



REPORT TO:	Environment & Performance Committee
DATE:	18 th June 2024
SUBJECT:	Annual Joint Scrutiny Task Group for the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
PURPOSE:	To establish a Joint Scrutiny Task Group and agree the associated scope to undertake the annual scrutiny review of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
KEY DECISION:	N/A
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Anne Dorrian, Leader of the Council
REPORT OF:	James Gilbert, Assistant Director – Corporate
REPORT AUTHOR:	Rebecca James, Scrutiny & Policy Officer
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	None
EXEMPT REPORT?	No

SUMMARY

When the Partnership was formed it was agreed in the Memorandum of Agreement that there would be an annual joint scrutiny undertaken to review progress of the Partnership and to understand its effectiveness and the opportunities for its further development.

This report brings forward the proposed scope of that scrutiny and seeks a member appointment to the Task Group.

This report is being considered by ELDC's Overview Committee, BBC's Environment & Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee and SHDC's Performance Monitoring Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the scope at **Appendix A** is agreed to enable the scrutiny exercise to commence promptly in September.
- To agree the appointment of one member from the Scrutiny Committee to join the Task Group alongside the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- To enable scrutiny to commence in line with the commitment in the Memorandum of Agreement.
- To ensure representation for all 3 partner Councils in line with the previously agreed Council report (November 2021)

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** This report brings forward the third annual joint scrutiny of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership.

2. REPORT

- 2.1** When the Councils formed the Partnership in October 2021, the Memorandum of Agreement committed the Councils to undertake an annual scrutiny of the Partnership ‘to understand its effectiveness and opportunities for further development’.
- 2.2** A draft scope to frame the scrutiny is attached at **Appendix A**.
- 2.3** In November 2021, Council agreed that the annual Partnership Scrutiny Task Group should be made up of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman and one additional Scrutiny Member from each of the Partnership Councils’ relevant Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.4** Once the scrutiny has been undertaken, the Task Group’s report will be presented back to the relevant Scrutiny Committee at each Council before being presented to each Cabinet with an associated Action Plan for consideration.
- 2.5** The proposed timeline for the Task Group to meet remotely is below and final meeting dates will be chosen to avoid conflict with committee meetings and to suit those members who join the panel to complete the piece of work:

	Date	Time	Focus
-	w/c 9 th September	n/a	Preparatory reading – documents circulated
1	w/c 16 th September	TBC	Introductions, Chair, discuss lines of enquiry
2	w/c 23 rd September	TBC	Witnesses, evidence, discussion
3	w/c 30 th September	TBC	Witnesses, evidence, discussion
4	w/c 7 th October	TBC	Witnesses, evidence, discussion
5	w/c 14 th October	TBC	Witnesses, evidence, discussion
6	w/c 21 st October	TBC	Final discussion of evidence, recommendations
-	w/c 28 th October	n/a	Report and recommendations drafted
7	w/c 4 th November	TBC	Agree final report and recommendations

EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

The recommendations that come from the scrutiny review will support the aims and ambitions of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership and the further development of the Partnership.

IMPLICATIONS

SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS' PARTNERSHIP

NONE

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

NONE

STAFFING

NONE

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

NONE

DATA PROTECTION

NONE

FINANCIAL

NONE

RISK MANAGEMENT

NONE

STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

N/A

REPUTATION

NONE

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	Annual Joint Scrutiny of the Partnership scoping document
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Partnership Memorandum of Agreement
- November 2021 Council report
- The 2022 and 2023 Annual Scrutiny of the Partnership report

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

The first annual joint scrutiny report was considered by this Committee on 22nd November 2022.

The second annual joint scrutiny report was considered by this Committee on 19th December 2023.

REPORT APPROVAL

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