



<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Cabinet
<b>DATE:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
<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 **Appendix A** and associated recommendations.
2. For the Cabinet to agree the recommendations contained within **Appendix A**.

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To continue to learn, build on our experiences and continue our success as a Partnership of Councils.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

### 1. REPORT

**1.1** This report brings forward a joint scrutiny report 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 has been presented to each of the Partnership Councils' relevant sovereign scrutiny committees before being brought to Cabinet for consideration. 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 (**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 for the Partnership to learn from its experience and continue to build on its success as it moves forward.

### 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>
Environment & Performance Committee	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Full Council	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Environment & Performance Committee	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022

**REPORT APPROVAL**

Report author:	Councillor Chris Brewis on behalf of the Partnership Scrutiny Task Group
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