



REPORT TO:	Environment & Performance Scrutiny Committee
DATE:	22 nd November 2022
SUBJECT:	Joint scrutiny of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
PURPOSE:	To review the Partnership's progress after its first year.
KEY DECISION:	No
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	N/A
REPORT OF:	The Partnership Scrutiny Panel
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL
EXEMPT REPORT?	No

SUMMARY

The Overview and Scrutiny Committees of Boston Borough Council, South Holland District Council, and East Lindsey District Council have commissioned a joint Scrutiny Task & Finish Panel to undertake a review of the progress on the opportunities identified in the approved business case for the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the attached report (Appendix A) and associated recommendations.
2. For the recommendations to be considered at the next Council meeting.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the recommendations put forward by Scrutiny Task & Finish Panel as part of a scrutiny process.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

1. REPORT

1.1 This report is being presented to each of the Partnership Councils' relevant sovereign scrutiny committee.

1.2 The scrutiny being undertaken is required under the Partnership's Memorandum of Agreement and is an annual commitment.

1.3 This report brings forward the report of the joint Scrutiny Task and Finish Panel at **Appendix A**.

1.4 The scope of this work was approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees at ELDC, SHDC, and BBC and is attached at **Appendix B**.

EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

The opportunity to learn from the Partnership's first year of operation.

IMPLICATIONS

SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

STAFFING

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

DATA PROTECTION

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

FINANCIAL

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

*Consultation with a number of councillors and officers was undertaken and helped form the basis of the final report and recommendations. Details of this consultation can be found at **Appendix D and E** of this report.*

REPUTATION

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

CONTRACTS

none

CRIME AND DISORDER

none

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

none

ACRONYMS

none

APPENDICES

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

<i>APPENDIX A</i>	<i>Report of the panel</i>
<i>APPENDIX B</i>	<i>Scoping document</i>
<i>APPENDIX C</i>	<i>Questions for guest witnesses</i>
<i>APPENDIX D</i>	<i>Questionnaire results</i>
<i>APPENDIX E</i>	<i>Meeting notes</i>

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.

REPORT APPROVAL

Report author:	The Scrutiny Panel report has been prepared by a Scrutiny Task & Finish Panel as set out in the attachment.
Covering report signed off by:	Rebecca James, Scrutiny Officer
Covering report approved for publication:	James Gilbert, Assistant Director - Corporate