

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (LSP) - UPDATE

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

1.1 To update Cabinet on the recent activity of the LSP

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 North Lincolnshire LSP has been co-ordinating the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). The LSP is at the heart of the new inspection regime. The focus of the CAA is how partner organisations come together to improve the outcomes for people in the area.
- 2.2 The Audit Commission lead on the CAA. They have been working with the LSP to develop the Area Assessment element of the CAA. Since May discussions between the LSP partners, cabinet members and the Audit Commission have been taking place to produce the Area Assessment report.
- 2.3 The CAA Area Assessment report was published on the 10 December on the new Audit Commission 'Oneplace' website. As this report was drafted before the report is published an oral update will be given at the meeting.
- 2.4 The performance reports for the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local area Agreement (LAA) for quarter 2 were presented to the LSP for the board meeting on the 19th November. Scrutiny of the quarter one performance has raised a series of issues across the LSP.
- 2.5 Elected Member representation now exists in the LSP at all levels. The Leader sits on the LSP board and cabinet members now sit on all of the theme boards representing community interests. Recent developments include Cllr Grant joining the Economic Development Board, Cllr O'Sullivan has joined the Community Resilience Board and Cllr Foster has taken on the Chair of the Safer Neighbourhoods Board.

- 2.6 The LSP has agreed to lead an evaluation of the Acorns Neighbourhood Management initiative to ensure we learn from it in future developments. The LSP made a successful bid to the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (RIEP) to use one of their Local Improvement Advisors (LIA). The LSP appointed Tony Holden who began work on the 10 November. A report is due to be available in January of key findings.
- 2.7 The scrutiny of the quarter one performance raised a series of issues including: Scrutiny having an observer role at theme boards; the requirement for a glossary of terms to support scrutiny members in their role; the reliance of colour in performance reports to determine progress; induction requirements for theme board members and further communications issues across the themes.
- 2.8 The quarter two performance reports show that of the 35 LAA indicators, 14 are on track, 11 are off track, 4 are baselines that have been set (survey based indicators) and 7 do not have data available nationally to monitor. One of the 35 indicators is split into two areas to report on.
- 2.9 The establishment of a cabinet member on each theme has begun increasing dialogue and relationship with elected members but there is still much to do.
- 2.10 The performance report shows that there is still much work to be done in the LAA. Progress is being made across the indicators and a great deal of work is being undertaken. The LSP are fully aware of the weaker areas and interventions are in place to continually strive to improve.
- 2.11 The observations made by scrutiny are being addressed a glossary will help scrutiny members in their roles. It is also likely to also help many others to understand the work of the LSP so it would be useful for the glossary to be made widely available and for theme leads to ensure they update it with any new terms from the theme area.
- 2.12 Filling the vacancies on both the Community Resilience and Economic Development board by cabinet members has ensured that all cabinet members have a legitimate role to play on the LSP.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 None

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 none

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 There are no direct resource implications from this report

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

6.1 Failure to effectively performance manage the Community Strategy and LAA could result in financial penalty and higher scrutiny by inspectorates.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

7.1 The outcomes of the elected member briefing on 9 September are included above.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Cabinet note the recent activity of the LSP

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report - Nil