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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

Open invitation from the Bishop of Lincoln, Chair of the Lincolnshire Assembly - the next Lincolnshire Assembly meeting will be held on the afternoon of 21st April 2010 at the Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa. The event, **"An Age of Opportunity"** will focus on the opportunities, issues and concerns of an ageing demographic and what this means for Lincolnshire. A range of organisations will be setting out their stalls for an interactive 'market place' workshop. The Bishop is keen to open this event up to non assembly members and would encourage anyone with an interest to join us. If you would like to attend the event or find out more details please contact lincolnshireassembly@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Local Area Agreement Annual Refresh - the 'refresh' is an annual process of reviewing and updating new style LAAs. As reported to the Strategy Board in January 2010, this year's refresh is relatively 'light touch' and renegotiation discussions focused on the four economic indicators which were exempt from reward lockdown last year. The four economic indicators are:

- NI 152 – Working age people on out of work benefits
- NI 154 – Net additional homes provided
- NI 155 – Number of affordable homes delivered
- NI 171 – New business registration rate

We have also taken this opportunity to 'tidy up' a range of other indicators:

- Those indicators where deferred baseline data is now available, actual 2010/11 targets are now confirmed based on the percentage or statistical change agreed as part of the 2009 LAA Refresh.
- A number of changes have been made to some Mandatory Children's indicators to reflect targets agreed as part of the Schools and Local Authorities Targets process.
- Finally, where possible, we have also finalised non designated and district level targets.

To see the refreshed document go to:

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?catId=10810>

One Lincolnshire Day - colleagues from around the county met at Woodhall Spa on 4th March. SCS Theme Leads convened Theme meetings to review progress and consider new perspectives from the stakeholders present. A series of sessions followed, showcasing some of the joint working underway in the county. The day concluded with Chief Fire Officer, Mike Thomas providing insights into the remarkable commitment shown by the Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue team that flew out to Haiti within hours of the earthquake there a few months ago. The next meeting is 3rd June 2010. Papers can be found at:

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?catId=28195>

Performance Information Update

Quarter 3 reports - the new single reports are now available on the Lincolnshire Assembly website:

SCS theme reports:

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?docId=85572>

SCS partner reports:

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?docId=85553>

In the Media

More help for adults with autism - Plans have been published by ministers in England to tackle the social exclusion of adults with autism. The cross-government strategy sets out a range of measures to help adults with the condition have rewarding and fulfilling lives, including training for Jobcentre staff. Currently, just 15 per cent of them are in employment and half live at home. See the full story at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8546781.stm> (source: BBC)

Addressing health inequalities - A new publication shows how local government can address the social conditions that lead to health inequalities. Promising to *challenge and extend current thinking*, Social Determinants of Health gives an overview of what is already happening in local government, as well as what else could be done with more powers and innovation. Take a look at www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pageId=17415112 (source: IDEa)

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Dig for Victory - Acres of privately owned land are to be turned into allotments, to boost the number of people growing their own fruit and veg. A government scheme announced yesterday proposes handing over unused building sites and derelict land to keen gardeners. The proposals include setting up a *land bank* of privately held, council-owned and spare NHS land that could be used for allotments.

(source: LGA)

Under pressure - tackling the financial challenge for councils of an ageing population

- The challenges faced by local councils in meeting the needs of an ageing population are presented in a new report from the Audit Commission. The Under Pressure study makes strategic and financial management recommendations, and helps councils assess how well they are responding to the challenges locally.

www.improvementnetwork.gov.uk/imp/core/page.do?pageId=1111519

(source: Improvement Network)

Understanding dementia - A major national awareness campaign has launched to improve people's understanding of dementia. Dementia – the more we understand, the more we can help uses national TV, radio, press and online advertising to encourage people to find out more about dementia and the simple ways they can help someone living with it. You can find out more and get an information pack from www.nhs.uk/dementia or 0300 123 1914.

(source: Department of Health)

Teachers' desk-side manner tested - New teachers could be tested for their desk-side manner under government plans to improve the quality of teaching. Trainee teachers in England would be screened for empathy, understanding and passion to ensure they have the qualities to be a good teacher. A trial of a diagnostic test by the Training and Development Agency for Schools in north-west England is due to be tested nationwide.

See the full story at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/8545610.stm> (source: BBC)

GDP growth will be slower than forecast - A leading business group has lowered its economic growth expectations for 2011, warning against complacency after the UK's exit from recession. The British Chambers of Commerce had forecast GDP growth in 2011 at 2.3 per cent but now says it will be nearer 2.1 per cent. However, the group

reduced its prediction for unemployment to peak at 2.65 million in 2010, from 2.7 million. See the full story at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/8552522.stm> (source: BBC)

UK economy still growing slowly - The UK economy is still growing slowly, a study says, expanding by just 0.3 per cent in the December to February period. The economic expansion came despite the impact of the heavy snow, said the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR). The research body said it did not expect UK economic output to return to the peak seen at the start of 2008 until 2012. See the full story at

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/8560247.stm> (source: BBC)

East Midlands 'most underfunded region in the UK' - The East Midlands is the UK's most underfunded region based on need, according a government report. A breakdown of figures by the East Midlands Regional Assembly shows the region gets 46 per cent less than the UK average for housing and community facilities - £114 a head compared with £212 nationally. On transport, the difference is 39 per cent. See the full story at

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/politics_show/regions/east_midlands/8552822.stm

More men applying to be teachers - The number of men applying for teacher training has risen sharply because of the recession, says the body responsible for training teachers. There was a 52 per cent rise in the number of men wanting to be primary school teachers – more than 4,700 in 2009/10, up about 1,500 compared with 2008/09. Redundancies in the City have prompted the change, says the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA). See the full article at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/low/education/8550506.stm> (source: BBC)

Social care under-funded and rationed, say MPs - Adult social care in England is chronically under-funded and severely rationed, MPs say. The Health Committee warned urgent action was needed and told the political parties to stop their point-scoring and seek solutions instead. Ministers are expected to set out their plans for reform of the £16bn system in the coming weeks. See the full story at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8561873.stm> (source: BBC)

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Business leaders urge faster action on UK's £178bn debt - Business leaders have demanded that the government start making public spending cuts this year to reduce the UK's £178bn deficit. Two employers' groups, the Confederation of British Industry and the Institute of Directors, say faster cuts in government borrowing are needed to restore credibility in public finances. See the full story at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/8554353.stm> (source: BBC)

News from our Partnerships

SUSTAIN Lincolnshire annual showcase event - Sustain Lincolnshire's first annual resource efficiency event for local businesses will take place on 30 March 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. For more information, see the event flyer section at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/section.asp?docid=66639&ovt=1 or contact Katy Thomas, on 01522 550645.

National praise for Lincolnshire's rural transport - The council's on-demand bus service CallConnect has received a double dose of national praise. After travelling on the service, the rural affairs and environment minister Dan Norris praised it for providing a vital link for people in rural communities. On the same day, Dr Stuart Burgess, the Prime Minister's rural advocate, released his report into tackling rural disadvantage, which highlights the service as an example of best practice. For more information, see www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/section.asp?docid=85274

Health and homes for people with learning disabilities - People with learning disabilities – along with their families and carers – can find out how best to stay healthy and find a home of their own, thanks to a free conference. The Health and Homes event takes place on 6 May at Grantham's Woodland Waters. It's being run by NHS Lincolnshire with help from the county council and the Learning Disability Partnership Board. www.lincs2life.org.uk/default.aspx?page=24013
Booking closes 9 April.

Seedling business ideas to grow with help of agricultural seminar - Do you work with or know someone who owns or manages a Lincolnshire farm, food or land-based business and is looking for new ways to develop it? If so, places are still available on the Farm Business Development Seminar, which will help people turn their business ideas into reality and feature inspiring talks from successful professionals who have done just that. It takes place on 25 March at Sleaford's Lincolnshire Oak Hotel. For more details, visit www.lincsfoodandfarming.org.uk/section.asp?docid=84040 or contact Jenny Evans on 01522 550590

Don't fall victim to financial scams - A major new campaign is to open people's eyes to financial scams. Lincolnshire Police launched Operation Jefferson this week to encourage people to report these crimes and reduce the number of financial scams committed in the county. The public will be asked to follow some basic preventative advice and exercise caution in money matters. For more information, see www.lincs.police.uk/News-Centre/Press-Releases/05-03-2010-Lincolnshire-Police-Launch-Operation-Jefferson.html
(source: Lincolnshire Police)

Start date announced on new homeless shelter – Work is set to begin in April on Lincoln's new homeless shelter. Beaumont Fee is to close from 6 to 10 April to connect utilities for the building. The 19 bedroom facility will replace the existing shelter in Monks Road. The new centre is being funded by partners including central government, Supporting People, the Nomad Trust, Lincolnshire County Council and NHS Lincolnshire. For more information contact Richard Cumbers, Supported Housing Manager – Richard.cumbers@lincolnshire.gov.uk

New leadership and management facility set to boost business growth - A state-of-the-art management training centre will be created at the University of Lincoln to bolster the skills of the region's business leaders. The university has secured a grant of £900,000 from East Midlands Development Agency (emda) through the county council to develop the new Lincolnshire Leadership and Management Centre. For more info www.emda.org.uk/news/newsreturn.asp?fileno=3917
(source: emda)

£1.5m fund will bring forward eco-homes of the future - One and a half million pounds of funding is heading to the county to help develop more eco-friendly homes and communities for the future. A share of the cash will also be used to convert existing homes to greener more energy-efficient technology and to find ways to switch housing onto new localised generation of energy from waste in and around Lincoln. The Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee has won £1.5m from the Government's £10m fund to promote a more sustainable way of developing future housing projects that have a lower environmental impact and fit within the new Eco-Town Standard. The Committee handles planning strategy covering North Kesteven, West Lindsey, City of Lincoln and Lincolnshire County council areas and the grant award will ensure benefits are spread across this wider region. For information contact Head of the Joint Planning Unit, Mike Braithwaite.

Shared Evidence Base

More people move into Lincolnshire than move out - More people are moving into Lincolnshire than moving out, according to the latest UK internal migration figures released by the Office for National Statistics. Between June 2008 and June 2009, 23,033 people came into the county – 8 per cent higher than the number who left (21,252 people). Full details are available in the Latest migration patterns for Lincolnshire: June 2009 report from the Lincolnshire Research Observatory at <http://shared.research-lincs.org.uk>

On the Move

Penny Baker, is stepping down from the position of Chief Executive for Visit Lincolnshire after 12 years. An interim CEO for Visit Lincolnshire has been appointed; Marc Etches will take over the position from Penny Baker at the end of March 2010.

The Lincolnshire Enterprise office at Lindum Business Park has now closed and the LCC Enterprise Development Team (formerly Lincolnshire Enterprise) has now moved to Beech House, Waterside

South, Lincoln LN5 7JH, with the new telephone number of 01522 550540.

Forthcoming Events & Meetings

- 18th March **Lincoln LSP** – City Hall, Lincoln (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)
- 25th March **Farm Business Development Seminar** - Lincolnshire Oak, Sleaford
www.lincsfoodandfarming.org.uk/section.asp?docid=84040
- 30th March **SUSTAIN Lincolnshire** – Epic Centre, Lincoln
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/section.asp?docid=66639&ovt=1
- 1st April **Lincs Leaders / Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 8th April **SCS Strategy Board** (by invitation)
- 8th April **LRO/Shared Evidence Information Event** - Think Tank, Lincoln, for more information contact LRO@lincolnshire.gov.uk
- 21st April **Lincolnshire Assembly** – Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa
- 22nd April **Lincs Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 6th May **Health & Homes for people with learning disabilities** – Woodland Water Grantham,
www.lincs2life.org.uk/default.aspx?page=24013

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