



Report To:	Full Council
Date:	29 th September 2025
Subject:	South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership Performance Report
Purpose:	Six monthly update on Partnership performance
Key Decision:	No
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Dale Broughton, Leader of the Council
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Ward(s) Affected:	All
Exempt Report:	No

Summary

This report sets out the progress of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership since the last update on 19th May 2025.

Recommendations

To note the content of this report

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.

1. Background

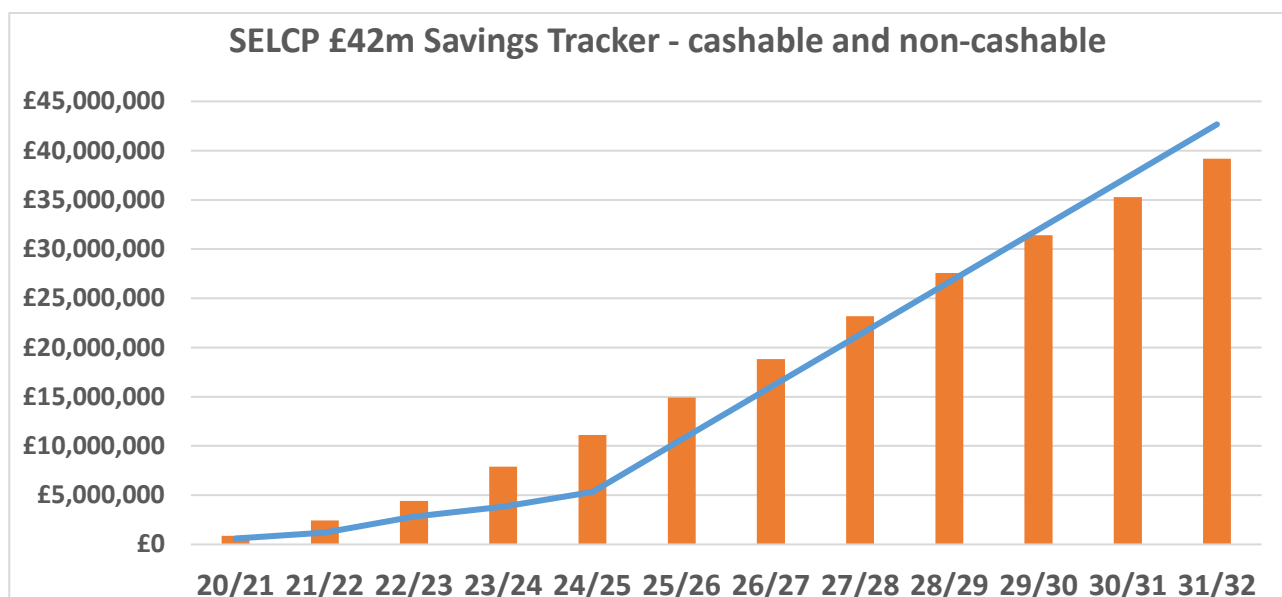
- 1.1 The South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership (Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council and South Holland District Council) launched on 1st October 2021.
- 1.2 This report sets out the progress of the Partnership since the last update in May 2025.

2. Alignment and Delivery Plan (ADP)

- 2.1 Progress of Alignment and 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 102 activities in the ADP for the year, 82% are already complete or on plan. Delivery is being managed and reported by Assistant Directors. Where an action is off-plan in terms of delivery, mitigations are put in place. Work is underway to draft the plan for 2026/27.
- 2.3 A key element of the plan is securing external funding. The table below sets out external funding secured since August 2020 by sovereign Council and in total for the Partnership. It should be noted that the 2025/26 figure only covers the first quarter period, whereas the previous years encompass the entire financial year. The main contributors for ELDC were the Wellbeing Lincs contract, at £3,286,142, and for SHDC was the WSHF Wave 3 Green Homes grant for the HRA department.

Funding secured since August 2020	BBC	ELDC	SHDC	COMBINED
2020/21	£22,200,000	£48,718,578	£8,300,000	£79,218,578
2021/22	£3,395,318	£5,068,169	£2,397,892	£10,861,379
2022/23	£17,704,882	£13,766,960	£22,234,304	£53,706,146
2023/24	£7,386,953	£24,368,636	£13,455,393	£45,210,982
2024/25	£45,911,553	£129,866,883	£34,059,107	£214,449,789
2025/26	£238,000	£3,468,142	£5,938,470	£9,032,612
TOTAL	£70,127,205	£116,853,226	£48,446,697	£247,206,064

- 2.4 The Partnership Business Case identified that £42m in financial efficiencies could be derived from the 3 Councils working together. The graph shows the financial efficiencies - both cashable and non-cashable - that have been identified so far (to the end of 12th September 2025).



- 2.5 The blue line on the graph shows the target in the Partnership's Business Case. The orange bars show where the Partnership is against that target. This shows that the Partnership is already on track to achieve the efficiency savings up to £39,174,161. Additional efficiencies for future years will be added as they are identified through matters such as contract reviews and service reviews.

SAVINGS PROFILE – CASHABLE AND NON-CASHABLE			
		TARGET	TOTAL
SOUTH & EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP	20/21	£600,000	£872,415
	21/22	£1,200,000	£2,440,787
	22/23	£2,838,000	£4,420,112
	23/24	£3,833,000	£7,913,591
	24/25	£5,334,000	£11,105,001
	25/26	£10,668,000	£14,925,731
	26/27	£16,002,000	£18,757,340
	27/28	£21,335,000	£23,184,882
	28/29	£26,669,000	£27,557,038
	29/30	£32,003,000	£31,392,639
	30/31	£37,337,000	£35,283,400
	31/32	£42,671,000	£39,174,161

- 2.6 Council is being asked to note the progress of the Alignment and Delivery Plans as well as the progress in securing external funding and achieving the efficiency target for the Partnership.

3. Priority Partnerships Update

3.1. A number of key Partnerships have been established as mechanisms for delivering the strategic priorities of the Partnership are set out in the table below:

Priority Partnership	Subject areas	Sub-regional partners	Initial priorities	Lead
Growth and Prosperity Priority Partnership	Skills, Training/Education, Business Support Employment, Utilities, Economic Development, Transport Infrastructure, Flood Risk	Director of Economic Development, Education providers, Lincolnshire County Council, Utility companies, Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce, Greater Lincolnshire Enterprise Partnership, Department for Work and Pensions, Environment Agency.	Transport infrastructure; Skills Development; Inward investment	Economic Development
Healthy Lives Priority Partnership	Leisure, Culture, Wellbeing, Housing and Homelessness, Access to Health Services, Health Inequalities.	Director of Communities, Lincolnshire CCG, NHS, Mental Health Services, Leisure providers, Housing providers.	Access to health services; Obesity	Communities
Safer Communities Priority Partnership	Crime and Disorder, Anti-Social Behaviour, Licensing	Director of Communities, Lincolnshire Police, Probation Service.	Fear of crime; Anti-social behaviour; Domestic abuse	Communities
Environment Priority Partnership	Climate Change, Biodiversity, Air Quality, Open Spaces, Waste and Recycling, Environmental Crime	Director of Communities, Natural England, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Lincolnshire County Council, Environment Agency.	Environmental Bill; Climate Change Agenda	Communities

3.2. Growth and Prosperity Priority Partnership (Economic Development):

- 3.2.1. The Campus for Future Living opened in Mablethorpe on June 12th 2025, with the Lincoln Institute for Rural and Coastal Health launched from the centre on July 18th 2025.
- 3.2.2. Our UKSPF-funded 'People and Skills' programme has launched, with investment in a number of priority initiatives;
 - 3.2.2.1. Steadfast Connect2Grow - Supporting the continuation of the successful 'Connect2Grow' project offered by Steadfast Training in Boston and South Holland, specifically targeting those in the community who are economically inactive with support in terms of employability skills, an accredited or industry-recognised qualification or a guaranteed interview with an employer.

- 3.2.2.2. Boston College – Restart, Reskill, Upskill. A continuation of Boston College's Restart, Reskill, Upskill project delivered across the SELCP area. Targeted at supporting those who are economically inactive to receive both a qualification and a guaranteed interview with a local employer.
- 3.2.2.3. Heritage Lincolnshire Heritage Skills – Continuing support for Heritage Lincolnshire to hold heritage skills sessions for learners interested in learning shortage 'in demand' historic environment skills and exploring careers in the sector. The is supporting the development of a Sub-Regional Heritage Skills strategy in concert with Historic England.
- 3.2.2.4. University of Lincoln – Higher Level Engineering Skills. Continuing the successful project targeted at supporting learners of all ages to undertake short accredited courses and insight days in the food and agricultural sector, as well as exploring career opportunities in the sector and AI/robotics skills for local residents.
- 3.2.3. The SELCP-led Future Fest was held at Peter Paine Centre in Boston. Attracting young people from schools across the SELCP area, including a large number of businesses from the sub-region, the event showcased local career opportunities to young people.
- 3.2.4. The Mayflower – Boston Town Deal's flagship project – has achieved significant progress on site, with opening planned for September 2025.
- 3.2.5. The Skegness Towns Fund project – the Learning Campus – is also due to open in September 2025.

3.3. Healthy Lives Priority Partnership:

- 3.3.1 SELCP Healthy Living Board's last quarterly meeting was around the 'Economic Inclusion' theme with focus on local delivery of the Household Support Fund and Digital Inclusion.
- 3.3.2 New Integrated Care System Digital Inclusion Strategy has been developed in partnership with Lincolnshire Integrated Care System (ICS); supported by SELCP with shared vision:
 - 'Everyone in Lincolnshire who wants to be digitally connected to health and care services and the community will have the skills, access, and confidence to do so'.
- 3.3.3 SELCP commitment to develop and lead local initiatives to better support residents across 5 strategic pillars:
 - Access to data and devices - led by South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
 - Accessibility and ease - led by ICB Digital Primary Care team
 - Access to services - led by ICB Digital Primary Care team
 - Skills and capability - led by Lincolnshire Community and Hospitals Group
 - Trust, Awareness and Digital Safety- led by Lincolnshire County Council
 - Leaderships and partnerships: led by ICB Health Inequalities team

3.3.4 Following a service review of Communities & Housing Service Directorate, a new SELCP Healthy Communities is team in place from 1st August with remit around prevention, reducing inequality and ageing well.

3.3.5 Following service review, a new healthy communities team is being established to expand capacity and support the delivery of SLECP 'healthy lives' strategic priority.

3.4. Safer Communities Priority Partnership

3.4.1 There has been one meeting of the South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership since the last update which was held in June 2025.

3.4.2 An update by the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office on the Government's Hot-Spot Policing and Keeping Town Centre's Safe initiative. This has been renamed to Safer Streets Summer Initiative.

3.4.3 An overview of the updated Community Safety Strategy for 2025-28 was provided along with an opportunity for final comments before it was formally signed off and made public. The strategy was updated following the strategic review process which resulted in a number of more specific areas of focus being identified.

3.4.4 The action plan, which underpins the strategy, was presented. Partners were encouraged to assist in adding further relevant actions to the plan to support delivery against the areas of focus.

3.4.5 An update was provided on the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership which is undergoing changes in the way that it will operate, moving away from Core Priority Groups to a more place-based approach. Skegness will be the first area in which the new processes will be implemented.

3.4.6 Lincolnshire Police provided an update on the Neighbourhood Policing Team priorities which are set every quarter. In advance of the quarterly priority setting meetings Lincolnshire Police publicise a QR code via their social media channels which links to a survey inviting people (partners and public) to share their views on policing priorities. They can also engage with their local Neighbourhood Policing Team directly if seen out and about or report issues through StreetSafe (via the app or online). They could also report issues through the 101 system if they are unable to complete the online options. Each quarter a newsletter is released to inform the public what action has been taken in relation to the previous quarter's priorities.

3.5. Environment Priority Partnership/SELCAN

3.5.1 The South and East Lincolnshire Climate Action Network (SELCAN)/Environment Priority Partnership last met in June 2025, and the network have since been undertaking a review of the Climate Change Strategy, to bring it up to date and to ensure that its strategic action plan is still relevant and achievable.

- 3.5.2 The Nature Based Solutions & Water, Resilience and Adaptation sub-group are working on the development of a Nature Challenge for Schools and have been putting together a matrix of activities and plans for students at Boston College to be involved with the creation of an animation to support this project.
- 3.5.3 The Transport & Energy and Renewables sub-group have taken forward the re:CYCLE project and are now delivering cycle packs to our communities through engagement with our bike hubs, and at other events.
- 3.5.4 The Marketing, Education & Community Engagement sub-group are developing a Carbon Award scheme which comprises a package of support and subsidised training for businesses, as well as an awards event. A marketing plan has now been developed for this project and market research is being undertaken, as well as the development of a repository of case studies and other supporting information.
- 3.5.5 SELCAN was well represented at the Lincolnshire Show with over 100 children engaging with our habitats game and nature tree, and over 180 people taking part in the cycle pack 'guess how many sweets' competition which accompanied the launch of the Re:CYCLE project. The competition also enabled us to engage with lots of members of the public, resulting in 46 signups to receive packs and some really positive feedback about the network and current projects.
- 3.6. Council is being asked to note the updates from the Priority Partnerships.

4. Local Government Reform

- 4.1. The Partnership Councils, via the agreed governance arrangements, are actively working together and engaging with strategic partners across Greater Lincolnshire to develop their proposal for Local Government Re-organisation – a Greater Lincolnshire for All.
- 4.2. Monthly Member engagement sessions have taken place at each Council for members to shape various aspects of the proposal as it develops and the feedback from those members who have attended has been helpful.
- 4.3. As well as the engagement with strategic partners, a number of public engagement sessions are underway across Greater Lincolnshire to seek community feedback to shape the proposal.
- 4.4. The proposal must be with Government for 28th November 2025. Further briefing and engagement sessions with Councillors are being diarised.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1. 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.

Implications

South and 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 in the Sub-Regional Strategy. This is reflected in the agreed Delivery Plans and performance measures.

Staffing

No implications specific to staffing in this report.

Workforce Capacity Implications

No implications specific to workforce capacity 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 management in this report.

Stakeholder / Consultation / Timescales

None specific to this report.

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.

Contracts

No implications specific to contracts in this report.

Crime and Disorder

Section 3 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 Wellbeing

Section 3 of this report sets out details of the Healthy Lives Priority Partnership.

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

Section 3 of this report sets out details of the Environment Priority Partnership.

Acronyms

ADP: Alignment and Delivery Plan
CCG: Clinical Commissioning Group
EA: Environment Agency
HLB: Healthy Living Board
LCC: Lincolnshire County Council
LGA: Local Government Association
LGR: Local Government Reorganisation
SELCAN: South and East Lincolnshire Climate Action Network
SELCP: South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
SELCSP: South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership
SLP: Safer Lincolnshire Partnership
SLT: Senior Leadership Team
UKSPF: UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Appendices

None

Background Papers

Background papers used in the production of this report are listed below: -

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
S&ELCP Business Case	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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