

Partnership News

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Lincolnshire Show 2009

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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

Feedback from Planning Group – in light of recent government funding cuts and announcements regarding decentralisation and the move towards the 'Big Society', part of the meeting was devoted to considering the possible implications for Lincolnshire. With this in mind the Planning Group considered the delivery and performance management mechanisms associated with the SCS, with broad agreement on the need for more upfront planning, the need for more flexibility around timescales for reporting certain targets and the need to be more realistic about what is in the delivery plans – some things in the delivery plans are resource dependant. The Planning Group agreed to recommend a number of proposals to the Strategy Board on 1st July.

One Lincolnshire Days – the Planning Group also considered the role and purpose of One Lincolnshire Days. The majority view was that these events should focus on delivery, sharing our successes and promoting good practice, rather than dealing with the process. With this in mind it has been decided to use future One Lincolnshire Days as an opportunity to showcase successful projects and ideas, whether through the SCS or not. The current arrangements and format are being reviewed and therefore it has been decided to cancel the One Lincolnshire Day planned for 2nd September. Further information regarding the 'revamped' One Lincolnshire Days will be featured in future editions of Partnership News.

Performance Information Update

Quarter 4 reports - the new for quarter four are now available on the Lincolnshire Assembly website:

SCS theme reports:

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?docId=88196>

SCS partner reports:

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?docId=88209>

LAA indicator report:

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?docId=88196>

In the Media

More details about government cuts revealed – The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Danny Alexander, announced which projects re-submitted to the Treasury will be suspended and cancelled as part of a review of all spending decisions taken since 1 January. Projects have been cancelled where they were not affordable, did not represent good value for money, or where they did not reflect the Government's priorities. More information is available at –

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/press_13_10.htm

East Midlands Leaders Board - Communities Secretary Eric Pickles announced plans to remove funding and powers from Leaders' Boards from 17th June. Government intends to abolish Regional Strategies and as a result will withdraw the funding provided to Leaders Boards for developing those strategies. Leaders' Boards are currently negotiating transitional funding. The issue of the future role of the Leaders Board will be determined by local authorities in the region.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1617912>

Free swimming scrapped as part of £10.5bn cuts - The coalition government has frozen or cancelled £10.5 billion worth of projects announced by the Labour government:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2010/jun/17/job-schemes-cuts-economic-policy>

(source: The Guardian)

News from our Partnerships

New Lincolnshire housing hotline launched - District councils across the county have set up a freephone number, 0800 012 1330, to help people who are in mortgage or rent arrears and are facing repossession. For more information see

<http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/section.asp?docId=8003&catId=87>

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Launch of trusted trader scheme - Lincolnshire Trading Standards, Age UK and the Home Improvement Agency, supported by Lincolnshire Police, have created a database of vetted traders from plumbers and builders to chiropodists and hairdressers. For more details see: <http://www.lincs.police.uk/News-Centre/Press-Releases/14-06-2010-Launch-Of-Trusted-Trader-Scheme.html> (source: Lincolnshire Police)

Wheels to Work has Big Ideas - BIG IDEA up and running: Lincolnshire's first countywide Wheels 2 Work initiative is now live with its official launch on Wednesday 21st July at its West Ashby base. Funded through the Sustainable Community Strategy and by Lincolnshire County Council, and delivered by Access Your Future the scheme will operate as a social enterprise providing access to a minimum of 200 bikes across the county. For more information go to www.access-your-future.com or contact Vanessa Strange or Nina Lightfoot on 01522 553038

Rural Lincolnshire Gaining Access to Services - Lincolnshire's Rural Gain Grant is offering match funded grants of up to £10,000 to support the development of businesses or community projects that improve access to services, in particular essential village retail outlets. Projects already in the pipeline include an upgrade of Folkingham Village Store, a new farm shop offering local produce and promoting local services adjoined to a pub in Burton Coggles and the extension of facilities at Alford Community Church to allow the Citizens Advice Bureau and Credit Union to operate within the premises. Further projects are welcomed as current funding is only available until April 2011. For further information, eligibility details and expression of interest forms: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/RuralGainGrant or contact Alison Marshall or Chantelle Grundy on 01522 782070.

Breastfeeding awareness week - People across Lincolnshire are now celebrating breastfeeding week with a series of events taking place across the county until 27 June: <http://www.lincolnshire.nhs.uk/en/news/Latest-News/Breastfeeding-awareness-week-in-Lincolnshire/> (source: NHS Lincolnshire)

An introduction to climate change adaptation – As part of Changing Climate Week, Climate East Midlands is running a workshop for LSP partners on Wednesday 14th July 2010 at Nottinghamshire County Council, to introduce them to how the climate is likely to change and what that could mean for their organisations. The workshop will introduce partners to how they can take steps to make themselves more resilient, and where to find sources of support for adaptation. For more information about this event and the other events planned as part of Changing Climate Week or to book a place visit: <http://bookwhen.com/ccweeks2010>

Connectivity, Environment, Health and Wellbeing – all in the cycle - Cycling is a quick and low-cost mode of transport with lots of added benefits to health and wellbeing and the environment. People of all ages and fitness can enjoy cycling in Lincolnshire with wonderful off road cycle routes like the water rail way. So why not give it a try. *19th – 27th June is Bike Week* – with a huge variety of activity happening around the County from competitions in schools, to a cycling event in City Square Lincoln. Highlights include:

- **The End to End Challenge.** Ten secondary schools are taking up the challenge to see if their pupils and staff can cycle the 1407kms between Lands End and John O' Groats through journeys to and from school.
- **Trent Valley Academy cycle challenge.** To launch Bike Week in Gainsborough, on Monday 21st June the pupils at TVA will be challenging Lincolnshire cycle champions and Academy staff to see who can cycle the furthest in a static bike relay. Teams of 6 cyclists will relay for 2 hours on a static bike to work up as many km's as possible!
- **Cycling Information Event – Friday 25th June** - An event suitable for all cyclists! If you are new to cycling come and find out where the cycle routes are in your area or get some advice about which bike would suit you or come and have your bike postcode stamped or visit the Bike Doctor for minor repairs.

Contact the Accessibility and Policy team to find out more on 01522 553038

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Lincolnshire Police launch public confidence campaign - Lincolnshire Police are holding countywide roadshows during July and August to promote public confidence. Partner organisations are being invited to take part. For more information please phone Georgie Bates, Lincolnshire Police marketing manager on 01522 558370

SO Festival 2010 - The SO Festival promises four fantastic days of free entertainment! From Thursday 22nd through to Sunday 25th July be prepared to be entertained and amazed as Skegness is transformed into a colourful carnival of dance, street theatre, music, comedy and more! For more information go to <http://www.sofestival.org/>

Consultation & Community Engagement

Transport consultation launched - People living and working in Gainsborough are being consulted by the county council and West Lindsey District Council on a transport strategy for the town. Public exhibitions are being held on Friday 25 June from 10am – 3pm at Marshall's Yard and on Saturday 26 June in the former Guildhall Car Park: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/gainsboroughtransportstudy

Shared Evidence Base

A decrease in Lincolnshire's unemployed in May - The number of Lincolnshire people unemployed and claiming benefit decreased by 955 during May to a total of 13,966. The county's unemployment claimant rate of 3.4 per cent remains below regional and national rates. For the full report see: <http://shared.research-lincs.org.uk>

On the Move

New director of public health for Lincolnshire - Dr Tony Hill is the new director of public health for Lincolnshire. The position involves leading on partnership programmes across the NHS and local government including tackling obesity, reducing alcohol consumption and promoting smoking cessation. (source: NHS Lincolnshire)

Forthcoming Events & Meetings

- 30th June **LSP Co-ordinators** - ELDC (by invitation)
- 1st July **SCS Strategy Board** - venue tbc (by invitation)
- 1st July **Lincs Chief Execs** - Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 1st July **The 'Highway Code' of Shared Services** - Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 OPB
<http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/lincssharedservices/section.asp?docId=7986&catId=1028>
- 2nd July **The Shared Service Architect's Toolbox** - Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 OPB <http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/lincssharedservices/section.asp?docId=7987&catId=1028>
- 6th July **BAP Full Assembly** - venue tbc (by invitation)
- 14th July **An introduction to Climate Change adaptation** – Nottinghamshire County Council - <http://bookwhen.com/ccweeks2010>
- 15th July **RAZ Executive** - SHDC (by invitation)
- 22nd July **Lincs Leaders / CXs** - Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 22nd July **West Lindsey LSP Executive** - venue to be confirmed (by invitation)
- 22-25th July **SO Festival 2010** - <http://www.sofestival.org/>
- 26th July **North Kesteven LSP Executive** – NKDC Offices, Sleaford (by invitation)
- 28th July **Lincoln LSP Executive** - venue to be confirmed (by invitation)

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