

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

Working Together Better

A number of activities are now well underway to support leaders in the public sector in Lincolnshire to *work together better*. The whole focus of our work over the next year will be about finding the most efficient and effective ways for leaders to work together, to optimise the use of public funds, actively seeking out waste and duplication to ensure the best possible value for money for our tax payers

Leadership Master Classes - The second in the series of Leadership Master Classes took place on 30th April with Robin Ryde sharing his expertise on Thought Leadership. The event was extremely well attended by over 60 senior leaders from the NHS, Police, District and County Councils. They all enjoyed and benefited from Robin's discussion around how to develop the skill to unlock the ideas, energy and creativity of people when they come together to think, as well as the excellent networking opportunities the day offered. The next event takes place on 11th June; invitations will be issued shortly.

“Leading into the Future” programme - Recruitment will soon begin for the innovative “Leading into the Future” leadership development programme which has been custom- designed to meet the needs of our leaders who, whilst feeling the impact of cutbacks, must continue to inspire and lead through turbulent times. The programme will equip our leaders to find innovative and collaborative ways to overcome organisational bureaucracies and focus on the delivery of outcomes for the people of Lincolnshire. The programme is being run by the University of Lincoln and will start in September 2010.

For any information about the Working Together Better programme, please contact the Project Manager, Helen Nicholson on 01529 416060 or e-mail Helen.nicholson@lpct.nhs.uk

SCS ‘Big Idea’ Project guidance - The achievement of SCS Outcomes is dependent on the delivery of a number of Projects across the SCS Themes. To enable this, Project Management guidance and templates have been developed as have guidance and templates for

Benefits Realisation and Reporting. There are two sets of Project Management guidance, Category A and Category B. Category A Project Management guidance has been scaled for smaller Projects whilst Category B PM guidance provides more detailed templates and guidance for larger more complex projects. For further information and to access the guidance/templates see

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?catId=28695>

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>

In the Media

Influential citizens? - 39 per cent of people in England feel able to influence decisions affecting their local area while 22 per cent feel they can influence decisions affecting Britain as a whole, according to the annual citizenship survey:

www.guardian.co.uk/society/2010/apr/29/donations-charity-volunteering-decline (source: The Guardian)

How strong are your neighbourhoods? Find out how empowered your local neighbourhoods are – and what you can do to help – with this new empowerment mapping tool for local councils and their partners: www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pageId=18504713 (source: IDeA)

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Poor literacy and maths skills leave teenagers ill-equipped

A fifth of teenagers leave school so illiterate and innumerate they are incapable of dealing with the challenges of everyday life, a study has found: www.guardian.co.uk/education/2010/may/07/poor-literacy-numeracy

(source: The Guardian)

Crime crackdown hailed a success - Police have declared Operation Fusion a success after a nine per cent drop in crime. The targeted clampdown on thieves, burglars and street robbers was launched last year

www.thisislincolnshire.co.uk/news/article-2126446-detail/article.html

(source: Lincolnshire Echo)

News from our Partnerships

NHS LAUNCHES NEW RESOURCE TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS - A

new online resource is helping educational professionals to support children with speech and language problems. Launched as First Call, the website provides a range of tools and information for teachers and classroom assistants to support the development of speech, language and communication for all children in the classroom, as well as those having some difficulty. Speech and language therapists from Lincolnshire Community Health Services designed First Call in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council in 2003 and the resource has been transferred to web format by the Lincolnshire County Council web team. Topics on the site cover attention and listening, vocabulary, processing and comprehension, expressive language, phonological awareness and speech, and social communication.

Communities Together sharing success event – the event will take place on 21st May at Frithville & Westville Village Hall. The aim of the day is to share how the Communities Together project has and can help community groups. For full information on the event and to book a place contact claire.riley@communitylincs.com

Communities together – is a five year partnership project funded by the Big Lottery Fund. Partners includes Community Lincs, Age UK, Children's Link, Groundworks and Lincolnshire Council for Voluntary Youth Services. The aim of the project is to provide support and training to small groups, village halls and community buildings throughout Lincolnshire, and to help both new and existing community groups to develop. More information about the project is available in the Communities Together newsletter, issue two can be accessed at <http://www.communitylincs.com/ourdocs/198/communities%20together%20newslette%20r2.pdf>

East Lindsey and South Holland – Merged Services - Work on

merging five key services for East Lindsey and South Holland District Councils which will deliver savings and other benefits for Council Tax payers has moved to the next level. Elected Members agreed to establish a company to act as the merged service organisation at their respective Full Council meetings on April 21. Now work on redesigning Customer Services, Revenues and Benefits, IT, Finance and HR is fully underway in readiness for the final blueprint for how the merged service organisation will deliver both savings and satisfactory service standards to both councils. Members are due to take the final decision on 28 July.

Interim managing director, Graham Hasting-Evans, has been appointed and he will be leading the work of establishing the Company in liaison with both Chief Executives. The company is expected to become operational from 1st August 2010 and implement a phased introduction of the new service designs which will be complete before April 2011. For more information please contact:

Sue.Lawson@mergedservices.co.uk

Forthcoming Events & Meetings

- 13th May **East Lindsey LSP Executive** - Meridian Leisure Centre, Louth (by invitation)
- 17th May **North Kesteven LSP Steering Group** – Council Offices, Sleaford (by invitation)
- 19th May **POSTPONED Rural Action Zone’s Chief Executive’s Forum** - new date to be confirmed (by invitation)
- 20th May **Lincoln LSP Executive** - Friary Conference Room, Lincoln College (by invitation)
- 20th May **West Lindsey LSP Executive** - tbc (by invitation)
- 21st May **Health and Safety Course** - Commerce House, Outer Circle Road, Lincoln anicholson@lincolnshire.coop
- 21st May **Communities Together – sharing success event** – Frithville & Westville Village hall, to book a place contact claire.riley@communitylincs.com
- 22nd May **Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival** - Withcall, Louth www.woldswalkingfestival.co.uk
- 24th May **Health & Wellbeing Group** – County Offices, Lincoln (by invitation)
- 25th May **SCS Vibrant Communities Theme** – Lincoln Central Library (by invitation)
- 26th May **South Kesteven LSP Executive** - tbc (by invitation)
- 26th May **SCS Good Connections Theme** - City Hall, Lincoln (by invitation)
- 27th May **SCS Economy Theme** - LCC (by invitation)
- 27th May **Lincs Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 3rd June **One Lincolnshire Day** - National Golf Centre, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 10th June **Lincs Leaders / CXs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 16th June **Lincolnshire Assembly Executive** - Lincoln (by invitation)
- 17th June **SCS Planning Group** - venue to be confirmed (by invitation)

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