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| Report To: | Overview Committee |
| Date: | 19 th November 2024 |
| Subject: | Annual Joint Scrutiny of the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership. |
| Purpose: | To review the Partnership's progress against opportunities identified in the business case and lines of enquiry. |
| Key Decision: | N/A |
| Report Of: | Councillors Claire Rylott and Stuart Evans (BBC) on behalf of the Partnership Scrutiny Task Group. |
| Ward(s) Affected: | N/A |
| 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 1**) 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 and Finish Groups as part of a scrutiny process.

Other Options Considered

None

1. Report

- 1.1 This report brings forward a partnership scrutiny report, found at **Appendix 1**. The scope of this work was set out by the Overview & Scrutiny Committees at ELDC, SHDC, BBC and is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 1.2 This report is being presented to each Councils relevant sovereign scrutiny committee. The scrutiny work undertaken was required under the Partnership's Memorandum of Agreement and is currently an annual commitment.
- 1.3 All content is contained in the attached member report at **Appendix 1** and not summarised in this covering report. **Appendix 3** contains a table summarising the key themes from the anonymous questionnaire undertaken with Members and Corporate Management Team.

Implications

South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

Only those considered by the Task Group in the attached report.

Corporate Priorities

Only those considered by the Task Group in the attached report.

Staffing

Only those considered by the Task Group in the attached report.

Workforce Capacity Implications

Only those considered by the Task Group in the attached report.

Constitutional and Legal Implications

Only those considered by the Task Group in the attached report.

Data Protection

None

Financial

Only those considered by the Task Group 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. A summary of key themes from the questionnaire undertaken with all Councillors and members of the Corporate Management Team across the Partnership can be found at **Appendix 3**.

Reputation

Only those considered by the Task Group in the attached report.

Contracts

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Equality and Diversity / Human Rights / Safeguarding

None

Health and Wellbeing

None

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

None

Acronyms

S&ELCP – South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

AI – Artificial Intelligence

PSPS – Public Sector Partnership Services

CMT – Corporate Management Team

SLT – Senior Leadership Team

MoA – Memorandum of Agreement

LGR – Local Government Reorganisation

IDB – Internal Drainage Boards

ADP – Alignment & Delivery Plan

Appendices

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report:

Appendix 1

Annual Partnership Scrutiny Report 2024

Appendix 2

Scoping Document

Appendix 3

Key themes from the anonymous questionnaires

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

Executive Board

Overview & Scrutiny

Date

10th January 2024

28th November 2023

Report Approval

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