



REPORT TO:	Council
DATE:	22 May 2023
SUBJECT:	South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Asset Management Strategy 2023 – 2028.
PURPOSE:	To adopt the draft South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Asset Management Strategy 2023 – 2028.
KEY DECISION:	No
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	
REPORT OF:	Assistant Director - General Fund Assets
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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 draft South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Asset Management Strategy 2023 – 2028. The draft has been considered by each sovereign Council's scrutiny function and has been presented to each Council's executive body for referral to the respective Council for formal adoption. Boston's Cabinet received the draft on 29 March 2023 and resolved:

That Cabinet endorse the draft South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Asset Management Strategy 2023-28 and recommend its adoption to Full Council.

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 their respective 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 as that will require a 'detailed review of the detail'.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council adopt the draft South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Asset Management Strategy 2023 – 2028 attached at Appendix 1.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Developing and adopting a partnership wide Asset Strategy was a key action prescribed in the Partnership's 2022/23 work plan. The draft at Appendix 1 includes all amendments proposed by each body that has previously received the draft.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not to adopt the draft – this would be contrary to the adopted work plan and would leave a policy void – not recommended.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Having set out within the SELCP Workplan for 2022/23 that a new Asset Strategy is required for the three sovereign Councils, the draft attached at Appendix 1 has been considered by each partner Council's scrutiny function and each Executive/Cabinet; on 29 March 2023, Boston's Cabinet resolved:

That Cabinet endorse the draft South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Asset Management Strategy 2023-28 and recommend its adoption to Full 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 draft South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Asset Management Strategy 2023 – 2028 updated to include all comments made by each panel/committee that has received it previously; as it forms part of the Council's Policy Framework, its adoption is reserved to Council.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 Adopting the draft attached at Appendix 1 will provide this Council and each partner Council with a strategic, robust and consistent asset framework to take forward.

EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

Adoption of the draft by 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

Adoption of the Strategy will provide a common approach to Asset Management across the SELCP where it benefits each sovereign partner.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Supporting:

- Environmental Awareness and Accountability.
- Future Prosperity, Regeneration and Inclusive Growth.

STAFFING

Adoption the Strategy will support the drive to create a single SELCP staffing model.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no constitutional or legal implications of adopting the Strategy.

DATA PROTECTION

NA.

FINANCIAL

There are no direct financial implications of adopting the Strategy; future recommendations and actions as a consequence of adopting the Strategy may be subject to detailed business cases and separate decisions.

RISK MANAGEMENT

None at this juncture in terms of adopting the draft presented at Appendix 1.

STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

The first draft was routed through SLT in November 2022; it has been signed off by the Portfolio Holder; it was subject to scrutiny by South Holland's Policy Development Panel on 13 December 2022, East Lindsey's Overview committee on 24 January 2023 and Boston's Corporate and Community Scrutiny Committee on 2 February 2023. It was then referred by the Cabinet at South Holland to its Council on 21 March 2023, by the Executive at East Lindsey to its Council on 22 March, and by Cabinet at Boston to Council on 29 March 2023.

REPUTATION

None at this juncture.

CONTRACTS

None at this juncture.

CRIME AND DISORDER

None.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

None at this juncture.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

None at this juncture

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None at this juncture.

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

The draft Strategy was considered by the Council's Corporate and Community Scrutiny Committee on 2 February 2023 and referred to Cabinet; and referred from Cabinet to Council for adoption on 29 March 2023.

REPORT APPROVAL

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