

SCRUTINY & POLICY PANEL

Project Scoping Template

Topic: Joint BBC/ELDC Scrutiny of the Strategic Alliance

Objectives and Key Issues:

Boston Borough Council and East Lindsey District have formed a strategic alliance. The Councils retain their independence and are working towards a single officer team to deliver their respective priorities. The alliance will deliver £15.4m in savings over the next ten years; whilst providing both Councils with greater capacity to deliver their priorities.

The objective of the panel is to undertake a review of the alliance and merged workforce.

Lines of Enquiry:

- To understand the progress that has been made so far in bringing together functions and teams across the alliance;
- To assess whether joint working on the planning and delivery of services has mitigated pressure on the Councils' budgets; and whether projected savings (money and capacity) are being achieved;
- To understand the opportunities that have been secured by the Councils' working collaboratively together;
- To understand how it has been possible to merge cultures, the difficulties that have arisen from this and how this can be managed.

Standard Areas to Consider: Equalities / Relationship with Corporate Strategy / Financial Implication

Witnesses

Internal:

ELDC /BBC Leader

ELDC / BBC Chief Executive

ELDC / BBC Members

Relevant officers

External:

PSPS

Resources: Rebecca James, Scrutiny Officer

Liaison Officer: James Gilbert, Interim Deputy Chief Executive

Required officer expertise: To be decided as the scrutiny review progresses

Timescale

Start date: late July **UPDATE** early September

End date: late August **UPDATE** early October

Target Overview / Scrutiny meeting: September (7th & 16th) **UPDATE** November (4th BBC, 30th ELDC)

Target Council meeting: September 27th / October 13th **UPDATE** November 22nd (BBC) December 15th (ELDC)