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Happy 1st Birthday Partnership News!

Welcome to 'Partnership News', the fortnightly briefing for everyone involved in the partnerships striving to improve lifestyles for individuals and communities throughout Lincolnshire.

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Sustainable Community Strategy - latest

Leadership Master Class Series - The first in the series of Leadership Master Classes, "Engage to Lead" took place at Hemswell Court on 24th February. The session was run by Beverly Alimo Metcalfe, Professor of Leadership at the University of Bradford. She inspired the packed audience with her insights into how adopting an engaging leadership style can significantly increase the effectiveness of teams and organisations in successfully handling complex change. Beverly talked about some of the key elements of an engaging leadership style being:

- Showing genuine concern
- Being accessible
- Enabling
- Inspiring others
- Being decisive
- Acting with integrity
- Being open and consistent
- Building a shared vision

The audience included senior managers from the NHS, County Council, District Councils and Lincolnshire Police who worked in partnership to action plan what they need to do to develop their personal leadership, to grow talent and to strengthen partnership working. A podcast of the event, including interviews with delegates, will be available shortly on the Lincolnshire Assembly website. Future Master Classes will be advertised shortly to senior managers within each of the partner organisation

Other L factor activity in brief... A transformational leadership programme called "Future Leaders" is in development and due to start in September 2010. It will be aimed at those leaders who can really influence, shape and be ambassadors for partnership working in Lincolnshire. A coaching development programme will shortly be commissioned and offered to nominated managers within partner organisations with the aim of establishing a public sector coaching network.

A scheme to facilitate shadowing, work placements and secondments to enable innovation across the public sector organisations will be developed. For any information about the L factor, please contact the Project Manager, Helen Nicholson on 01529 416060 or e-mail Helen.nicholson@lpct.nhs.uk

Performance Information Update

Quarter 2 reports are now published on the Lincolnshire Assembly website - please note that for quarter 2 there are separate reports for the SCS and LAA, please see links below:

SCS - <http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?catId=27677>

LAA - <http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?catId=24211>

In the Media

New campaign targets abused teenagers - A new advertising campaign challenging the attitudes of teenagers to violence and abuse in relationships was launched today by the Home Office. The adverts, aimed at 13 to 18 year olds, highlight the signs and consequences of abuse, and challenge them to stop abusive behaviour or to seek help. For more details visit: <http://thisisabuse.direct.gov.uk/>

Denham targets £20 billion in council cost-cutting - Huge savings of more than £20 billion can be made in the cost of local services by looking at the spending on all the local public services in an area and not just council spending, the communities secretary John Denham claims. He made the comments after he examined 13 reports from Total Place pilots. For more details see: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2010/feb/21/denham-targets-20bn-council-savings>

National teenage pregnancy rate falls - The pregnancy rate among girls under 18 has fallen for England and Wales although the rate of decline is not enough to stop the Government missing a key target. For more details see <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/family/7305993/Teenage-pregnancy-rate-falls-but-key-target-set-to-be-missed.html>

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Law Commission proposes streamlining adult social care laws

Radical streamlining of almost 40 laws governing the care and support of older and disabled people has been proposed by the Law Commission. Under the proposals, statutes dating back up to 60 years would be condensed into a single act for adult social care in England and Wales equivalent to the Children Act. For more information see <http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2010/feb/24/social-care-law-reform>

News from our Partnerships

Archbishop of Canterbury's visit - On Saturday 6th March at 11 a.m. in Lincoln Cathedral the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams, will deliver a Lecture entitled **Faith, Hope and Charity in Tomorrow's World**. He intends to explore the wider cultural and social context in which we all now live in this country, and how the values we have inherited from our Christian tradition can inform our community policies and programmes as we look to the future. All are welcome, no ticket is required and no charge will be made. Following the Lecture, the Archbishop will be prepared to answer questions. You will be aware that Archbishop Rowan is a remarkably well informed and perceptive commentator on modern society, and is not afraid to be controversial or counter-cultural if that is what honest speaking requires.

The Good Life Guide - The second edition of the award-winning Good Life Guide has now been published. The main aim of the Good Life Guide is to help people thinking about retirement or those already enjoying their golden years to do so safely and independently. The guide has been developed through partnership working between Lincolnshire County Council, NHS Lincolnshire, Lincolnshire Police and Age Concern. Topics covered in the booklet aim to help you stay secure and healthy during retirement. The guide gives tips on issues including how to make your home safer, crime prevention and health issues. For a paper copy of the guide phone 01522 782172 or for an online version see here:

http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/upload/public/attachments/1184/The_Good_Life_Guide.pdf

Learning to be Safe Together conference - 15th March at the Epic Centre, Lincoln - learning to be Safe Together is the DCSF toolkit for schools and children's services to engage children and young people in the Prevent agenda. Prevent is now a Priority Action within the refreshed Children and Young People's Plan and it is important that all services supporting children and young people have an awareness and understanding of the national agenda and local context. The conference is aimed at Head Teachers, Senior Leadership Teams, School Improvement Partners, Prevent Leads, Community Cohesion leads, Children's Services managers and the key aims are:

- Raise awareness of the Prevent Agenda nationally and locally and the positive contribution schools can make.
- Provide information and practical resources to launch "Learning to be safe together"
- Effectively Managing risk

To reserve a free place at the above conference please contact simon.cotton@lincolnshire.gov.uk

For more info regarding the toolkit please see

www.dcsf.gov.uk/violentextremism/toolkitforschools

Top award for health scheme - Boston's Health and Wellbeing Partnership, a delivery group of Boston Area Partnership, recently scooped a top NHS award for the Boston's Health Walks initiative - a scheme supported by the SCS and LAA. Entitled "Walking Your Way to Health: Go Walking in Boston", the project won the top Lincolnshire award in the equality and diversity category of the Celebrating Success awards, which are organised annually by NHS Lincolnshire to recognise good practice, innovation and excellence.

Latest edition of Procurement Matters newsletter published

Procurement Lincolnshire has published a new issue of its quarterly newsletter Procurement Matters. The newsletter contains update on Procurement Lincolnshire's ongoing activity as well as information about upcoming events. It can be found at

www.procurementlincolnshire.co.uk/procurementmatters

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Understanding the value of the third sector - In recent years there has been an increasing awareness of the economic and social value generated by Third Sector Organisations but little 'hard' information to back this up – crucial during this time of challenging economic conditions. Therefore, Lincolnshire County Council commissioned a piece of work to research and accurately identify the value of Lincolnshire's third sector to the local economy. The report – *The Economic Significance of the Third Sector in Lincolnshire* - will be completed and produced in April 2010 after which copies will be available on Lincolnshire County Council's website – www.lincolnshire.co.uk/healthycommunities. For further information please contact Bev Finnegan, Healthy Communities, Lincolnshire County Council on 01522 550516.

Protecting our heritage - A seminar advising on the protection of our heritage, in particular churches, is being held by Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue. The event, to be held at 10am on 2 March at the Parish Church of St Wulfram, Grantham, will raise awareness of risks to our historic buildings and their contents including fire, crime, environmental and accidental damage. For more information please see: <http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/section.asp?catid=2148&docid=84960>

New Lincolnshire Youth Cabinet elected - The most successful youth election to date has just taken place for the UK Youth Parliament and Lincolnshire Youth Cabinet. 47 candidates stood and 15,334 votes were cast and counted. Those elected have accepted their positions and their work will shortly begin. The full list of results can be seen at www.c4yp.co.uk/elections

SUSTAIN Lincolnshire annual showcase event - Sustain Lincolnshire's first annual resource efficiency event for local businesses will take place on 30 March 2010 at the EPIC centre, Lincolnshire Showground. Taking the form of an open expo, the event will include seminars by leading experts, stands and exhibitions featuring green technologies and the opportunity to access financial, technical and skills development advice. Further information on speakers and exhibitors will soon be available.

News from the Putting People First bulletin - The February edition of the Putting People First bulletin is now available online. This latest issue includes articles about the new guide to values and behaviours, an update on the prevention strategy, and new advocacy and involvement services. It's available at http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/upload/public/attachments/1188/February_2010.pdf

Perplexed by procurement? - Free training from Procurement Lincolnshire will help you make sense of procedures, EU directives, and how to carry out procurement-related tasks. Taking place in Grantham on 15, 22 and 31 March, the training will also explain how Procurement Lincolnshire can help you. For more information, visit www.procurementlincolnshire.co.uk/section.asp?catid=27405 or contact Agnieszka Zychowicz on 01522 553267.

Shared Evidence Base

Businesses cautious about growth as UK emerges from recession - The number of Lincolnshire businesses expecting to grow in 2010 has fallen slightly, according to the latest study from the Lincolnshire Research Observatory. The February edition of the Lincolnshire Economic and Business Briefing shows that more firms expect employment, turnover and profit to remain at 2009 levels. The results mirror a tentative economic start to 2010. You can view the briefing at <http://shared.research-lincs.org.uk>

Increase in Lincolnshire's unemployed - The number of Lincolnshire people unemployed and claiming benefit increased by 807 during January to a total of 16,334. However, the official statistics show that the county's unemployment rate of four per cent remains below both the regional and national rates (4.2 and 4.3 per cent). The full report, which includes unemployment information by the new economic zones, is available from the Lincolnshire Research Observatory (LRO) at: <http://shared.research-lincs.org.uk>

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An opportunity to inform Lincolnshire's Economic Assessment

The Lincolnshire Research Observatory is holding a workshop to give staff the chance to hear about and comment on the plans for the production of an economic assessment for the county. This is an important opportunity for staff across the council as the assessment will form a significant element of the evidence base underpinning the strategies of the county council, local partner organisations, and regional bodies. It is taking place on Wednesday 24 February at 2pm in the Council Chamber. If you would like to attend or find out more information please contact lro@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Teenage pregnancy rate falls - Lincolnshire's pregnancy rate among girls under 18 has fallen below the rate seen nationally. The county has 20.5 per cent fewer under-18 pregnancies since 1998, which is better than the national 13.3 per cent. It follows a range of successful initiatives from the council's Tackling Teenage Pregnancy team, including ones to encourage young people to delay having sex and use contraception effectively when they do. For more information contact Carol Goodyear, Teenage Pregnancy project support manager, 01522 555519.

On the Move

New chief executive for West Lindsey District Council - West Lindsey District Council's new chief executive will be Manjeet Gill who is expected to take up the post in May. She was previously chief executive for Salisbury District Council and held senior posts in Regeneration and Partnerships at Northamptonshire County Council. Mrs Gill succeeds Duncan Sharkey who has joined Worcester City Council as managing director. For more details view: <http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/section.asp?docId=5702&catId=87>

Forthcoming Events & Meetings

- 4th March **Lincolnshire Day** - National Golf Centre, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 4th March **Lincolnshire Coaches Network** – University of Lincoln, for details contact Hayley.cook@lincolnshiresports.co.uk
- 6th March **Faith, Hope and Charity in Tomorrow's World** - the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams at Lincoln Cathedral at 11am
- 15th March **Learning to be Safe Together** - Epic Centre, Lincolnshire Showground, Lincoln - 9:15am - 4:30pm
- 17th March **South Kesteven LSP** - Gallery, Arts Centre, Grantham (by invitation)
- 17th March **West Lindsey LSP** – Council Offices, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough (by invitation)
- 18th March **SCS Planning Group** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 18th March **Lincs Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 22nd March **North Kesteven LSP** - Council Offices, Kesteven Street, Sleaford (by invitation)
- 24th March **Lincolnshire Assembly Executive** – Bishop's House, Lincoln (by invitation)
- 30th March **SUSTAIN Lincolnshire** – Epic Centre (details published soon)

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