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# Joint Strategy Board Progress/Delivery Update

September 2023





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# February (1 of 2)

- Launch of UKSPF prospectus and expressions of interest process to the public and partners. Linked to this, the appointment and creation of partnership-wide UKSPF delivery team
- Planning consent secured for 400 homes in Spalding, underpinned by a funding agreement to secure contributions to Section 5 of the Spalding Western Relief Road
- Approval of £280k investment in public realm in Spalding, coupled with award of £233k in funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the town
- Approval of 15 new properties for Welland Homes
- Shortlisted in the Local Authority Retrofit Programme award at the Retrofit Academy awards for our work around Green Homes Grants
- Launch of trial wind turbines in South Holland and East Lindsey with Ventum Dynamics and private sector partners
- House of Lords Event to celebrate partner success and our Levelling Up ambitions
- Over 100 partners attended the Financial Inclusion Conference, hosted by the Partnership in Boston





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# February (2 of 2)

- Mablethorpe Town Deal – Campus for Future Living sod cutting
- In Orbit launch at the Embassy Theatre – 6 week art installation featuring Gaia (Earth) and the Museum of the Moon and Mars
- Theatres' Trust national event – Theatres at Risk launch – included a focus on Spilsby Sessions House and East Lindsey's Levelling Up success
- Planning consent granted for the Learning Campus in Skegness
- Boston Town Deal project – Blenkin Memorial Hall complete
- Launch of the new Discover Boston website ([www.boston-england.co.uk](http://www.boston-england.co.uk))
- Data Protection resilience built into the Partnership via a temporary shared Data Protection Officer
- Joint elections working group in place



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# March (1 of 2)

- Conclusion of the first stage of work of the Public Transport Scrutiny Committee, and reporting of recommendations to scrutiny
- Approval of first housing investment for Boston, utilising £690k in government funded secured under the Local Authority Housing scheme to deliver 8 properties
- Public launch of ambition for delivering a 'Health Hub' in Holbeach, in conjunction with Holbeach Medical Practice and the Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board
- Took part in the 'Might Oak' national emergency planning exercise that sought to validate and improve plans in relation to how the country would respond to a national power outage
- Through a single SELCP Household Support Fund scheme, £977k has been distributed via the Partnership's Communities Team to the most vulnerable between October 2022 and March 2023
- The Lincolnshire Districts' Health and Wellbeing Strategy has now been approved by each of the Partnerships councils

# March (2 of 2)

- Levelling Up Partnership for Boston announced by Government
- Mablethorpe Town Deal – Leisure and Learning sod cutting
- Mablethorpe Town Deal – Community Engagement for the Colonnade at Sutton on Sea
- National Portfolio Organisation Activity Plan approved
- County Leaflet Swap to support tourism – led and hosted by the Partnership
- Supported the Leaders Forum on the Visitor Economy (VisitEngland and Midlands Engine)
- Response to the Committee on Regenerating Seaside Towns and Communities - follow-up inquiry
- Cultural Development Fund - £5m for Skegness secured
- Establishment of the UK Shared Prosperity Team for the Partnership
- £15.4m Home Upgrade Grant secured for the Partnership sub-region
- Launched Enviro Crime Contract for the Partnership sub-region
- Temporary Strategic Safeguarding Lead in place for the Partnership
- Secured Social Housing Decarbonisation Funding for SHDC - £3.5m
- First funding decisions for UKSPF were made
- UKSPF briefings to Parish Councils across the SELCP sub-region

# April 2023



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- Planning permission secured for new Boston Leisure Centre
- Supported communities to celebrate the King's Coronation
- Spalding Flower Event Safety Exercise took place
- Partnership Councils received 4<sup>th</sup> round of Household Support Fund monies from Government
- Operation Sea Bird took place to look out for damaged coastal wildlife – Police-led
- CCTV cameras in Skegness upgraded as part of the PCC's grant funding
- Joint campaign around voter ID – single comms approach across the Partnership
- Partnership Procurement Service went live via PSPS



# May 2023

- Delivered the elections for District and Town and Parish Councils
- Delivered the induction of District Councillors
- Blue Flag Award secured for main beaches in East Lindsey
- King's Fund case study on coastal and rural health inequalities included a focus on the SELCP sub-region
- Second round of UKSPF awards made



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# June 2023



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- Commencement of Lincs Coast 2100+ work and invitation to collaborate with EA and LCC
- Boston Town Centre Strategy work commenced
- Work commenced on Partnership's Sub-regional Strategy
- Partnership approach to Sustainable Warmth grant delivery described as a 'beacon of good practice' in the world of Home Upgrade Grants
- £662,154.24 through Local Energy Advice Demonstrator programme for pilot approach to helping 'hard to reach' residents access grants and support for home energy improvements initially in ELDC but widening out across the Partnership over the two-year programme
- £97,081 additional burdens funding secured by the three Councils to support delivery of mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain





# July 2023



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- Announced as a finalist in the LGC Workforce Awards for the Future Leaders' Programme
- Announced as a finalist in the APSE Awards for the Sustainable Warmth Grant Programme
- Procurement of partner to deliver the Integrated Health Centre work
- Completion of Adaptive and Resilient Coastal Communities (ARCC) work
- Group Manager - Building Control appointed and appointed 3 Building Control apprentices.
- Disabled Facility Grant temporary alignment – resilience and capacity building
- Housing Standards temporary alignment – resilience and capacity building
- SHDC Peer Review took place
- Bids submitted to Sport England for Swimming Pool Support Fund (BBC/SHDC)
- Legal resilience built into the Partnership via a temporary shared Legal Manager
- Boston agreed to acquire first 5 properties through the Local Authority Housing Fund
- Grants 4 Growth 2 programme launched across the Partnership
- Launched the UKSPF Community Grant Scheme
- Visit from Roger Mendonca, Midland's Engine Chief Executive to understand our growth work
- 2 changing places toilets opened in Boston and 1 in East Lindsey
- 218 private domestic properties improved across the Partnership under Home Upgrade Grant (HUG1). Average annual bill saving from various energy efficiency measures installed is £693.50 per property and a total annual carbon saving in excess of 600 tonnes of CO2. SELCP delivery was 24% of homes improved across the entire Midlands region





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# August 2023

- £5,500 received by the Partnership from Osbourne Energy to support Community Orchards
- We have brought 15 Councils together to apply to the LGA for the formation of a Special Interest Group into Internal Drainage Board levies
- 1 year anniversary event for South East Lincolnshire Climate Action Network (SELCAN)
- Geoff Moulder Leisure Centre agreed for transfer to Parkwood Leisure.
- Ayscoughfee tennis court refurbishment completed with grant funding
- Boston agreed to take part in round 2 of the Local Authority Housing Fund
- DLUHC visit to Spalding Enterprise Zone
- DLUHC and Homes England visit Spalding Western Relief Road
- A changing places toilet opened in Spalding
- Collaborative working with ELDC, EA, LCC in development of EA funding bid towards an Investment Plan for the Coast





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# September 2023

- Partnership Communications Strategy approved
- Renewal of Boston PSPO for Dog Controls
- COMAH exercise in Boston to test emergency planning response
- Follow up to the SELCP Peer Review hosted in Boston
- Expression of Interest being submitted to the Football Foundation for the Home Advantage Fund, supporting clubs taking on facilities owned by local authorities.
- Launch of Spalding Business Board
- Purchase of new SHDC Depot
- A third changing places toilet opened in Boston
- 385 private domestic properties improved across the Partnership under Local Authority Delivery (LAD3).
- Levelling Up Parks funding has been invested in the Rockery Gardens in Skegness. It's seen a transformation of the layout including improvements to seating and planting.

