

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

The Sustainable Community Strategy board met on 1st July - initially the board focussed the work of the Environment theme and received presentation on the Affordable Warmth and Coastal Country Park big ideas. The Home Energy Lincs Partnership (HELP) has been established and will oversee the delivery of the Affordable Warmth project which is due to be launched in July.

The Strategy Board also considered the impact of the abolition of the Comprehensive Area Assessment and the implications for Lincolnshire. The board agreed the changes present Lincolnshire with a real opportunity to set out what we want to achieve locally and the importance of partnership working in delivery of shared outcomes and value for money.

In light of recent government funding cuts the strategy board reviewed the area based grant funding which was allocated the SCS big ideas and agreed to reduce the funding by a minimum of £296,000. A notification detailing any changes of allocated funding will be sent out to project leads shortly.

A presentation on "Excellent Ageing and Total Place" was also given to the Strategy board - see article below for more details.

Excellent Ageing in Lincolnshire - A new partner-wide project is now underway looking at how we can radically improve opportunities for people to enjoy an active life for longer, enabling organisations to work together more effectively so that they deliver more and cost less. Excellent Ageing has been approved by the SCS Planning Group and Strategy Board and is now moving forward with the first phase of work: an initial analysis of the total amount of public sector funding within the county and detailed work around opportunities for improvements.

This will include mapping out how this funding flows through organisations to reach front line services. We will focus on older people's services, not just health and social care but the wider range of

services such as housing and transport which contribute to the quality of life of older people. We will also be looking at how services are designed and delivered and what processes and systems support them.

We can then work with customers and front line staff to innovate and develop new ways for people to take responsibility for themselves and their neighbours while ensuring that we deliver services in a simpler, more effective way, improving outcomes and saving money. A launch event will be held in September and partners will be invited to participate in workshops and other interactive events. For more information please contact Sophie Dickinson on sophie.dickinson@lincolnshire.gov.uk or 01522 552296.

"WORKING TOGETHER BETTER" PROJECT - 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 third in the series of Leadership Master Classes took place on 11th June with Dr Jill Flint-Taylor sharing her expertise on *Leadership and Organisational Well-being*. The event was extremely well attended by over 40 senior leaders from the NHS, Police, District and County Councils. They all enjoyed and benefited from Jill's discussion around how to help staff to feel challenged and stretched, manage pressure and find it motivating and engaging. Jill identified the six sources of pressure at work and how to optimise these:

- **Work relationships** – these should be constructive and collaborative but also stimulating and engaging
- **Work demands** – having challenging, interesting but manageable work demands
- **Control** – having a voice and influence over what is done and how

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- **Resources and Communication** – inspiring leadership, good provision of information, resources and development
- **Sense of purpose** – having a meaningful role with clear goals and objectives

The next event, "*Wicked Problems and Clumsy Solutions*" with Prof, Keith Grint, takes place on 8th September; invitations will be issued shortly.

"Leading into the Future" programme - This advanced innovative leadership development programme is designed to meet the needs of senior leaders working in partnership in Lincolnshire's public sector. All the partner organisations are currently identifying their nominations for the programme which starts at the University of Lincoln in September.

First-line leadership development programme - Scoping work has begun with all the partners to develop a pan-Lincolnshire first-line leadership development programme which could replace existing programmes currently run/commissioned by organisations and thus reduce duplication and potentially save resources

Shadowing Opportunities - Leaders and managers across the sector have been invited to identify opportunities for shadowing colleagues in other organisations. The aims of this are to gain a deeper understanding, at individual and organisational level, of the challenges, barriers and opportunities for delivering more cohesive public services, to generate practical solutions and make improvements in their own organisation.

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

DirectLinc goes live tomorrow in East Lindsey - All Councillors, Clerks and Neighbourhood Police Teams have been invited register and report their community issues. If you are an agency involved in the process you will shortly receive guidance on how to use the system. If you have any queries on the project please phone 01522 782198 or email directlinc@lincolnshire.gov.uk

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

Primary pupil numbers growing - The demand for primary school and nursery places in England is expected to rise 8 per cent between 2010 and 2014, according to the Office for National Statistics: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/10394134.stm> (source: BBC)

One in five people of working age in Lincoln are living on benefits - One fifth of all people of working age in Lincoln are living on benefits. The 20.9 per cent figure compares to 18.7 per cent for the whole of Lincolnshire: www.thisislincolnshire.co.uk/news/article-2339683-detail/article.html (source: Lincolnshire Echo)

Sex education call for primary pupils - Primary school pupils in England should be taught about sex, relationships and alcohol, say health advisers. Sex education is "more effective if it is introduced before young people first have sex," says the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/10333241.stm> (source: BBC)

Incentives to relocate jobless - Unemployed people living in council homes could be offered incentives to move to areas where there are jobs, the work and pensions secretary has said: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/10426714.stm> (source: BBC)

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Business fears as RDAs are axed - The government has scrapped England's nine regional development agencies and promised a £1bn growth fund for regions hit hard by public spending cuts: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/politics/10448939.stm>
(source: BBC)

RIEPS: achievements and savings - Find out how nine regional improvement and efficiency partnerships (RIEPS) have enabled local authorities to deliver £321 million of efficiencies, and are set to deliver up to £950 million savings by March 2011: www.idea.gov.uk/idk/aio/19975654
(source: IDeA)

News from our Partnerships

Working together, putting people first - NHS Lincolnshire is joining forces with Lincolnshire County Council and other agencies to provide more timely, effective services for people living in their own homes. Through the Health and Well-being Fund, range of services that are currently helping people live independently will be targeted to ensure support gets to those who need it quicker. Four main projects within the initiative focus on keeping people independent at home through equipment, new technology and social care. For more information please contact sarah.moody@lincolnshire.gov.uk

LINCOLNSHIRE: TOP OF THE REGION FOR SPORTS PARTICIPATION - It is impossible to say which one project, or sports club is increasing adult participation in sport but Lincolnshire has achieved a 4.0% 'significant increase' in sport participation, making the county the second most improved county in England, and the highest performing county in the East Midlands. The results come from the latest interim Active People Survey, published last week by Sport England, which measures the NI 8 Indicator; the number of adults (over 16 years of age) participating in sport and physical activity three times per week or more. Lincolnshire has increased from 20.0% in 2005/06 to 24.0% in this latest interim survey. In December 2009, the percentage was 23.0%.

The Lincolnshire Sports Partnership has been working closely with Lincolnshire County Council, District Councils, School Sports

Partnerships and local sports clubs and coaches to increase and sustain participation in sport. The results highlight that the work undertaken by the Partnership and their key partners has had a huge impact on sport in the county. All of Lincolnshire's District Councils have made improvements on key adult participation figures since 2005/06, including Boston whose survey results used to label them as having the "lowest activity rate of any town in the country" (BBC News, October 2006). Now, 21.40% of adults are taking part in sport and physical activity in Boston at least three times per week.

Lincolnshire's average of 24.0% is higher than the National English Average of 23.2%, and means that Lincolnshire sits at the top of the East Midlands region, sitting above Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire.

Stephen De Wint is Chief Executive of the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership, and he is delighted with the results. He said:

"This is a wonderful achievement for the county, made possible by working successfully together with the many varied organisations, instructors, clubs and public agencies. The key difference between Lincolnshire and other areas seems to be the joined up approach that all partners have taken and the linking of sports activities with more general physical activity with older adults – this just seems to get everyone doing something. We can't say that any one single project has made these results possible, but rather the joint working between many sport and physical activity projects that are available in Lincolnshire. We should be very proud of these results."

South Holland Food Festival - Monday 19th July to Sunday 15th August - Businesses, cafes, restaurants, pubs and attractions across South Holland are celebrating our delicious local food and drink - all summer long! With special menus, cooking demonstrations, competitions and a host of children's activities, the Food Festival will culminate in a spectacular Food Fair in Spalding on 14th and 15th August. See website for further details www.food-festival.net

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Rural Action Zone Showcase Event - on the 9th September the RAZ will hold their Annual General Meeting featuring a showcase of activities and presentations from two local well-regarded speakers. For more details or to reserve a place please contact Graham Scothorne on gscorthorne@sholland.gov.uk by 31st July.

Shared Evidence Base

Updated population estimates for Lincolnshire and districts - Lincolnshire's population has increased by 2,300 to a total of 697,900, according to the latest population estimates for 2009. These are available from the Lincolnshire Research Observatory at <http://shared.research-lincs.org.uk>

On the Move

The Director of Lincolnshire's Improvement Efficiency Partnership (LIEP) Mark Cozens will be leaving Lincolnshire to go and work in Wembley for the Salvation Army.

Forthcoming Events & Meetings

- 14th July **An introduction to Climate Change adaptation** – Nottinghamshire County Council - <http://bookwhen.com/ccweeks2010>
- 15th July **RAZ Executive** - SHDC (by invitation)
- 19th July **South Holland Food Festival** - runs until 15th August www.food-festival.net
- 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)
- 9th Sept **RAZ Showcase event & AGM** - South Holland Centre, Spalding to register email gscorthorne@sholland.gov.uk

The next edition of Partnership News is due on 21st July 2010, your deadline for inclusion in this publication will be Friday 16th July at 12pm. Please send all content to lincolnshireassembly@lincolnshire.gov.uk

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