

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Overview Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Annual Joint Scrutiny Task Group for the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	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
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	N/A
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	Councillor Craig Leyland, Leader of the Council
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	James Gilbert, Assistant Director – Corporate
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<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	None
<b>EXEMPT REPORT?</b>	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, the Councils 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 the recommendations are considered by the Executive Board.
- 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 <sup>th</sup> September	n/a	Preparatory reading – documents circulated
<b>1</b>	w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> September	TBC	Introductions, Chair, discuss lines of enquiry
<b>2</b>	w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	TBC	Witnesses, evidence, discussion
<b>3</b>	w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> September	TBC	Witnesses, evidence, discussion
<b>4</b>	w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC	Witnesses, evidence, discussion
<b>5</b>	w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC	Witnesses, evidence, discussion
<b>6</b>	w/c 21 <sup>st</sup> October	TBC	Final discussion of evidence, recommendations
-	w/c 28 <sup>th</sup> October	n/a	Report and recommendations drafted
<b>7</b>	w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> November	TBC	Agree final report and recommendations

**EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP**

The recommendations 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 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 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The second annual joint scrutiny report was considered by this Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### REPORT APPROVAL

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