

# Partnership News

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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

### **Locality Management Project is set to bloom in tulip district.**

The first phases of engagement are taking place this month in South Holland with PCSO's, Parish clerks and Councillors. The initial engagement, through focus groups, is to identify issues that the community struggle to get fixed and those not resolved by existing mechanisms.

This will enable us to make a bespoke package for South Holland defining the customer requirements. The following phases will mirror those in the pilot area of East Lindsey which is now on the countdown to roll out in July. For more information about the project and how you can get involved, visit the assembly website:

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?catId=28565>

## 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>

*LAA indicator report:*

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

With effect from 1 April 2010, 18 National Indicators have been removed representing a 10% reduction. Government has also reiterated its commitment to make further reductions and achieve greater integration and alignment across performance frameworks from 2011. A list of the indicators removed and further information Smarter Government progress is available at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/1518423.pdf>. This has little impact on Lincolnshire's Local Area Agreement as Lincolnshire has not identified any of these deleted National indicators as designated indicators in the LAA.

## In the Media

### **Sats tests limit children's education, says teachers' leader -**

National Union of Teachers general secretary Christine Blower claims national tests for pupils aged 10 and 11 contravene the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Ms Blower claims the tests help children to pass exams but not receive a well-rounded education. The unions could vote to boycott the tests, which are sat by 600,000 children. [www.guardian.co.uk/education/2010/apr/06/nut-conference-sats-tests-blower](http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2010/apr/06/nut-conference-sats-tests-blower) (source: The Guardian)

### **Councils at risk of 30 per cent budget cuts**

Councils will start cutting spending by as much as 30 per cent next year, three times faster than previously estimated, according to accountants PriceWaterhouseCoopers. The report, based on interviews with local government leaders in 22 counties, said libraries and sports centres could be under threat. Budgets for repairing roads could also be affected. (source: Telegraph)

[www.telegraph.co.uk/news/election-2010/7578570/General-Election-2010-Councils-to-cut-costs-by-as-much-as-30-per-cent-from-next-year.html](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/election-2010/7578570/General-Election-2010-Councils-to-cut-costs-by-as-much-as-30-per-cent-from-next-year.html)

## News from our Partnerships

### **40 Lincolnshire school's 'CATCH' funding for walking and cycling -**

Choose Active Travel, Choose Health (CATCH) is a funding grant available for all schools in Lincolnshire to remove the barriers to walking and cycling. 40 schools received £247,000 over the last year for projects ranging from improved cycle storage to creating footpaths. The funding was provided by Lincolnshire County Council and NHS Lincolnshire. With match funding provided by the schools the total amount spent on these projects reached £465,000. The School Travel Plan team worked closely with the schools to identify the barriers to walking and cycling and find solutions to removing them. The team continue to work with all schools to reduce congestion and encourage more children, parents and staff to walk and cycle to school.

Visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooltravelplans](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooltravelplans) for more information or email [elizabeth.hanger@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:elizabeth.hanger@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

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**New Highways Alliance pledge better highways services for less** - An innovative new contract means that the county council can now work closer with its three partners to deliver better highways services. The new Highways Alliance partnership means that the process of planning and carrying out maintenance and improvements will be better co-ordinated, helping to minimise disruption to motorists, while costing less and providing better value for money. For more information, visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/section.asp?docid=86213](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/section.asp?docid=86213)

**£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 for the future. The cash will be split equally between projects to identify ways of switching onto greener more energy-efficient technology and applying new Eco-Town standards to new housing developments. The Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee won the £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. Half will be allocated to studies to develop know-how within the authorities to become green-champions when moving forward with sustainable housing and energy projects within the three districts. These will be focussed on Gainsborough and the three growth areas for Lincoln at the Western Growth Corridor and around the proposed Eastern Relief Road to the north east and south east of the city.

The other £750,000 will provide capital finance for demonstrator projects 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. In Gainsborough it will support a highly innovative project to retro-fit existing housing and explore options for new build. This could include the remodeling of a traditional terrace and street, introducing greenspace and common services. There are also plans to maximise benefits for a District Heating System fed by the Energy from Waste generation scheme being built in North Hykeham and possible extension of that technology to take advantage of other heat sources in the future. For more information contact Head of the Joint Planning Unit, Mike Braithwaite.

**News from the Putting People First bulletin** - The March edition of the Putting People First bulletin is now available online. This latest issue includes articles about the Prevention Strategy consultation, the Health and Homes conference and the plans for the year ahead. It's available at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/puttingpeoplefirst](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/puttingpeoplefirst)

## Consultation & Community Engagement

**Prevention is better than cure – agree?** People are being asked for their views on a new strategy to support people's well-being, as well as lessen the demands and costs on health and social care services. The Prevention Strategy will be aimed at helping people to stay well or delaying the onset or minimising the impact of long-term conditions. You can find out more and share your views on it at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/prevention](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/prevention) Consultation closes 19 April.

## Shared Evidence Base

The new LRO new web-site (<http://shared.research-lincs.org.uk/>) was unveiled at the Shared Evidence Base Information Day on the 8th April at the Think Tank. Over 60 people from partner organisations across the county attended the event at which The Right Reverend Dr John Saxbee, the chair of Lincolnshire Assembly, gave the keynote address. He reminded the audience that behind every statistic is a person which should always be a consideration when analysing and reporting data. During the day there were a number of presentations from the LRO, Experian, ONS and the NHS relating to some of the key current developments which stimulated some lively debates. A full report of the proceedings, together with an action plan, will be made available very shortly.

## On the Move

Mr Malcolm Burch has been appointed as Chief Executive to the Lincolnshire Police Authority. Mr Burch took up his post on Tuesday 6 April 2010.

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## Forthcoming Events & Meetings

- 20th April **Boston Area Partnership Executive** - Haven High Boston (by invitation)
- 21<sup>st</sup> April **Lincolnshire Assembly – “An Age of Opportunity”**  
Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa  
[lincolnshireassembly@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:lincolnshireassembly@lincolnshire.gov.uk)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April **Lincs Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April **SCS Economy Theme** - Lincoln (by invitation)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April **Rural Action Zone Executive** - SHDC (by invitation)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April **SCS Working Together Better for Lincolnshire**  
(Theme 6) - NKDC (by invitation)
- 29<sup>th</sup> April **SCS Environment Theme** - LCC (by invitation)
- 6<sup>th</sup> May **Lincs Leaders / Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 6<sup>th</sup> May **Health & Homes for people with learning disabilities** – Woodland Water Grantham,  
[www.lincs2life.org.uk/default.aspx?page=24013](http://www.lincs2life.org.uk/default.aspx?page=24013)
- 12<sup>th</sup> May **LSP Co-ordinators** - LCC (by invitation)
- 12<sup>th</sup> May **Lincolnshire Assembly Executive** - Lincoln (by invitation)
- 13<sup>th</sup> May **East Lindsey LSP Executive** - Meridian Leisure Centre, Louth (by invitation)
- 19<sup>th</sup> May **Rural Action Zone’s Chief Executive’s Forum** - tbc (by invitation)
- 20<sup>th</sup> May **Lincoln LSP Executive** - Friary Conference Room, Lincoln College (by invitation)
- 20<sup>th</sup> May **West Lindsey LSP Executive** - tbc (by invitation)
- 26<sup>th</sup> May **South Kesteven LSP Executive** - tbc (by invitation)
- 26<sup>th</sup> May **SCS Good Connections Theme** - City Hall, Lincoln (by invitation)
- 27<sup>th</sup> May **SCS Economy Theme** - LCC (by invitation)
- 27<sup>th</sup> May **Lincs Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)

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