

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

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INTRODUCTION

2008/9 was another positive and interesting year for overview and scrutiny in North Lincolnshire. This annual report provides a summary of work carried out, achievements that have made in the council year, and highlights developments and challenges for 2009/10 and beyond.

WHAT IS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ?

Overview and Scrutiny was introduced into local government through the Local Government Act 2000* as part of 'modernised political arrangements'. The new political arrangements to date provide councils with options for how decisions can be taken and challenged.

Overview and scrutiny does not have the power like the council's cabinet (or executive) and its members to take and implement decisions. But, it has huge potential to make a difference by raising awareness of emerging and important issues, and by challenging and influencing the council and its local partners (together known as the Local Strategic Partnership) to take action and deliver services which are sustainable. This aims to improve communities and the well-being of all people living in North Lincolnshire.

On behalf of local communities, overview and scrutiny committees or panels provide those councillors not on the council's cabinet (or executive) with the opportunity and responsibility to: -

- hold the executive to account for its decisions taken or to be taken, including 'calling-in' for examination decisions that have been taken, but not yet implemented;
- review existing and develop new and improved policies or services with recommendations for change to the council, cabinet and its partners organisations (for example, health care and policing);
- monitor the council's performance and challenge services to add value and continue improving, and
- challenge the work of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), its targets and performance which impact on the people of North Lincolnshire.

Overview and scrutiny decides its own work programme carried out through committees or panels with specific responsibilities. They meet regularly and often in public. Work carried out does not just involve local councillors and council officers. Members of the public and service users, experts in specific fields, partner organisations and businesses, the voluntary sector and representatives of parents, ethnic and religious groups are involved, consulted and 'co-opted' to work with the panels.

Most of the work of panels is spent carrying out in-depth policy reviews, or shorter 'overviews' over a designated period of time. Once all evidence is gathered for each review the panels will disclose their findings and make recommendations in a public report to the council and/or partner organisations. This is discussed and sent to the cabinet for consideration and implementation. Over time progress and effectiveness are monitored and the executive 'held to account' for action taken and implementation. Performance of the council and LSP is monitored every 3 months or quarterly with recommendations for improvement or resource adjustments made to achieve targets.

Overview and scrutiny panels with responsibility for health and healthier communities are also consulted when substantial changes are proposed to local health services.

*(specific responsibility for scrutinising health services across North Lincolnshire was also introduced with the Health and Social Care Act 2001)

** (these are usually key decisions which appear on the Leader of the Council's Forward Plan. A 'key decision is defined as 'a decision which is likely to result in significant expenditure or savings and/or a decision that affects people living or working in an area covering two or more council electoral wards').

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IN THE COUNCIL YEAR 2008/9

In 2008/9 overview and scrutiny in North Lincolnshire was carried out by four overview and scrutiny panels *–

- Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel
- Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel
- Healthier Communities and Older People Scrutiny Panel
- Economic Development and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Panel

The titles and responsibilities of these overview and scrutiny panel's (within this council year) are aligned to mirror the original themes (these are being added to) of the 'Local Area Agreement' (LAAs). LAAs are where local councils together with partners through the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) define and propose a set of priorities for delivery of services in their own area. These are then negotiated and agreed by central government prior to implementation.

This is seen as 'good practice' and provides overview and scrutiny with an increasing opportunity to challenge the Local Strategic Partnership on improvements and performance of service delivery through effective partnership working. Partners include various health trusts, regeneration agencies and Humberside Police, for example.

The above four panel's continued to use sub-groups of their members to provide flexibility and assist them in their work. Work carried out by sub-groups is reported to their full panels for approval.

The council's Scrutiny Co-ordinating Panel (SCP)* continued to meet in public, and manage and co-ordinate the development of overview and scrutiny in North Lincolnshire. This includes the work of the four overview and scrutiny panels and effective working relationships with external partners. The council's Chief Executive attends these meetings, where possible, to advise and assist with direction whilst providing an essential link with the executive, council's management team and as the current chair of the LSP.

The work of the SCP is ongoing and crucial. It is essential as consultation, guidance and direction has been received during the year on additional responsibilities and new working practices for overview and scrutiny introduced by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and The Crime and Disorder (overview and scrutiny) Regulations 2009. These are likely to be added to following the Government's White Paper 'Communities in Control – Real People, Real Power' and 'Strengthening Local Democracy' intentions. Also, the panel has implemented action in response to relevant recommendations made following the council's last Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) and publication of the corresponding Corporate Assessment Report in February 2008.

Three Scrutiny Officers and a Support Officer (part-time) continue to advise, support and provide training for the five panels. Their attendance at local and national seminars during the year on the requirements of the above legislation has enabled them to give feedback to the SCP, and suggest development of new working practices. Scrutiny resources, workload and member and officer training needs

continue to be monitored by the SCP with further adjustments expected in light of the above additional roles and responsibilities.

A summary of the main areas of work carried out by each of the four main panels in the last council year, with aims and achievements where relevant, is set out over the next few pages.

(*see current membership and terms of reference of panels in Appendix 1 and 2)

1. POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

REVIEW/OVERVIEW

Play Areas and Open Spaces

AIMS

- Examine North Lincolnshire Play Strategy. Investigating what progress has been made in implementing the strategy and in ensuring that the needs of North Lincolnshire's children are being met.
- Examine play areas including parks and open spaces across North Lincolnshire.
- Consider the current provision of play areas, play activities across the area.
- Examine how play provision is and can be funded.
- Consult with users, stakeholders, partners, providers and voluntary sectors involved in play.
- Make recommendations to continue improving the provision of play/play areas, with publicity to maximise usage.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- As part of any newly planned playgrounds or activities, consideration be given to various age groups, and more challenging play equipment, involving young people and other stakeholders throughout the location, selection, structure and planning processes.
- Increasing the marketing of play and activities to target all young people and their families across North Lincolnshire.
- Increasing the levels of maintenance in parks and open spaces, whilst investigating the increase in usage of Park Wardens to concentrate on anti-social behaviour, graffiti, broken glass and damaged equipment.
- Allocating a specific budget to Neighbourhood Services for the provision and maintenance of parks and open spaces in North

'Every Child Matters - Common Assessment Framework': Re-Visit

Through a sub-group of the panel -

- Monitor and review progress of the implementation of recommendations contained within the scrutiny review on 'Every Child Matters - The Common Assessment Framework (CAF)' published in October 2006.
- Provide additional or updated recommendations.

Lincolnshire.

- Within the council's new play strategy for 2010, ensuring that there is clear communication between the council services and external agencies involved in the provision of play.
- Introducing training events/forums specifically designed for line managers to assist with two way feedback, networking with all agencies and to deliver ideas on providing effective support for practitioners.
- Communication emphasising to all participating agencies that the CAF is now a key piece of government guidance with the 'Every Child Matters' agenda and they must be engaged in its delivery. Ensuring that all agencies complete the national CAF training and that they are fully on board.
- Communication, feedback to practitioners and the evaluation of processes improved to ensure the ongoing commitment of all practitioners and line managers.

School Absence (Ongoing)

- Examine school absence figures across North Lincolnshire schools to establish how they compare with schools nationally.
- Examine policies and procedures used by the local authority and schools.
- Consult with parents, teachers and school governors.
- Make appropriate recommendations (following any site visits and good practice benchmarking).

- All agencies take responsibility within target setting processes to ensure performance targets are realistic and achievable.

(To complete in 2009/10 council year).

SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

REVIEW/OVERVIEW

Neighbourhood Action Teams in North Lincolnshire

AIMS

- Determine whether Neighbourhood Action Teams (NATs) act as a catalyst for solving problems on a local level (including consultations with all North Lincs NATs).
- Ascertain the level of commitment allocated to the NATs by Safer Neighbourhood partners.
- Determine if issues tackled by NATs are sufficiently resourced.
- Establish if a working relationship exists between town and parish councils and relevant NATs.
- Establish whether NATs utilise appropriate methods when problem solving at a local level.
- Determine whether members of NATs raise the appropriate concerns of local residents.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Urgent training provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Partnership to all NAT members on the key roles, responsibilities and expectations of a NAT to be provided annually.
- A comprehensive constitutional framework provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Partnership for use by all seventeen NATs to ensure that they operate to similar terms of reference.
- Review of membership of each NAT on an annual basis by Humberside Police to ensure that all contact details are up to date and that membership of the NAT is fit for purpose.
- A communication strategy devised by the Safer Neighbourhoods and Humberside Police to inform every resident in every council ward of the concept, aim and contact points for every NAT, utilising North Lincolnshire Homes and Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire newsletters.

- Safer Neighbourhood and Humberside Police websites revised in order to signpost visitors to information and contact points for their local NAT.
- Engagement by the council's Community Planning Division with all Neighbourhood Watch Groups, Resident Associations and members of BME and new communities to encourage participation in the NAT process.
- Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership review administration arrangements of all NATs with the aim of removing the administration position from Humberside Police officers.
- Canvassing NATs views on the production of an annual report to evaluate NATs' performance annually, work to be done and celebrate success.
- Safer Neighbourhoods Strategy Board consider NATs assisting the partnership in meeting its targets identified in the Local Area Agreement.

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

REVIEW/OVERVIEW

Alcohol Misuse and Health

AIMS

- Examine alcohol services in North Lincolnshire, including screening, treatment, education, referral and support services at all levels.
- Consultation with relevant figures from the region and within North Lincolnshire with expert knowledge of these issues.
- Formulate a review plan and programme identifying how to obtain necessary information and evidence to conduct all work relevant to the topic.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- NHS North Lincolnshire and its partner organisations acknowledge that alcohol misuse be given equal priority as a public health priority - and receive appropriate attention at Board and strategic levels.
- Urgent action be taken by the Alcohol Task Group in co-operation with commissioners, providers and clients, to address and prioritise each of the issues identified as "gaps" in the report, noting the additional but limited resources.
- Alcohol Task Group investigate the reasons for the low local rate of dependent drinkers in treatment, reporting to NHS North Lincolnshire, Safer Neighbourhoods and this scrutiny panel within twelve months.
- A formal champion be nominated (from each of the themes identified in the report) in order to recognise the different facts of alcohol misuse - to include elected members in 'champion' work.

- NHS North Lincolnshire ensures that links with all public and voluntary and community sector bodies likely to come into contact with prospective alcohol clients be developed at operational and strategic levels, with referral pathways developed. Their staff to be trained to work with local partners outside the NHS to develop skills to identify alcohol misuse.
- NHS North Lincolnshire in co-operation with the service providers, review their alcohol and drug services to ensure quality access for all and the provision of appropriate treatment irrespective of age, race or other circumstance.
- Safer Neighbourhoods draft and agree an over-arching night-time economy plan, consulting and involving all key partners through the LSP.
- Review of the provision of alcohol specific training and support within schools in North Lincolnshire, Including discussion with 'Healthy Schools', school nurses, headteachers, governing bodies and

Inverse Care Law in Primary Care

- Work with G.P's and practice managers, the Primary Care Trust (PCT), Practice Based Commissioning Groups and local communities to discuss the decisions and methodology surrounding budget allocations and accompany impact on people's health and well being.
- Testing local decisions against the Department of Health's 'fair shares' methodology and to explore the possibility of applying stricter criteria.
- Hold local decision-makers to account for the decisions taken.
- All partners involved regularly self-evaluate progress and methods of working via the Action Learning approach, in order to engage in joint learning, critical evaluation and to seek methods of improving development.
- Successfully and comprehensively disseminate learning.

other relevant figures.

(To complete in 2009/10 council year).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CORPORATE ISSUES SCRUTINY PANEL

REVIEW/OVERVIEW

North Lincolnshire Markets

AIMS

- Gauge the demand for current markets in North Lincolnshire.
- Assess the economic impact of North Lincolnshire markets.
- Seek views from all stakeholders who either use, operate or manage North Lincolnshire markets.
- Explore the possibility of specialising North Lincolnshire markets.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- As part of future budget setting processes, the council reviews the current unrealistic income targets for the markets service causing the Asset Management and Culture service to subsidise the markets function. This is with a view to establishing a realistic revenue budget for the service that offers future opportunities for reinvestment of any operating profits to maintain and improve the quality of the market facilities.
- Recognition of the prolonged under investment at the council's markets and a request that the council fully supports any future submission, by the Service Director Asset Management and Culture on behalf of the markets service, for capital programme monies in order to provide the necessary investment to bring the markets in to the twenty first century.

- The existing Market Traders Liaison Committee be (a) re-constituted to make it more efficient and accessible to all market traders, (b) professionally recorded with all discussions and actions reported to all traders in a quarterly newsletter, (c) a consultative body to discuss issues such as rent levels etc, and (d) expanded to include representation from all markets as well as the membership to include the council's Tourism and Town Centre Manager.
- A review of the management function of all of North Lincolnshire's Markets be undertaken to determine if the current structure and management practices are fit for purpose. That any changes proposed to current management arrangements be submitted to the Leader of the Council Regeneration, Marketing and Finance Cabinet Member for consideration.
- In consultation with the council's Highways and Transport service, reduced car parking fees be made available at Scunthorpe Market car park, Ashby car park and Brigg car park on market days only.

- The marketing of North Lincolnshire Markets be assigned to the Tourism and Town Centre Manager with a designated budget ring fenced for this duty. (The budget to be agreed by the Cabinet Member Regeneration, Marketing and Strategic Finance).
- Market management engage with the black and minority ethnic communities as well as the new communities to encourage markets to reflect better North Lincolnshire's growing diverse communities.

2. HOLDING THE EXECUTIVE TO ACCOUNT

- (a) **'Call - In' - Questioning of and discussion with Cabinet Members on specific decisions taken but not implemented. (Please note implementation of decisions 'called - in' is suspended until considered by a relevant scrutiny panel)**

	DECISION SUBJECT	RESPONSIBLE SCRUTINY PANEL AND OUTCOME
(i)	Post 16 Transport Fees and Charges Policy 2009/10 (22 April 2009)	Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel (decision implemented with immediate effect)
(ii)	Sports Facilities Staffing Review (10 November 2008)	Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel (decision implemented with immediate effect)
(iii)	Housing and Employment Land Allocations - Additional Issues and Options for Gypsy and Traveller Site 2008 (19 November 2008)	Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel (decision implemented with immediate effect)
(iv)	Review of Customer Service - Scunthorpe North (18 February 2009)	Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel (decision implemented with immediate effect)
(v)	Car Parking Charges 2009/10 (27 April 2009)	Healthier Communities and Older People Scrutiny Panel (decision implemented with immediate effect)
(vi)	Fit for the Future Management Review - Phase 2 Outcomes (29 April 2009)	Healthier Communities and Older People Scrutiny Panel (decision implemented with immediate effect)

(b)

Forward Plan Items - Discussions on key decisions to be taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet Members on future specified dates published monthly in the Leader of the Council's Forward Plan

	KEY DECISION SUBJECT	RESPONSIBLE SCRUTINY PANEL
(i)	Youth Justice Plan	Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel
(ii)	Entitlement of Early Learning and Care for three to four year olds	Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel
(iii)	The annual performance assessment for Children and Young People's Services	Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel
(iv)	Homelessness Strategy 2008 - 2013 - (Referred for Comment)	Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel
(v)	Health Service Provision for the proposed Gypsy and Traveller Sites	Healthier Communities and Older People Scrutiny Panel
(vi)	Concessionary fare schemes 2009/10	Healthier Communities and Older People Scrutiny Panel

(c)

Added Items - Discussions on decisions previously taken by the Cabinet or Cabinet Members and any matters relevant to the functions of the council or in the interests of the local community.

	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE SCRUTINY PANEL
(i)	Establishment of the post of local safeguarding children's board child death overview panel co-ordinator	Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel
(ii)	Fit for the Future Restructure Adult Social Care	Healthier Communities and Older People Scrutiny Panel

ITEM	RESPONSIBLE SCRUTINY PANEL
(iii) Salting Routes	Healthier Communities and Older People Scrutiny Panel
(iv) IVF Guidelines	Healthier Communities and Older People Scrutiny Panel

(d)

Public Requests to speak in accordance with the Council's Constitution Overview and Procedure Rule D5.10(j)

ITEM	RESPONSIBLE SCRUTINY PANEL
(i) Removal of vegetation by Network Rail along the embankment of the main railway line in Scunthorpe (Mr Corlett)	Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel
(ii) Street Pastors in North Lincolnshire (Scunthorpe Baptist Church) attendance by three street pastors to inform the panel of the work that they would be undertaking in North Lincolnshire	Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel
(iii) Council Tax Recovery (Mr Corlett)	Economic Development and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Panel

3. (a) **CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL HEALTH TRUSTS ON MATTERS AFFECTING LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES**

- (i) Update on ambulance cover in Brigg, following changes in 2008.
- (ii) Informal update on World Class Commissioning.
- (iii) Discussion with representatives from the Adult Trust on proposed changes for the Midwifery model of care - leading to consultation with the public on the model of care.
- (iv) Consulted on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

(b) **Other joint working with local health trusts**

- (i) Completed annual declarations for the former Health Commission.
- (ii) Update on progress on the Health Ageing Strategy.
- (iii) Update on breast screening rates.
- (iv) Update on adult mental health transfer.
- (v) Consideration of the pharmacy white paper 'Pharmacy in England: Building on Strengths, Delivering the Future'.

4. **FURTHER ASSOCIATED WORK UNDERTAKEN BY SCRUTINY PANELS**

- (i) Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel.
 - Discussion and comments submitted on the 'Care Quality Commission - Voices for Power' document.
 - Consultation and comment upon National 'Tell Us 3' survey and local primary care trust report on the lifestyle of young people in North Lincolnshire.
 - Interview and discussion with representatives of local NHS trusts on changes to family wards.

- (ii) Economic Development and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Panel
- Following the current economic downturn, the panel discussed with the Service Director Finance in October and December 2008 the Council's arrangements and performance in relation to financial planning, including the following -
 - reviewing the effectiveness of the budget setting process
 - the council's revenue budget and financial strategy
 - the Capital Programme
 - the Treasury management and investment strategy
 - The panel also reviewed the management of resources by scrutinising the Council's financial performance in year against agreed budgets or other targets, with particular reference to the following -
 - capital and revenue spending against approved budgets
 - specific activities including treasury management, generation of revenue and capital income targets and
 - monitoring of savings/efficiency targets (e.g. Gershon)
 - The scrutiny panel also interviewed the Service Director Finance on the annual budget setting papers to be considered by Council at its meeting on 25 February 2009
- (iii) Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel
- Discussion and comments submitted on the government's 'Improving Local Accountability: Communities in Control' consultation document.

5.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MEMBER TRAINING

- (i) On the Changing Focus of Health Scrutiny, Strategic Commissioning and Selection and Scoping of review topics carried out by a representative of the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CFPS).
- (ii) Performance Management, the New National Indicators and Local Area Agreement Target and using the Quarterly Performance Review carried out by the council's Strategy Development Unit.

6.

DEVELOPMENTS DURING 2008/2009

- Mainstream implementation of quarterly performance monitoring through all four scrutiny panels based upon LSP/LAA themes with thematic officer leads or their representatives in attendance. The Economic Development and Corporate Issues Panel also monitoring corporate quarterly reviews.
- Scrutiny Officer observer status invited on various Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) strategy and operational boards, providing a further method for informing scrutiny work through the LSP agenda.
- Maintaining and developing further working relationship with health, police and community partners. Informing and involving them in ongoing scrutiny work.
- Successful bid to the Centre of Public Scrutiny (CFPS) for funding to support review on Inverse Care Law in Primary Care.
- Continued attendance at Humberside Police Performance Challenge Days.
- Closer working links developed with the Local Involvement Network (Who Cares) and the Local Medical Committee.
- Regional Health Scrutiny Network involvement and development.
- Protocol agreed for scrutiny of regional health commissioning.
- Monitoring and review of local internal management of local overview and scrutiny performance indicators. Built into the council's generic Performance Monitoring System.
- Developing and adjusting working practices and raising awareness of the implications of recent, relevant government white papers, legislation and associated regulations.

7.

FUTURE CHALLENGES

- Implementing effective overview and scrutiny practices and procedures to implement requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act - this includes the Councillor Call for Action. Following the Crime and Disorder (overview and scrutiny) Regulations 2009, to implement the role and responsibilities of a crime and disorder committee. The Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel will take this role and responsibility.
- To raise awareness, respond and implement relevant requirements of the government's Building Britain's Future and Strengthening Local Democracy strategies.
- Increase opportunities to consult and involve local partners in overview and scrutiny. Maintaining and further developing professional working with Humberside Police, Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership, the NHS Trusts, and other local community partners.
- Further develop and sustain effective practices and procedures which monitor and challenge the performance of the council, and the Local Strategic Partnership using the performance framework and Local Area Agreement targets.
- Contribute and respond effectively to the challenges of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA).
- Maintaining and providing further effective training for all councillors and officers on training needs as identified. These must be 'fit for purpose' and 'value for money'.
- Developing scrutiny of regionally commissioned specialist health services.
- Awareness of and involvement in sub-regional scrutiny.
- Continue working effectively with the council's cabinet and further develop working relationships in overview and scrutiny with neighbouring and regional councils.

8.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

One of overview and scrutiny's key roles is to work on issues that people who live and work in North Lincolnshire are concerned about. If you want to tell us what you would like councillors to focus on in the future, please contact the scrutiny team on the following email address scrutiny@northlincs.gov.uk, or write to them at Pittwood House, Scunthorpe DN16 1AB (please note this is not an individual complaints system).

The Scrutiny Team is-

- Tanya Davies - Scrutiny Officer
Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel
- Dean Gillon - Scrutiny Officer
Healthier Communities and Older People Scrutiny Panel
- Matthew Nundy - Scrutiny Officer
Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Panel

(The Economic Development and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Panel and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Panel is supported by all Scrutiny Officers on a rotational basis)

- Jo Findley - Scrutiny and Regulatory Support Officer

APPENDIX 1 – CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF SCRUTINY PANELS

1. SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING PANEL

Councillor Davison (chair)
Councillor Barker
Councillor Cawsey
Councillor Smith
Councillor Wilson

Councillor Waltham (vice chairman)
Councillor Glover
Councillor C Sherwood
Councillor Wells

2. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

Councillor Wilson (chair)
Councillor Cawsey
Councillor Simpson
Councillor Whiteley

Councillor C Sherwood (vice chairman)
Councillor Mrs Bromby
Councillor P Vickers

Statutory Co-opted Members - Mrs A Dunkerley (Parent Governor Representative)
- Mr P Bacon (Parent Governor Representative)
- Mr W Egan (Church Representative)
- Mrs W Witter (Church Representative)

3. SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

Councillor Davison (chair)
Councillor Ali
Councillor Armitage
Councillor Ellerby

Councillor Waltham (vice chairman)
Councillor Clark
Councillor T Foster

4. HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

Councillor Barker (chair)
Councillor Collinson
Councillor Jawaid MBE
Councillor Simpson

Councillor Wells (vice chairman)
Councillor Eckhardt
Councillor Sidell

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CORPORATE ISSUES SCRUTINY PANEL

Councillor Smith (chair)
Councillor Ali
Councillor Bainbridge
Councillor Barkworth

Councillor Glover (vice chairman)
Councillor Berry
Councillor Wardle

APPENDIX 2 - TERMS OF REFERENCE OF SCRUTINY PANELS

1. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

To carry out relevant overview and scrutiny functions relating to services being delivered by the council and its partners to achieve the five outcomes of the 'Every Child Matters' framework namely - improve health, keep safe, enjoyment and achievement, making a positive contribution and achieving economic well being for children and young people in North Lincolnshire.

2. SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

To carry out relevant overview and scrutiny functions relating to services being delivered by the council and its partners for cleaner, greener, stronger and safer communities, and associated transport and environmental matters.

3. HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL

To carry out relevant health scrutiny functions defined in the Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committee Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002 and associated legislation and guidance, and overview and scrutiny functions relating to services for older people and those that contribute to healthier communities being delivered by the council and its partners.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CORPORATE ISSUES SCRUTINY PANEL

To carry out relevant overview and scrutiny functions relating to the local and regional economic development and corporate and strategic services or cross cutting issues being delivered by the council and its partners.

5. SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING PANEL

- Monitor ongoing work of the four overview and scrutiny panels
- Monitor the work of overview and scrutiny panels as it progresses through the council, Executive and other partners/organisations.
- Liaise with the Executive and other councillors on overview and scrutiny or related matters.
- Liaise with the Chief Executive and/or other relevant officers on overview and scrutiny or related matters.
- Liaise with other partners/organisations on overview and scrutiny or related matters.

- Deal with all decisions called in under the Council's procedure for call-ins as set out in Section 5.22 of the council's Constitution. (as from May 2009)

The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Panel shall make recommendations on the following -

- To the above four scrutiny panels on their annual work programme identifying and selecting shortlists of potential reviews or similar work that the panels could decide to carry out;
- On the performance and effectiveness of the work of scrutiny panels;
- On the correct and consistent application of overview and scrutiny working arrangements, practices, procedures, protocols and disciplines;
- To the council on the training needs of councillors/officers in relation to overview and scrutiny skills and disciplines;
- On the level, capacity and effectiveness of resources provided to support the council's overview and scrutiny function;
- On the working requirements, relationships and dialogue with the council's Executive and other partners/organisations, and
- On any other issue which relates to overview and scrutiny function as defined within the Local Government Act 2000 and the Health and Social Care Act 2001.