

'Corporate' Service Review

Following a service review, a single team has now been formed across a number of key areas in the Corporate Directorate. The Review brings together a Partnership Communications Team, a Partnership Organisational Development function and Performance, Transformation and Risk Management. The new service structure was recently attached to the Members' Point Brief. Officers started to transition into their Partnership roles on 28th November 2022. The review saves almost £340,000 over the next ten years towards the Partnership Business Case objective.

Lincolnshire 30 Under 30

We are pleased to share, Rebecca Cooke, Transformation Officer has recently been selected as one of the Lincolnshire 30 under 30. This is the Lincolnshire's showcase of young up and coming talent and high achievers in the County.

Green Homes Grants

A total of 192 properties in East Lindsey have benefitted from Green Homes Grants funding following the completion of the first phase of the programme. More than 390 individual measures ranging from various insulation measures to solar panels, smart heating controls and new heating technologies have been installed, which is anticipated will save around 421 tonnes of carbon emissions annually through reduced energy usage.

The average saving for residents is estimated at £263 a year on their household bills - a figure expected to have increased as a result of recent energy price increases. Work continues on the current Green Homes Grants programmes with improvements to a further 400 homes across the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership area expected to complete by 31 March 2023. Discussions are currently taking place to draw down a new round of funding for a two-year delivery programme from March 2023 and further updates will be provided in due course.

Enviro-crime Enforcement Contract

Engagement of a Partnership Enviro-crime enforcement contract for the sub region is nearing conclusion. This will make permanent the current patrolling enforcement arrangements in place since the autumn and will add overt surveillance capability, replicating the good practice from our partners at Boston, from February.

Since August dedicated enforcement patrols have brought a significant increase in enforcement capacity initially on the coast but now in our towns and villages. From February we will have;

- 4 Enforcement officers in the winter rising to 6 in the summer covering the whole district
- Robust enforcement through issuing of fixed penalty notices for
 - o Dog Fouling
 - o Dogs bans on beaches (1st May – 30th September)

- o Fly tipping
- o Littering in the streets and from vehicles
- o Commercial waste
- Increased capacity for the investigation of fly tips including the use of CCTV systems

A comms campaign will run alongside the mobilisation of the new contract so the public and business will know what is expected of them.

Cost of Living Support

Our Communities team continue to work in partnership with charities, food banks and churches to support the most vulnerable households in our communities that are facing significant increases in the cost of living. We now host a monthly community support network to share information and keep our webpages updated with practical, emotional and financial support to help households.

ELDC has identified and support where we are able the provision of safe warm spaces. We recently secured National Grid funding to help hubs with additional overheads in order to assist them in opening their doors to the community. In addition to this the recent extension to the Household Support Fund means this winter, ELDC will be distributing a further £465,000 to low-income households who did not benefit from other Government cost of living support payments.

Emergency Accommodation for Asylum Seekers

With the continued pressure of asylum seekers arriving in the UK the Home Office is continuing to use hotels within the East Lindsey District for emergency accommodation use. At present there are five hotels being used within the town of Skegness for this purpose. As Members will appreciate this is a Home Office led initiative however, recognising our community leadership role officers from ELDC co-ordinate regular partnership meetings with colleagues from the NHS, Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Public Health and Serco (who operate the hotels on behalf of the Home Office) to help ensure any matters that require a local response are attended to in a joined-up way. ELDC officers and lead Members are in direct contact with the Home Office to ensure the Minister for Immigration and the Home Secretary understand the impact the current approach is having and to encourage the provision of a more sustainable solution that better supports those seeking asylum and the local business and resident community.

Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Teams

The Housing Team continue to receive significant demand for housing advice and accommodation support. With more clients than before coming forwards with complex mental and physical health needs, one of the key challenges for the team is the complexity of each case which take time to assess and provide a multi-agency pathway to support.

The Rough Sleeper Team continue supporting individuals across the district who find themselves street homeless. Early morning inspections are conducted throughout the District either following intelligence provided or regularly checking key locations. On our National Rough Sleeper Count on

4th November 2022, accompanied by Councillor Gray, 9 people were found across the District. Whilst not all rough sleepers will engage with our services for a variety of reasons, the Team continue to assist where they can, providing appropriate accommodation and support as necessary.

Specifically, during this cold spell where we are seeing sustained temperatures at zero or below, SWEF (severe weather emergency protocol) has been instigated since 7th December 2022. 8 people have been accommodated so far. Temperatures are reviewed on a daily basis and all relevant agencies notified when SWEF starts and finishes.

Towns Fund Update

In terms of Towns Fund projects, I am delighted to see that things are now really started to gather momentum. We have now received planning permission for the Campus for Future Living, and for the Cultural Skegness Scheme. Revised plans have also been submitted for the Leisure and Learning Hub at Mablethorpe and for the Sutton on Sea Colonnade and these are expected to approve early in the New Year.

For the Colonnade, we are expecting to place the build contract in February and Start on Site in March. For the Leisure and Learning Hub and for the Campus for Future Living we are expecting to sign off the build contract before Christmas and start on site in January and February.

For the Skegness Foreshore we have received 13 Expressions of Interest and these have been shortlisted to 11 for more detailed plans that are due back by the end of January.

Pride in East Lindsey

We are very excited to launch the new Pride in East Lindsey Team this month. This is a dedicated team that will go above current cleansing service provision, delivering tasks such as pavement cleansing and weed removal, and will enhance and support the work of the wider Neighbourhoods team to tackle some of the districts 'hot spot' areas.

The Pride in East Lindsey team will support the aims and work of the Vital and Viable project, and will engage the local community in stimulating behaviour change around keeping local environments clean.

Nikki Chadwick, the team Supervisor was welcomed by colleagues in South Holland last week, who shared lessons learnt and best practice from their street pride team. The Pride in East Lindsey team are expecting requests from across the district identifying locations for improvement, and can be contacted at pride@e-lindsey.gov.uk

Twin Stream Recycling

The service has been introduced across all households the district and the initial feedback is very positive. The paper mill is reporting high quality paper and card, and our recycling collected in the grey bin is greatly improved. Data will be shared with Councillors as soon as we receive it from LCC.

The Hub Project

Hub

During December many colleagues from across the Council have been inducted into The Hub in Horncastle; as well as some Councillors. The Hub is now nearing completion with formal occupation from 23 January 2023.

The new building is far more energy efficient and will significantly reduce the running costs of the current office estate we occupy.

Tedder Hall Sale

Last week, the sale of approximately 11 acres of land at Manby Park was completed, including Tedder Hall, with only the community transfer of the Tennis Courts and Play Area to the Parish Council now to be finalised. As soon as that disposal is over the line, it will conclude the Council's ownership of the Park. We will remain in occupation of Tedder Hall as a tenant until 9 February 2023 to support our full transition to the Hub.

From the original business case for the Hub, we set out to achieve a capital receipt of £1.5 million from the sale of Manby Park and Skegness Town Hall; despite the shift in the economy and the recent unprecedented rise in interest rates, the sale of the Park means we have achieved a receipt of £1,545 million.

What we have managed to achieve is truly excellent and I'm sure the Hub will serve us and our successors every bit as well as Tedder Hall and Manby Park have for all of these years.

I would like to thank our teams for delivering this hugely important project – and completing on the sales of both Tedder Hall and Skegness Town Hall. I must also thank PSPS whose teams have undertaken a tremendous amount of work to prepare the ICT infrastructure for the Hub; as well as supporting many other elements of the project.

Portfolio Holder Responsibilities

Councillor Craig Leyland - Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Affairs

Responsibilities: Corporate Plan and Strategy, Council Transformation, Performance Management, Communications and Media, Consultation, Links with County and Town and Parish Councils; Democratic Services and Elections, Legal, Chief Executive's Department and Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

Councillor Graham Marsh - Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Leisure and Culture, and Carbon Reduction

Responsibilities: Carbon reduction and targets (including warm home grants), Magna Vitae, Public Safety, CCTV and Police and Crime Panel, East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership and Public Sector Partnership Services Ltd (PSPS).

Councillor Tom Ashton - Portfolio Holder for Planning

Responsibilities: Planning Policy, Development Control, Enforcement (Planning and Environment), Conservation, Building Control.

Councillor Sarah Devereux - Portfolio Holder for Partnerships

Responsibilities: Health and Wellbeing, Outside bodies such as Louth Navigation Canal and Citizens Advice, Community Hubs and Armed Forces Covenant.

Councillor Martin Foster - Portfolio Holder for Operational Services

Responsibilities: Waste Services, Neighbourhoods/Street Scene, Car Parking, Environmental Health, Cleansing, Emergency Planning, Health and Safety.

Councillor Richard Fry - Portfolio Holder for Finance

Responsibilities: Council Budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy, Property/Asset Management, Risk Management, Investment Strategy, Internal Audit, Procurement and Licensing.

Councillor William Gray - Portfolio Holder for Communities and Better Ageing

Responsibilities: Wellbeing, Homelessness, Housing Advice, Housing Register, Rough Sleeping Prevention and Intervention, Affordable and Accessible Homes, Housing Standards, Prosperous Communities, Better Ageing and Older Persons Champion.

Councillor Adam Grist - Portfolio Holder for Market Towns and the Rural Economy

Responsibilities: Business Interaction and Engagement, Inland Visitor Economy, Markets, Rural Development Fund, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Play/Young People.

Councillor Steve Kirk - Portfolio Holder for the Coastal Economy

Responsibilities: Coastal Visitor Economy, Business Interaction and Engagement, Employment and Skills, Coastal Flood and Water Management and Water Safety.

Skegness Gateway LDO

The Council have recently received a submission of a proposed Local Development Order for Skegness Gateway which seeks permission for a sustainable urban extension that includes commercial and industrial development, education facilities and around 1,000 new homes. The project aims to drive change locally, furthering the ambition for an all year round coastal economy in the Skegness area and tackle challenges around living conditions; low

skill, low wage, seasonal jobs; poor education provision and make the town more attractive to residents, businesses and potential investors.

There is interest in the project from a number of areas, including investors and the housing aspect has Government interest. This is in addition to the site accommodating the new Further Education College, facilitated through the Town Deal. Following consultation, and full consideration of the proposals, a decision is expected to be made by the Executive early in 2023.

Flood Risk and Coastal Change

Officers continue to engage with the Environment Agency and other partners on a series of linked work streams relating to the challenges of coastal change and flood risk in the future; this includes the Adaptive & Resilient Coastal Communities (ARCC) work which is being led by the University of Lincoln, as well as engagement on the Humber Strategy.

Household Support Fund – Third Phase

An urgent Decision was taken on 7th December 2022 to accept the funding allocation from Lincolnshire County Council as part of the Department for Work and Pension's Household Support Fund to deliver the Household Support Fund at a local level from December 2022.

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