



<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Environment & Performance Scrutiny Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	SCRUTINY REPORT - Joint Annual Scrutiny of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To review the Partnership's progress against the opportunities identified in the business case and key lines of enquiry.
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	No
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Councillor Chris Brewis (SHDC) on behalf of the Partnership Scrutiny Task Group
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	ALL
<b>EXEMPT REPORT?</b>	No

#### **SUMMARY**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committees of Boston Borough Council, South Holland District Council, and East Lindsey District Council 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.

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

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

## **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

None.

### **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. The scrutiny work undertaken was required under the Partnership's Memorandum of Agreement and is an annual commitment.

**1.3** All content is contained in the attached member report at **Appendix A** and not summarised in this covering report. **Appendices C – E** contain background information gathered by the panel.

### **EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP**

The opportunity to learn from the Partnership's second 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.

#### **WORKFORCE CAPACITY IMPLICATIONS**

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**

None.

#### **FINANCIAL**

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

None.

## **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 the questionnaire undertaken with all Councillors across the Partnership can be found at **Appendix C**.

## **REPUTATION**

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

## **CONTRACTS**

None.

## **CRIME AND DISORDER**

None.

## **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING**

None.

## **HEALTH AND WELL BEING**

None.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **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
APPENDIX C	Questionnaire Themes
APPENDIX D	Partnership Progress Document 1
APPENDIX E	Partnership Progress Document 2

### **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**

<b>Name of body</b>	<b>Date</b>
Full Council	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Environment & Performance Committee	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022

**REPORT APPROVAL**

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