



REPORT TO:	Overview Committee
DATE:	28 th November 2023
SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY REPORT - Joint Scrutiny of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
PURPOSE:	To review the Partnership's progress against opportunities identified in the business case and key lines of enquiry
KEY DECISION:	No
REPORT OF:	Councillor Chris Brewis (SHDC) on behalf of the Partnership Scrutiny Task Group
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL
EXEMPT REPORT?	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

- To note the attached report (**Appendix A**) and associated recommendations;
- For the recommendations to be considered at the next Executive Board meeting.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To note 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

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

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 Councillor 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

Name of body	Date
Full Council	14 th December 2022
Overview Committee	29 th November 2022

REPORT APPROVAL

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