



Overview and Scrutiny
Committee

Tuesday, 8 September 2026

**Subject: Scrutiny of Thematic Business Plans through the Policy
Committees**

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Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to consider the responses arising from the Council's three policy committees with regards to quarter one of the Thematic Business Plan reporting.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is not expected to scrutinise the details of the three Thematic Business Plans, rather, the Committee should consider whether there has been sufficient scrutiny through the policy committees, and, if necessary, identify areas where additional focus may be required.

Appendices to Report

- Appendix 1: Excerpt from Minutes – Thriving Places Committee, 14 July 2026
 - Appendix 2: Thriving Places Thematic Business Plan
 - Appendix 3: Excerpt from Minutes – Thriving People Committee, 16 July 2026
 - Appendix 4: Thriving People Thematic Business Plan
 - Appendix 5: Excerpt from Minutes – Thriving Council Committee, 30 July 2026
 - Appendix 6: Thriving Council Thematic Business Plan
 - Appendix 7: Thematic Business Plan Supporting Information
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RECOMMENDATION(S):

- (a) That the Committee examine the responses provided by the Thriving Council, Thriving People and Thriving Places Committees, and Members satisfy themselves that the three policy committees are applying an appropriate level of challenge to the information contained in the reports.**

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are required to scrutinise the challenge of the three policy committees to the content of the council's Progress and Delivery reports.
- 1.2 To assist this scrutiny, a summary of the relevant minutes is provided to the Committee, as well as all three Thematic Business Plan reports.
- 1.3 Minutes of the Thriving Places Committee, where the report was presented on 14 July 2026, are summarised at section two of this report, with the full minute attached at Appendix 1, and the Thematic Business Plan attached at Appendix 2.
- 1.4 Minutes of the Thriving People Committee, where the report was presented on 16 July 2026, are summarised at section three of this report, with the full minute attached at Appendix 3, and the Thematic Business Plan attached at Appendix 4.
- 1.5 Minutes of the Thriving Council Committee, where the report was presented on 30 July 2026, are summarised at section three of this report, with the full minute attached at Appendix 5, and the Thematic Business Plan attached at Appendix 6.
- 1.6 The supporting information which was provided alongside the Thematic Business Plans is also appended to this report and can be found at Appendix 7. Members are asked to examine the responses provided by the three policy committees, and assure themselves that the appropriate level of challenge is being made to the information contained in the report.

2 Summary of Minutes – Thriving Places Committee 14 July 2026

- 2.1 Members of the Thriving Places Committee welcomed the presentation of the report. Positive comments highlighted the ongoing work and improvements in the town centre of Gainsborough whilst questioning the **number of vacant units**. Officers responded that this was a highlighted deliverable under the themes of the Corporate Plan.
- 2.2 The **reduced percentage rates of fly-tipping being collected** was noted, particularly whether this was due to an increased amount of fly-tipping, or because there was slippage in making the collections. Officers undertook to share the relevant data with the Committee.
- 2.3 The Committee debated the **market performance indicators**, and whether an indoor market would be viable. Officers explained this was not an option, but offered assurance that in comparison to the performance of the markets in previous years, there was a notable improvement. Officers highlighted close working relationships with stall holders and local businesses.

- 2.4 Discussions also covered aspects such as the success of local traders offering mobile services, for example food and drinks trucks at local events, and how local business owners were involved in conversations concerning the growth of Gainsborough town centre.
- 2.5 The webcast of the meeting can be accessed via the West Lindsey District Council website:

https://west-lindsey.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/1097643

3 Summary of Minutes – Thriving People Committee 16 July 2026

- 3.1 Members sought clarification regarding performance relating to **housing benefit and council tax support claims**. Officers advised that performance remained within tolerance, with a small number of more complex cases taking longer to process.
- 3.2 Members sought assurance regarding **temporary accommodation provision**, and the impact of newly acquired accommodation units and the level of support available to residents. Officers explained that the full impact of the new units would be assessed over time.
- 3.3 Discussion also took place regarding the **Leisure Centre project** with Officers advising efforts would continue to be made to engage all Members in the development of proposals.
- 3.4 Clarification was sought regarding performance relating to **Disabled Facilities Grants**. Members welcomed the improvement achieved and queried whether targets remained appropriate. Officers advised that current performance was above target, although the measure remained subject to funding pressures and future demand.
- 3.5 The webcast of the meeting can be accessed via the West Lindsey District Council website:

https://west-lindsey.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/1097642

4 Summary of Minutes – Thriving Council Committee 30 July 2026

- 4.1 Members welcomed the report and the strong overall performance position reflected within the indicators.
- 4.2 Assurance was sought regarding the monitoring of **workforce wellbeing and organisational resilience** considering preparations for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). Officers outlined the measures in place to support staff, and assurance was provided that the impact of LGR on staff would continue to be closely monitored and reported.

- 4.3 Members welcomed the new reporting format and the inclusion of trend data, which was considered to provide greater clarity when assessing performance.
- 4.4 The webcast of the meeting can be accessed via the West Lindsey District Council website:

https://west-lindsey.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/1097640

5 Conclusion

- 5.1 The Committee are asked to examine the responses provided by the Thriving Council, Thriving People and Thriving Places Committees, and that Members satisfy themselves that the three policy committees are applying an appropriate level of challenge to the information contained in the report.

ASSOCIATED IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

If there are legal implications – then the MO should be consulted and provide a ref

Financial:

All reports must include a fin ref

Staffing:

If there are staffing implications – then HR should be consulted and provide a ref

LGR implications:

Does LGR effect this decision in away.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights:

An impact assessment must be completed for new Polices

Data Protection Implications:

If you think there are DP implications, please consult the DPO /MO

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:

Health Implications:

Risk Assessment:

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

These are not appendices – you should list here any supporting information used to inform your report – eg government guidance –

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

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No

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Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

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No

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