



<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Environment & Performance Scrutiny Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Joint Scrutiny of the Digital Strategy and ICT Roadmap for the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To receive the Task Group's report and recommendations following scrutiny of the draft Partnership Digital Strategy and ICT Roadmap.
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	No
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	Councillor Paul Skinner
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Rebecca James (Scrutiny Officer) on behalf of the Partnership Scrutiny Task Group
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	None
<b>EXEMPT REPORT?</b>	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 proposed Partnership Digital Strategy and ICT Roadmap and provide feedback for inclusion in the subsequent Cabinet / Executive report and to help shape the final Strategy and Roadmap.

**Note:** All content is contained in the attached report and not summarised in this covering report.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. To note the attached report (**Appendix A**) and associated recommendations;
2. To agree that a Task Group meets every two years to review progress;

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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None
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## **1. REPORT**

**1.1** This report brings forward a joint scrutiny report, found at **Appendix A**. The scope of this work was set out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees at ELDC, SHDC, and BBC and is attached at **Appendix B**.

**1.2** This report is being presented to each of the Partnership Councils' relevant sovereign scrutiny committees before being presented to the Cabinets as part of the decision-making process on the Digital Strategy and Roadmap.

**1.3** All content is contained in the attached report and not summarised in this covering report.

## **EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP**

To have a single aligned Digital Strategy and ICT Roadmap across the partnership and PSPS, which will align strategic objectives for the three Councils and PSPS and align ICT provision.

## **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 took place during the development of the Strategy and Roadmap. This included the relevant officers and portfolio holders from each council and Public Sector Partnership Services as the Councils' ICT and Digital providers.

## **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: -

APPENDIX A	Report of the panel
APPENDIX B	Scoping document

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

<b>CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT</b>
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A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.
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<b>REPORT APPROVAL</b>	
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Covering report approved for publication:	Councillor Paul Redgate (SHDC) Scrutiny Task Group Chairman