



REPORT TO:	Council
DATE:	Boston: 6 th March 2023
SUBJECT:	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Performance Report
PURPOSE:	Six monthly update on Partnership performance
KEY DECISION:	No
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Cllr Paul Skinner, Leader of the Council
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WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All
EXEMPT REPORT?	No

SUMMARY

This report sets out the further progress of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership since the last update on 26th September 2022.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- To approve the Annual Delivery Plan (ADP) 2022/23 update (section 2)
- To approve the Performance Framework 2023/24 (section 3; Appendix A)
- To note the Peer Review Action Plan delivery progress (section 4)
- To note the updates from the Priority Partnerships (section 5)
- To note the Partnership Scrutiny Action Plan delivery progress (section 6)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To monitor and report on the progress of the Partnership as previously agreed

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None as this is the approach previously agreed in the Partnership Business Case.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership (Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council and South Holland District Council) launched on 1st October 2021.
- 1.2 This report sets out the progress of the Partnership since the last update.

2. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2022/23

- 2.1 Progress of Annual Delivery Plan activity is being monitored by Joint Strategy Board to support the Partnership in delivering on its priorities, as well as sovereign Council ambitions.
- 2.2 Of the 'Top Ten' priorities from the Strategic Programme, 7 are on plan (green status) and 3 are off schedule but mitigation in place to get back on schedule (amber status).
- 2.3 Of the 180 activities in the ADP for the year, 35% are complete and 62% are on track. Any actions which had a timescale of 36 months, which are still relevant, have been rolled forward to the 2023/2024 Plan.
- 2.4 Council is being asked to approve the Annual Delivery Plan 2022/23 (ADP) update.

3. PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK 2023/24

- 3.1 The outline Performance Framework was agreed in 2022/23, creating a common suite of performance measures across the Partnership. This does not replace performance reporting within the sovereign councils but is in addition to it with a specific focus on Partnership performance.
- 3.2 The performance measures have been reviewed for 2023/24 and set out in the Framework at Appendix A. It is recommended to continue with the current suite of measures wherever possible to allow us to build up trend reporting over time.
- 3.3 The draft Performance Framework was presented to Stakeholder Group in January 2023 and Joint Strategy Board in February 2023.
- 3.4 Council is being asked to approve the Performance Framework for 2022/23 – attached at Appendix A. Measures may be adjusted in-year should circumstances change.

4. PEER REVIEW ACTION PLAN UPDATE

- 4.1 The LGA Peer Review took place in October 2022. The Peers' findings and feedback have been reported to Council in January 2023 (ELDC December 2022) and fed into the Partnership's development plans for 23/24 and beyond. The Peers will undertake a follow up in mid- 2023 to review progress. All actions are on track in terms of delivery.
- 4.2 Council is being asked to note the update on delivery of Peer Review recommendations.

5. PRIORITY PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE

5.1 A number of key Partnerships have been established as mechanisms for delivering the strategic priorities of the Partnership are set out in Table 2 below:

Table 1

Priority Partnership	Subject areas	Potential Sub-regional partners	Initial priorities	DCX lead
Growth and Prosperity Priority Partnership	Skills, Training/Education, Business Support Employment, Utilities, Economic Development, Transport Infrastructure, Flood Risk	Deputy Chief Executive (Growth), Education providers, Lincolnshire County Council, Utility companies, Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce, Greater Lincolnshire Enterprise Partnership, Department for Work and Pensions, Environment Agency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport infrastructure • Skills Development • Inward investment 	DCX - Growth
Healthy Lives Priority Partnership	Leisure, Culture, Wellbeing, Housing and Homelessness, Access to Health Services, Health Inequalities.	Deputy Chief Executive (Communities), Lincolnshire CCG, NHS, Mental Health Services, Leisure providers, Housing providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to health services • Obesity 	DCX - Communities
Safer Communities Priority Partnership	Crime and Disorder, Anti-Social Behaviour, Licensing	Deputy Chief Executive (Communities), Lincolnshire Police, Probation Service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fear of crime • Anti-social behaviour • Domestic abuse 	DCX - Communities
Enhancing the Living Environment Priority Partnership	Climate Change, Biodiversity, Air Quality, Open Spaces, Waste and Recycling, Environmental Crime	Deputy Chief Executive (Communities), Natural England, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Lincolnshire County Council, Environment Agency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Bill • Climate Change Agenda 	DCX - Communities

5.2 Growth and Prosperity Priority Partnership:

5.2.1 The Growth Team continue to work with existing partners, but develop new relationships with strategic organisations to continue not only to raise the profile of the SELCP but also to create valuable connections between business, public sector and national organisations, such as Midlands Engine (currently organising a visit to the Partnership locality) in respect of our energy projects and ambition. With regard to skills, the continuous link between schools, college, universities and employers continues to thrive and a recent addition includes F1 in Schools, which has seen two teams - one from Haven High Academy in Boston and one from Holbeach University Academy in South Holland - take part in a Dragons Den style pitch to the Deputy Leaders, amongst others. We are in the process of extending our connection to universities to include the University Centre in Peterborough.

5.2.2 The UK Shared Prosperity Fund's prospectus has now gone live and we are currently receiving expressions of interest from a range of partners. We have recruited the Programme Manager and the remainder of the team recruitment is in in process and we are confident we will be able to grant awards within this financial year where the funding can demonstrate it can be committed. It is clear from the guidance (including guidance relating to measuring and monitoring the Fund) that every organisation that applies for this funding must be able to demonstrate the ability to deliver those outputs. In view of the value we place upon our

Parish Councils the team have been working with LALC to offer briefing sessions for Parish Councillors and Clerks to ensure that Parish Councils have all information available to them to make competitive bids.

5.2.3 We have received confirmation that we have been awarded £42.8m across the three sovereign Council areas for our Levelling Up submissions. This is exceptionally good news as of the 500+ submissions only 100 received awards and of that 100 we received all three of our maximum bids. We are currently receiving the first stages of Department of Levelling Up and Communities' documentation to formally accept the funds. We are also working with our Communications Team to develop a communications campaign to ensure all our communities know about the funds and how these will start to be delivered in order to maintain public awareness.

5.2.4 We have also received confirmation from Arts Council England that our NPO submission was successful and an award of £2m over a 3 year period has been made to the SELCP with East Lindsey being the accountable body. This was the second largest bid in the Midlands and was the largest award for a new NPO and demonstrates Arts Council England can see the ambition and aspiration that the Partnership has to use culture as a valuable means for regeneration of our places and creating aspiration in our communities.

5.3 **Healthy Lives Priority Partnership:**

5.3.1 Following the establishment of the South and East Lincolnshire Health Living Board (HLB) in July 2022, three meetings (10th August 2022, 13th October 2022 and 7th February 2023) have taken place.

5.3.2 The executive group comprising of officers from across relevant health, culture, arts and leisure agencies that is supporting the establishment of the HLB has also met four times.

5.3.3 The agendas have provided a collaborative platform for key partners to discuss the District Councils Health and Wellbeing Strategy; potential impacts on health as a result of the cost of living crisis; opportunities to increase physical activity within our communities through our partners; and the role of Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service (LCVS) as an active enabler within the sub-region.

5.3.4 All discussions support the development of the South and East Lincolnshire Healthy Living Action Plan which guides the direct delivery within the sub-region to achieve positive health outcomes for our communities.

5.4 **Safer Communities Priority Partnership**

5.4.1 Following the approval of the South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Strategy (2022-2025), the sub-region's Community Safety Partnership has been working on a number of key community safety priorities for South and East Lincolnshire. These are: A focus on Safer Streets and Night Time Economy, Hate Crime, Vulnerability and Safeguarding, the Safety of Women and Girls and the cross cutting theme of Anti-Social Behaviour.

5.4.2 The South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership met on 12th October and considered a number of agenda items including: A presentation by Lincolnshire Police on data and intelligence to support the reduction of offending; Discussion about a new 'dementia wristband' trial within East Lindsey where people living with dementia may wear a band that helps key agencies to identify the person in an emergency; the key areas of

focus within the sub-region's Community Safety Strategy linking to the accompanying action plan; update on the Safer Streets Funding where £400k has been awarded to the sub-region to support work towards ensuring safer streets and addressing priority work that focusses on the safety of women and girls; discussion of the annual community safety data and how this may support key activities to reduce ASB in the new action plan; update from the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership to ensure complimentary work is undertaken.

5.5 Enhancing the Living Environment Priority Partnership

- 5.5.1 The South and East Lincolnshire Climate Action Network (SELCAN)/the Environment Priority Partnership met in October and December 2022. During these meetings SELCAN welcomed a new member from Lincoln University who will act as a youth representative, and guest officers from the Council's Planning Policy Team attended to discuss strategic planning and engagement with the Local Plan Review.
- 5.5.2 SELCAN's eight sub-groups have also met on a number of occasions and have been working on their delivery plans, with a view to presenting their priorities for the next 12 months and any proposals they have developed, at the next scheduled SELCAN meeting, due to be held on the 28th February 2023 at the Hub, Horncastle.
- 5.5.3 SELCAN's Sub Groups are: 1) Energy & Renewables sub-group 2) Transport sub-group 3) Agriculture & Food sub-group 4) Business sub-group 5) Water, Resilience & Adaptation and Built Environment sub-groups 6 and 7) Marketing, Education & Community Engagement sub-group and 8) Nature Based Solutions & Biodiversity sub-group
- 5.5.4 The Marketing, Education and Community Engagement sub-group has developed a SELCAN logo and a Communications Plan, and are working on a proposal to become a non-profit organisation, which will enable members to access tools and make funding bids which are only accessible to philanthropic organisations.
- 5.5.5 The website (www.selcan.org.uk) and Twitter account have also now been established and members are working on the development of content for the website, in particular member biographies and an About Us page, with links to the Climate Change Strategy and Terms of Reference.
- 5.5.6 In the coming months, members of SELCAN will be moving forward the agreed delivery plan and identifying the best delivery mechanisms for the projects identified, alongside further development of the website and wider engagement and promotion of SELCAN.
- 5.6 Council is being asked to note the updates from the Priority Partnerships.

6. PARTNERSHIP SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE

- 6.1 On forming the Partnership, Councils committed to undertake an annual scrutiny of the Partnership's progress as identified in the approved business case.
- 6.2 The Joint Scrutiny report and recommendations have been reported to Council in January 2023 (ELDC December 2022). All actions are on track in terms of delivery.
- 6.3 Council is being asked to note the update on delivery of Partnership Scrutiny recommendations.

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 Significant progress continues to be made by the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership. This report sets out this progress to date as part of the six-monthly cycle of reporting.

EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

This report supports the aims and ambitions of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership which are contained in the main body of the report.

IMPLICATIONS

SOUTH & EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP

This report updates on the progress of the Partnership to date.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The formation of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership supports the corporate priorities of the sovereign Councils. This is reflected in the agreed Annual Delivery Plans and performance measures.

STAFFING

No implications specific to staffing in this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The constitutional and legal arrangements for the successful implementation of Partnership have been approved by all three partner Councils.

DATA PROTECTION

No implications specific to data protection in this report.

FINANCIAL

No implications specific to finances in this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT

No implications specific to risk in this report.

STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

Consultation has been undertaken with Senior Leadership Team, Stakeholder Group and Joint Strategy Board.

REPUTATION

The South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership has established a positive reputation through the progress it has achieved to date as contained in the main body of the report. In particular this has been recognised in winning the LGC Award under the Public/Public Partnership category.

CONTRACTS

No implications specific to contracts in this report.

CRIME AND DISORDER

Section 5 of this report sets out details of the Safer Communities Priority Partnership.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

No implications specific to this report.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Measures relating to health and wellbeing will be included in the development of a Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the Partnership and added to the Performance Framework once they are agreed.

Section 5 of this report sets out details of the Healthy Lives Priority Partnership.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 5 of this report sets out details of the Enhancing the Living Environment Priority Partnership.

LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

The Performance Framework provides the mechanism for the Partnership to identify and report on measures relating to the 12 missions as set out below: -

MISSIONS	
This paper contributes to the follow Missions outlined in the Government's Levelling Up White paper.	
Living Standards	By 2030, pay, employment and productivity will have risen in every area of the UK, with each containing a globally competitive city, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.
Research and Development	By 2030, domestic public investment in Research & Development outside the Greater South East will increase by at least 40% and at least one third over the Spending Review period, with that additional government funding seeking to leverage at least twice as much private sector investment over the long term to stimulate innovation and productivity growth.
Transport Infrastructure	By 2030, local public transport connectivity across the country will be significantly closer to the standards of London, with improved services, simpler fares and integrated ticketing.
Digital Connectivity	By 2030, the UK will have nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G coverage, with 5G coverage for the majority of the population.
Education	By 2030, the number of primary school children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths will have significantly increased. In England, this will mean 90% of children will achieve the expected standard, and the percentage of children meeting the expected standard in the worst performing areas will have increased by over a third.
Skills	By 2030, the number of people successfully completing high-quality skills training will have significantly increased in every area of the UK. In England, this will lead to 200,000 more people successfully completing high-quality skills training annually, driven by 80,000 more people completing courses in the lowest skilled areas.

MISSIONS	
This paper contributes to the follow Missions outlined in the Government’s Levelling Up White paper.	
Health	By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed, and by 2035 HLE will rise by 5 years.
Wellbeing	By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing.
Pride in Place	By 2030, pride in place, such as people’s satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.
Housing	By 2030, renters will have a secure path to ownership with the number of first-time buyers increasing in all areas; and the government’s ambition is for the number of non-decent rented homes to have fallen by 50%, with the biggest improvements in the lowest performing areas.
Crime	By 2030, homicide, serious violence, and neighbourhood crime will have fallen, focused on the worst-affected areas.
Local Leadership	By 2030, every part of England that wants one will have a devolution deal with powers at or approaching the highest level of devolution and a simplified, long-term funding settlement.

ACRONYMS

- DCMS: Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
- DLUHC: Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
- DMO: Destination Management Organisation
- HLB: Healthy Living Board
- LEP: Local Enterprise Partnership
- LGA: Local Government Association
- LGC: Local Government Chronicle
- NSiP: Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
- SELCAN: South and East Lincolnshire Climate Action Network
- S&ELCP: South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
- SLT: Senior Leadership Team
- UKSPF: UK Shared Prosperity Fund

APPENDICES	
Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -	
APPENDIX A	Performance Framework 2023/24

BACKGROUND PAPERS	
Background papers used in the production of this report are listed below: -	
Document title	South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Business Case
Where the document can be viewed	www.selcp.co.uk/ourpartnership

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body. This is being reported directly to Council to engage all Members.

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