



REPORT TO:	Corporate and Community Committee
DATE:	2 February 2023
SUBJECT:	First Draft SELCP Asset Management Strategy 2023 - 2028.
PURPOSE:	To seek the Committee's input into the first draft SELCP Asset Management Strategy.
KEY DECISION:	No
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Jonathan Noble - Portfolio Holder, Finance and Commercial
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WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All
EXEMPT REPORT?	No

SUMMARY

As sovereign Councils and as a Partnership, we recognise that effective use of our land and property assets form one of the essential ingredients for high quality service delivery and creating and ensuring value for our residents. Our aim is to manage a well-planned and well maintained property portfolio, ensuring that we can demonstrate value for money and, more importantly, that by using our assets well, secure wide value for our community.

Appendix 1 presents the first draft SELCP Asset Management Strategy. Although taking account of previous plans, the draft has been purposefully crafted to be high level in that it seeks to set the guiding principles for Asset Management across the SELCP and only seeks to set a focussed number of high level actions in order to shape and drive the detailed work necessary within each Council to manage and maintain its assets.

Whilst it is intended to supersede each Council's highest level Asset Management Plan, it does not immediately supersede the various process and policy documents that sit below those plans that exist across the SELCP as those documents may or indeed may not need amendment following a 'detailed review of the detail'.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That:

- 1 The Committee consider the draft at Appendix 1, critiquing and commenting on:
 - its form and purpose;
 - the 'guiding principles' suggested at section 1.4;
 - the suggested 'strategic approach' to asset management at section 2.6;
 - the five draft 'strategic priorities' set out and the delivery dates proposed, and,
- 2 Recommends to Cabinet that it considers the final version and formally adopts the Strategy.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

In following the recommendations, the Committee has the opportunity to really shape how the draft SELCP Asset Management Strategy develops and have its thoughts incorporated into the iteration that will be submitted to each Executive for adoption is due course.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

NA

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Having set out within the SELCP Workplan that a new Asset Strategy is required for the three sovereign Councils, the first draft of such a high level strategy is now being presented to this committee, having been tabled at South Holland's Policy Development Panel on 13 December 2022 and East Lindsey's Overview Committee on 24 January 2023. Set out at Appendix 1; the Committee has a real opportunity to shape Boston's needs and to input into a Strategy that, hopefully, can be adopted by each Sovereign Council.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 Each SELCP Council is responsible for delivering a wide range of public services with each playing a key role in community leadership and setting out their priorities within their respective Corporate Plans.
- 2.2 In order to deliver services effectively and contribute towards each Council's Corporate Strategy, partner Councils need a clear framework for understanding the 'value' and condition of their land and property, ensuring that each secures the maximum value from their respective general fund asset portfolios.
- 2.3 Although the size and diversity of each Council's portfolio varies significantly, each Council faces pressures on its finances and needs to continually take a robust but realistic view about what they keep, what they dispose of, what they use and what

they acquire; assets need to be considered **strategically**, considered in light of each Council's **priorities**, and considered in light of each Council's **resources**.

- 2.4 Appendix 1 presents the first draft of an Asset Management Plan that each Council's scrutiny/policy development body is being asked to consider and develop in preparation for a final draft being presented to each Council's Executive for adoption.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Commenting and critiquing the draft will add real value to the Strategy's development and will ensure that the needs of Boston Borough Council are fully met.

EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

The draft Strategy, if adopted by each Council, will provide a common approach to Asset Management across the SELCP where it benefits each sovereign partner.

IMPLICATIONS:

SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP

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CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Environmental Awareness and Accountability.

Future Prosperity, Regeneration and Inclusive Growth.

STAFFING

All work in preparing this strategy will be contained within existing staffing resources; however, the Strategy, if adopted, will support the drive to create a single SELCP staffing model.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None is considering the draft as per the recommendations.

DATA PROTECTION

NA.

FINANCIAL

None at this juncture in terms of considering the draft as per the recommendations.

RISK MANAGEMENT

None at this juncture in terms of considering the draft as per the recommendations.

STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

The draft has been agreed with ELDC's Finance Portfolio Holder, has been to South Holland's Policy Development Panel and is due to go to Boston's Corporate and Community Committee on 2 February 2023.

REPUTATION

None at this juncture in terms of considering the draft as per the recommendations.

CONTRACTS

None at this juncture in terms of considering the draft as per the recommendations.

CRIME AND DISORDER

None.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

NA

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

None at this juncture in terms of considering the draft as per the recommendations.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None at this juncture in terms of considering the draft as per the recommendations.

LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

(Use this section to highlight any links to the 12 missions contained in the Levelling Up White Paper set out below. Delete any which are not applicable. If none, insert the word 'none'.)

MISSIONS	
This paper contributes to the follow Missions outlined in the Government's Levelling Up White paper.	
Living Standards	NA.

Research and Development	NA.
Transport Infrastructure	NA.
Digital Connectivity	NA.
Education	NA.
Skills	NA.
Health	NA.
Wellbeing	NA.
Pride in Place	NA.
Housing	NA.
Crime	NA.
Local Leadership	NA.

6. ACRONYMS

- ELDC – East Lindsey District Council
- SELCP – South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Draft South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership - Asset Management Strategy. 2023 – 2028.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

This report has not been considered by another Council body.

REPORT APPROVAL

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