the car park would be required to be undertaken in the low season. Intention to revisit in early 2024 as part of potential alignment with completion of capital works on the main scheme. UPDATE MARCH 2024: The team have received email confirmation from LCC that there is a 'strong possibility', some funding may be available to resurface Broadway and perhaps other highways improvements to compliment the Colonnade development. However, details are currently being discussed with LCC Highways officers, and subject to the amount of funding available. A meeting is being arranged with LCC officers to discuss the detail. <b>UPDATE APRIL 2024: no further update to provide, pending confirmation of meeting dates with LCC colleagues to progress previous funding opportunity discussions.</b></p>	Apr-24	Darrall Bishop, Project Manager Towns Fund	Growth Directorate - Lydia Rusling	PORTFOLIO - COASTAL ECONOMY - Councillor Steven Kirk
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4	Explore opportunities with universities and museum services to develop the exhibition space.	UPDATE 18/07/2022: Cultural Strategy and NPO bid will support this work. <u>UPDATE MARCH 2023:</u> Works on this will be ongoing, supported by the award of NPO status for ELDC which will provide extra support to establish Colonnade as a cultural hub. <u>UPDATE JUNE 2023:</u> Works continuing to appoint main contractor to confirm build programme . <u>UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2023</u> scheme is now in 2 phases: pavilion, beach huts and external works in phase 1; overnight lodges phase 2 subject to business case for consideration by Council. A branding and marketing strategy is being developed to secure future occupiers, uses and users for the spaces. Council has links with lead partners around delivering local cultural events and activities, in good position to plan future events when build completed. UPDATE OCTOBER 2023: The branding and marketing strategy will be a hybrid approach. Council officers will do initial consultation and engagement work with local Ward Members and communities, but look to external commission to help develop associated artwork and brand identity and for a commercial agent to help target potential occupiers as part of implementation.	Apr-24	Darrall Bishop, Project Manager Towns Fund	Growth Directorate - Lydia Rusling	PORTFOLIO - COASTAL ECONOMY - Councillor Steven Kirk
4	continued...	<b><u>UPDATE APRIL 2024: Marketing of the Colonnade opportunity will commence this month - early discussions have taken place regarding the types of use and potential partners in advance of marketing. Officers are also working with the Council's National Portfolio Organisation team to develop links with local arts, educational and cultural providers ahead of the new facilities being opened to ensure a programme of new events and activities is already underway in Sutton on Sea in 2024, which the new Colonnade buildings and enhanced open spaces can help to maintain future interest and momentum around to generate increased local trading opportunities and footfall.</u></b>		Darrall Bishop, Project Manager Towns Fund	Growth Directorate - Lydia Rusling	PORTFOLIO - COASTAL ECONOMY - Councillor Steven Kirk

5	Include more soft landscaping in the final design.	<p><u>UPDATE MARCH 2023</u> Updated landscape design received. Further workshop needed. <u>UPDATE JUNE 2023</u>: Works to finalise landscaping scope of works and design continue. Intention to remove planting installation so can be delivered as community project, led by ELDC officers in partnership with local gardening group. <u>UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2023</u>: Officers remain in conversation with community and local gardening group to understand their willingness, capacity and requirements regarding community planting spaces in the completed scheme. <u>UPDATE November 2023</u>: The proposed final stage 4 design for the scheme was received from the Contractor. This includes some landscaping design and specification which the team are reviewing. There is time to resolve this, as planting is only due after Pavilion building has been constructed.</p>	Apr-24	Darrall Bishop, Project Manager Towns Fund	Growth Directorate - Lydia Rusling	PORTFOLIO - COASTAL ECONOMY - Councillor Steven Kirk
5	continued...	<p><b><u>UPDATE APRIL 2024: The design team appointment has included input from a team of landscape architects. A review of landscaping design has been completed and forms part of the agreed final design package. The landscaping element will not be undertaken until the latter phases of the build programme, which is scheduled for completion by Spring 2025 – allowing for the new planting season to reach maturity over the subsequent months. Officers have retained an active dialogue with the local gardening group in Sutton on Sea to help shape the future look, feel and maintenance of the enhanced open spaces. A meeting takes place between officers and local representatives, including the 2 Ward Cllrs, later this month to update on project progress and includes an item specifically on current landscaping proposals and on site play provision.</u></b></p>		Darrall Bishop, Project Manager Towns Fund	Growth Directorate - Lydia Rusling	PORTFOLIO - COASTAL ECONOMY - Councillor Steven Kirk

**To explore the issues surrounding caravan licensing and enforcement**

1	1 - To recognise the need to make Caravan Enforcement a priority for the new Council, with the first priorities dealing with the issue of unauthorised occupancy and to review and strengthen licence conditions;	<p>JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE:</p> <p>1a - Unauthorised occupancy being a priority: Scrutiny report has been presented at Overview and AGM. Need to now draft EB report in consultation with Housing/Wellbeing and other relevant parties.</p> <p>1b - Reviewing Licence Conditions. This piece of work needs to be completed once the EB report has gone to full council.</p> <p><u>NOVEMBER 2023 UPDATE:</u> EB report to be drafted by mid February with view to going to EBB thereafter. The unauthorised running of businesses at caravan sites to be prioritised when reviewing licensing conditions as part of 1B. MARCH 2024 UPDATE: Report being drafted during February with view to going to Executive Briefing and then Board for consideration and approval so the work can commence.</p>	Jun-24	Jo Parker, Enforcement Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton
2	2 - The Caravan Enforcement Team was only created on October 3, 2022, and given it has inherited a huge backlog, which will take at least two years of concentrated work to clear, this council must recognise, as a priority, the need to staff this team adequately as well as employing an apprentice;	<p>JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE:</p> <p>Request for more staff resource will be included in the EB report, which is to be drafted.</p> <p>The apprentice will fall outside of the EB report and already has approval. First College has been contacted to initiate this recruitment and is in process. <u>UPDATE OCTOBER 2023:</u> When advertising for Apprenticeship, the approach taken is to advertise on the Council's website and social media channels, via the First4Recruitment System, via First College and also advertise on the National Government Apprenticeship website. Rachel Robinson. <u>NOVEMBER 2023 UPDATE:</u> Recruitment for the apprenticeship was completed without success so had to go back out to advert again. Interviews taking place in November in anticipation to appoint into the post if there is a suitable applicant at interview. The remainder of staff capacity will be addressed in the EB report which is to be drafted by mid February with view to going to EBB thereafter. MARCH 2024 UPDATE: An apprentice has been successfully recruited and they started with the team at the end of January and training is ongoing. The remaining capacity will be addressed by the report being drafted during February with view to going to Executive Briefing and then Board for consideration and approval.</p>	Jun-24	Jo Parker, Enforcement Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton

3	3 - To receive the 7-year Caravan Park Development Plan drawn up by the Planning Enforcement Service Manager and set a timeline to bring it to fruition;	<p>JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE: This will be included in the EB report. <u>NOVEMBER 2023 UPDATE:</u> EB report to be drafted by mid February with view to going to EBB thereafter. MARCH 2024 UPDATE: Report being drafted during February with view to going to Executive Briefing and then Board for consideration and approval so the work can commence.</p>	Jun-24	Jo Parker, Enforcement Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton
4	4 - Draw up, as a matter of urgency, a register of every East Lindsey Caravan site, including existing planning permissions, and this to be shared with Emergency Planning Services;	<p>JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE: Caravan Planning History Searches are in progress now. Once completed the public register can be updated and shared with Emergency Planning. This work on-going. Meeting with Emergency Planning arranged for 7th June to discuss partnership working and information sharing (which will also feed into Floodex exercise outcomes). <u>UPDATE OCTOBER 2023:</u> Caravan Planning History Searches are still in progress. Several meetings have taken place between the licensing team and Emergency Planning. That resulted in the licensing team making amendments to some current processes that enable the licensing team to obtain additional information. That additional information will be useful for emergency planning in the event of a major incident. GGP work has been completed so additional information can be input into the caravan overlays. Once completed that can be shared with emergency planning. <u>UPDATE JANUARY 2024:</u> Planning history searches still in progress, lots have been completed. The GGP overlay work to amend the information contained has been completed. Additional resource via Lincoln University for a Student Placement Student has been arranged for approximately 10 weeks starting at the end of Jan and the amended GGP overlay will start to be populated with the caravan site information. Once that is completed it can be shared with Emergency planning. This will also enable the caravan register to be up to date. Regular meetings with emergency planning officers also continue to aid partnership working.</p>	Jul-24	Jo Parker, Enforcement Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton

5	5 - The Caravan Enforcement team to improve liaison with the Council Tax Team, including improved training for relevant officers, in order to prevent the many current misunderstandings about who is liable for council tax payments. To also amend council tax website pages to make them clearer;	<p>JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE: Met with Council Tax to discuss website, training, communication and request access to records. Caravans team to change CT and caravan pages to create better links. Training identified. Refresher training for CT staff on enforcement/licencing involvement. UPDATE OCTOBER 2023: All caravan web pages amended. Caravan team attending CT meeting to discuss caravan licensing/planning for improved working relationships. Crib sheet for customer services in progress. Access to CT records discussed with a view to allowing access directly by enforcement/caravan licensing. <u>NOVEMBER 2023 UPDATE</u>: Caravan licensing website pages have now been fully updated. CT website pages in relation to caravan occupancy have also been updated and now linked to each other. Further meeting taken place with CT team leader to agree approach to crib sheet for customer services and is ongoing as we need to understand how the customer CRM system works. UPDATE JANUARY 2024: Caravan Licensing officers attended the Council tax Team meeting on 5.12.23 and discussed council tax and occupancy issues and problems enforcement have for this. Asked for feedback on website content now website pages have been improved and linked between each service for improved customer service and available information. Next step is to fix a date with Council tax and customer services to review current crib sheet and phone scripts and amend so they are more robust and ensure consistent advice and information about caravan occupancy is provided. UPDATE REQUESTED FOR MARCH MEETING - CAN THS PIECE OF WORK BE COMPLETED SOONER? ANSWER BELOW</p>	Jul-24	Jo Parker, Enforcement Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton
5	continued...	<p>UPDATE MARCH 2024: It cannot be done sooner because it isn't as simple as just writing a script for the customer service agent to read off. The new CRM system that is used by customer services (for everything but also for council tax inquiries and to register for council tax) needs re-writing in the back ground. So we need to have meetings to agree the needs of customer services, the information needed to be captured for Council tax and also the information and advice prompts to be written by caravan licensing so that advice is consistent for all types of council tax inquiries. It is a big piece of work. We may have to require IT or external services to change the system for what is needed.</p>	Jul-24	Jo Parker, Enforcement Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton



7	7 - Liaise with the county council and / or VOA as appropriate to ensure the correct amount of council tax and business rates is collected from Caravan Parks;	JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE - Need to liaise with PSPS how this piece of work can be done. <u>UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2023</u> – Liaising with Council tax to progress this inquiry <u>NOVEMBER 2023 UPDATE</u> : Inquiry made and awaiting reply <u>UPDATE JANUARY 2024</u> : awaiting clarification.	Jul-24	Jo Parker, Enforcement Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton
8	8 - The council to lobby MPs and Ministers to improve holiday caravan legislation and fines, which have not been reviewed by parliament since the 1960's;	JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE: Report sent to Matt Warman and Victoria Atkins. Consider arranging a meeting with them to discuss the matter further. Investigate existence of relevant APPG. Portfolio Holder to pursue. <u>UPDATE NOV 2023</u> : Now in the process of arranging a meeting with MPs Warman and Atkins on this matter. There is also the LGA Coastal SIG, the Coastal Communities Network, and the Coastal Communities APPG. The LGA SIG visited East Lindsey in September. Their next meeting is December, we hope to get this on the agenda, with a specific ask for their assistance through the APPG for updating legislation to allow for effective enforcement etc. The APPG link is <a href="https://www.parallelparliament.co.uk/APPG/coastal-communities">https://www.parallelparliament.co.uk/APPG/coastal-communities</a> There was a Holiday Parks and Campsites APPG, but that appears now to be defunct: However the MPs from this one have joined the Coastal Communities one. <u>UPDATE JANUARY 2024</u> : This topic was introduced at the SIG meeting in December 2023 and will be a full agenda item at their meeting in March 2024. An update on progress will be provided. <b><u>UPDATE APRIL 2024:</u></b> <b>This topic was an agenda item at the Coastal SIG on 20th March. The topic was well received and has been added to a future agenda for a longer slot on the agenda. The group voted in support of a 'COASTAL SIG Position Statement' to support lobbying government for a review of the legislation and to make more robust enforcement powers and they have already raised this as a topic with the APPG.</b>	Apr-24	Rebecca James, Scrutiny & Policy Officer	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton

9	9 - Obtain specialist legal opinions on how a charging regime could be introduced for holiday sites, and a further opinion on strengthening licensing conditions, including the internal quality of the accommodation;	JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE: In progress to look at ideas of what we think we might be able to charge for in line with legislation that we currently don't and to obtain legal advice following this. Also fees and charges currently set within the existing legislation is part of the lobbying MPs and Ministers to amend legislation. Legal opinion about the licence conditions being strengthened will form part of the work for 1b of the tracker. <u>NOVEMBER 2023 UPDATE:</u> Legal opinion has been requested on fees and awaiting response. <u>UPDATE JANUARY 2024:</u> Fees have been reviewed and increased where we legally are able. Still exploring options with legal services for areas that we do not charge for currently but might be able to.	Jul-24	Jo Parker, Enforcement Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton
11	11 - Investigate creating a star rating for all sites to consolidate standards of compliance as part of the longer-term plans for the caravan licensing team;	JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE: This piece of work can only be delivered if more staff resources is approved. This recommendation is to be included in the EB report for members to consider. <u>NOVEMBER 2023 UPDATE:</u> EB report to be drafted by mid February with view to going to EBB thereafter. <u>MARCH 2024 UPDATE:</u> Report being drafted during February with view to going to Executive Briefing and then Board for consideration and approval so the work can commence.	Jun-24	Jo Parker, Enforcement Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton
13	13 - As the council dealing with the largest concentration of caravans in Western Europe, use this experience to consider offering training for other councils on best practice in the caravan industry. This could potentially provide an additional income stream for the Council;	JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE: This piece of work can only be delivered if more staff resources is approved. This recommendation is to be included in the EB report for members to consider. If approved this piece of work can start to be delivered once all other pieces of work in this tracker has been completed. This is a long term aim 7+ years minimum.	2029-2030	Jo Parker, Enforcement Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton

14	14 - Support relevant outcomes from Floodex and establish closer working relationships with staff at Skegness and Louth fire stations;	JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE: Meeting with Emergency Planning arranged for 7th June to discuss partnership working and information sharing (which will also feed into Floodex exercise outcomes). <u>UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2023</u> – Several meetings have taken place already with Emergency Planning. Better liaison has started already and we are working closely to amend documents and developing the ggp overlays for caravan sites which can be used and shared with Emergency planning. This work is continuing. <u>UPDATE JANUARY 2024</u> : The GGP overlay work to amend the information contained has been completed. Additional resource via Lincoln University for a Student Placement Student has been arranged for approximately 10 weeks starting at the end of Jan and the amended GGP overlay will start to be populated with the caravan site information. Once that is completed it can be shared with Emergency planning. This will also enable the caravan register to be up to date. Regular meetings with emergency planning officers also continue to aid partnership working.	Jan-25	Jo Parker, Enforcement Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton
16	16 - Consider reviewing the Planning Policy in relation to caravan sites and any restrictions as part of the local plan review;	JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE: Mike Gildersleeves to liaise with Policy Manager and provide an update to a future meeting. <u>UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2023</u> : This action has been passed to Andy Booth to action and an update on progress will be provided in November 2023. <u>UPDATE NOVEMBER 2023</u> : The Local Plan Review is currently being progressed. Detailed discussions have been undertaken with the Planning Policy Manger who has confirmed review of tourism policy through that formal process and with reference to evidence provided through the experience of the Development Management Team in implementing the policy requirements and objectives. Ongoing dialogue between the two arms of the planning service will continue to help shape policy detail. Local Plan should be ready to submit to OINS in autumn 2024	Sep-24	Andrew Booth - Development Management Lead	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton

17	17 - As part of their remit, the portfolio holder for the coast to arrange regular meetings with coastal operators - other portfolio holders could support on issues such as health and housing;	<p>JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE: CLLR ASHTON TO ARRANGE WITH COASTAL OPERATORS AND OTHER PORTFOLIOS AS APPROPRIATE</p> <p>UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2023: Scrutiny Officer to coordinate this piece of work with relevant portfolio holders and report back once meetings have been arranged.</p> <p>UPDATE NOVEMBER 2023: The group that Cllr Kirk used to meet with stopped because of COVID and the group never restarted. Currently Cllr Kirk meets site owners and operators on a one to one basis.</p> <p>REQUEST FURTHER DETAILS FROM CLLR KIRK</p> <p>UPDATE JANUARY 2024: Whilst there is not a single meeting with coastal operators, meeting with individual site owners and operators enables me to gain an understanding of the issues along the coast. Officers also attend the group meetings such as Caravan Watch etc and Cllr Gray attends a number of meetings in his portfolio holder role that involve health and housing – including Chairing the Healthy Living Board for Lincolnshire - S Kirk. Proposal to close this recommendation KEEP ON TRACKER</p> <p>UPDATE MARCH 2024: The group that stopped meeting during the pandemic is in the process of being re-instigated. It is hoped the first meeting of the reformed group will be during the spring. Councillor Ashton is liaising with county councillors regarding this.</p>	Jun-24	Rebecca James, Scrutiny & Policy Officer	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - COASTAL ECONOMY - Councillor Steven Kirk
18	18 - Seek to work in partnership with Lincolnshire Trading Standards to investigate 'rogue' operators.	<p>JUNE 2023 INITIAL UPDATE: This will feed into the EB report and dependant on whether the Council want enforcement action to be taken for unauthorised occupancy on site operated by 'rogue' and non-compliant operators.</p> <p>MARCH 2024 UPDATE: Report being drafted during February with view to going to Executive Briefing and then Board for consideration and approval so the work can commence.</p>	Jun-24	Jo Parker, Enforcement Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton

**How can ELDC help improve the design, quality, and choice of new and existing housing in the district?**

1	ELDC will set local energy efficiency minimums above and beyond the minimum standards required by building regulations, in line with its carbon commitments. This commitment will be a clear and central part of the reviewed Local Plan.	UPDATE JULY 2023: Will consider as part of local plan review, mindful of not further delaying the review due to need for evidence of viability. Could be a scoping piece of work for the planning policy committee <u>UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2023:</u> An update on progress will be fed back to Overview via this tracker later in the year. <u>UPDATE JANUARY 2024:</u> The review is ongoing.	Jul-24	Simon Milson - Planning Policy and Research Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton
2	ELDC will adopt a 'Fabric First' approach and look to encourage new build homes to be of as high a standard as possible to minimise the need for and facilitate retrofitting in the future. This 'Fabric First' approach will be part of the Local Plan and help inform our policy and decisions.	UPDATE JULY 2023: Will consider as part of local plan review, mindful of not further delaying the review due to need for evidence of viability. Could be a scoping piece of work for the planning policy committee <u>UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2023:</u> An update on progress will be fed back to Overview via this tracker later in the year. <u>UPDATE JANUARY 2024:</u> The review is ongoing.	Jul-24	Simon Milson - Planning Policy and Research Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton
4	The Local Plan will consider a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) detailing how building layouts are to be planned to maximise solar gain and the functioning of PV (Photo Voltaic), as well as the consideration regarding additional space required for other renewable technologies.	UPDATE JULY 2023: This will be a consideration once the local plan is completed and in line with published LDS <u>UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2023:</u> An update on progress will be fed back to Overview via this tracker later in the year. <u>UPDATE JANUARY 2024:</u> Planning reforms indicate SPD may no longer exist in the new Local Planning regime. However, how this can be included will be considered once the reviewed local plan is completed.	Jul-24	Simon Milson - Planning Policy and Research Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton

5	Builders and architects will be supported and encouraged to ensure home interiors and landscaping are designed for accessibility for all, in all homes – providing homes for life without recourse for major adaptation.	UPDATE JULY 2023: This will be a scoping piece of work for the planning policy committee – links to design policies in the new local plan. Supports broader objectives linked to Ageing Better work etc. <u>UPDATE NOVEMBER 2023</u> : the design policies have not been looked at in detail as yet as Policy Committee but will be considered by Committee in the current months as we progress the review of the Local Plan.	Jun-24	Simon Milson - Planning Policy and Research Service Manager	Growth Directorate - Phil Norman	PORTFOLIO - PLANNING Councillor Tom Ashton
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