

Sustainable Community Strategy - latest

Bishop of Lincoln to retire – The Chair of the Lincolnshire Assembly, the Bishop of Lincoln Dr John Saxbee has announced he is to retire next year. He was appointed in December 2001 and said he will stand down at the end of January 2011. Dr Saxbee's retirement comes ahead of his 65th birthday next year.

www.thisislincolnshire.co.uk/news/article-1950267-detail/article.html

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

Social care revamp needed 'to make system fairer' - The number of people being excluded from social care in England will continue rising unless there is a major revamp of the system, experts warn. The King's Fund think-tank said the best way to limit the problems was to create a partnership between the state and individuals where both contributed to the cost of care. See the full story at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8568959.stm> (source bbc.co.uk)

14,000 children in Smokefree Homes - Lincolnshire's Smokefree Homes initiative has been highlighted by Sir Liam Donaldson, the Chief Medical Officer, as the widest-reaching scheme in the East Midlands at protecting the health of children. As of December 2009, 14,000 children in Lincolnshire who were aged 0 to 16 were protected from the effects of secondhand smoke in the home. The praise comes in his annual report on the state of public health, available at www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/AnnualReports/DH_113912 (source: Department of Health)

Case for East Midlands military bases to be made to the Ministry of Defence - The importance of East Midlands military bases to their local communities will be highlighted in a submission to the Ministry of Defence (MoD). Minister for the East Midlands Phil Hope MP said it was vital that the MoD has all the information about the region's RAF and Army bases, including the economic value to their areas, as the government department embarked on its Strategic Defence Review. www.gos.gov.uk/goem/news/CasemilitarybasesMoD (source Government Officer for the East Midlands)

Brown pledges super-fast broadband for all by 2020 - Super-fast broadband will be available to every home in the UK by 2020, the Prime Minister has promised. In a speech, Gordon Brown called super-fast broadband "the electricity of the digital age" which "must be for all – not just for some".

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/8579333.stm

(source: bbc.co.uk)

New support for seaside success - A new strategy to help all seaside towns flourish by restoring iconic piers, creating new jobs, and improving local housing has been announced. The Government wants to ensure coastal areas are best placed to take advantage of their natural resources and assets, historic infrastructure, high quality of life, and emerging green industries, to develop strong and successful local economies. £200k has been earmarked for Skegness and Mablethorpe. www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1518756

MPs warn on cutting funding for children's centres - The Commons' Children, Schools and Families Committee says Sure Start schemes are carrying out pioneering work which should be allowed to bear fruit. But it criticised a lack of data on effectiveness and value for money. There is cross-party support for Sure Start but also increasing pressure on budgets. Sure Start offers services to families including help for parents wanting to find work, child care, health care and family support. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/8590034.stm> (source: BBC)

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News from our Partnerships

New homeless hostel for Boston - A new hostel for single homeless people is set to open in Boston thanks to funding from the county council's Supporting People scheme. Set to open in the spring, the hostel will include eight fully furnished rooms. It'll give homeless people the chance to escape from a life living rough and offer them help in getting the skills they need to move on and live independent lives. www.thisislincolnshire.co.uk/boston/news/New-homeless-hostel-Boston/article-1912080-detail/article.html For further information contact Richard Cumbers, supported housing manager, 01522 553940)

Businesses get access to low carbon events - Businesses interested in implementing low-carbon initiatives are being urged to attend a series of free events taking place during the East Midlands Innovation Festival (iFestival). Organised by the East Midlands Development Agency (emda) the *Low Carbon* series will highlight the opportunities for businesses to develop lower carbon products and services. One event – The Bio-future: renewable chemicals, biotechnologies and biofuels – takes place at Lincolnshire's EPIC Centre on 16th April. www.emda.org.uk/news/newsreturn.asp?fileno=3921

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. More details are available at www.lincs2life.org.uk/default.aspx?page=24013 Booking closes 9 April.

Breaking the habit -That's the focus of a major conference aiming to show how public sector organisations can help smokers quit. The Phoenix NHS Stop Smoking Service's Excellence Conference takes place on 23 April at the Epic Centre. It will feature in-depth workshops on important issues such as improving health in the workplace, stopping pregnant women smoking, and preventing youngsters from lighting up.

For more information, visit <http://george/section.asp?docId=85600> or contact phoenixconference@lpct.nhs.uk

Consultation & Community Engagement

Shaping Care in Lincolnshire - More time is being given to study the findings of a consultation into the future of care for older people in Lincolnshire. Originally planned for May, the independent report is now to be received by the council's Executive in June. The postponement will give time for a more detailed look at the views and proposals and allow for a fully informed decision by the Executive. (source: Carolyn Kus, assistant director strategic commissioning, 01522 554002)

Prevention is better than cure - A desire to improve services and change the way we deliver them for the benefit of local people is the driver behind the draft Lincolnshire Prevention Strategy. In line with Lincolnshire's Sustainable Community Strategy, the project aims to build a case to fund preventative services from core budgets to support and improve the health and wellbeing of the population. One way to make health and social care services more effective and efficient is to prevent or delay the onset and minimise the impact of long-term conditions like stroke, depression or diabetes. There is already a range of "preventative" work happening in Lincolnshire which individually has an impact, but until now there has been no clear vision for how these services relate to each other or improve people's lives. The County Council's Health and Wellbeing team has drafted a strategy that pulls together existing activity and makes proposals to extend and integrate prevention work. The strategy has been prepared in partnership with various stakeholders and is now open for wider consultation.

The draft strategy and a number of questions which aim to gather your views and ideas are available online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/prevention or on request from the Health and Wellbeing team.

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Shared Evidence Base

Slight increase in Lincolnshire's unemployed - The number of Lincolnshire people unemployed and claiming benefit increased by 67 during February to a total of 16,401. However, the official statistics show that the county's unemployment rate of 4 per cent remains below both the regional and national rates (4.2 and 4.3 per cent). The full report, which includes unemployment information for each of Lincolnshire's economic zones, is available from the Lincolnshire Research Observatory at <http://shared.research-lincs.org.uk>

Key trends in transport now available - Traffic on Lincolnshire's rural A and B roads has increased 82 per cent since 1985, official statistics show. The Transport Monitoring Report 2009 also shows that the number of vehicles licensed in the county has risen by 21 per cent in the last seven years. The report covers all types of transport in the county and highlights key trends, helping professionals with traffic management, accident investigation and road maintenance. It's available from the Lincolnshire Research Observatory at <http://shared.research-lincs.org.uk>

On the Move

East Midlands Councils set to launch - East Midlands Regional Assembly (emra) will cease to exist on 31 March. From 1 April a new organisation, East Midlands Councils, which includes the East Midlands Leaders' Board, will take on some of its work. Local authority leaders' boards will be the strategic decision-making bodies on issues of interest and relevance to local authorities at the regional level. www.emra.gov.uk/local-authority-leaders-board
(source: emra)

Forthcoming Events & Meetings

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 – “An Age of Opportunity”**
Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa
lincolnshireassembly@lincolnshire.gov.uk
22nd April **Lincs Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
6th May **Lincs Leaders / 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
27th May **Lincs Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)

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