

# Partnership News

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## Sustainable Community Strategy - latest

**Employment & Skills Plan for Lincolnshire** - The Lincolnshire and Rutland Employment and Skills Board (ESB) was established a year ago as an employer led body to influence the employment and skills agenda across Lincolnshire and Rutland. It has recently published an Employment and Skills Plan for Lincolnshire and Rutland. The Plan sets out a prospectus for addressing the employment and skills issues in Lincolnshire and Rutland.

The policy and delivery context for the employment and skills agenda is changing rapidly as a result of the coalition Government's developing agenda and it is therefore essential that a strong case for the need to address local issues in the employment and skills agenda is made. The Plan provides a vital tool setting out the rationale for Assembly Members to use to support the case for interventions to make Lincolnshire and Rutland a better place to work and learn. For a copy of the Plan see

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?docId=89338>

For further information contact Roy Harper – Project Manager for the Employment & Skills Board Email: [roy@lincsrutlandesb.com](mailto:roy@lincsrutlandesb.com) or visit [www.lincsrutlandesb.com](http://www.lincsrutlandesb.com)

## 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

**National Census to be axed** - The Census is to be scrapped after more than 200 years. Cabinet Office minister Francis Maude said the information is often out-of-date before the count is completed and was looking at ways of monitoring population more frequently: [www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/politics/7882774/National-census-to-be-axed-after-200-years.html](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/politics/7882774/National-census-to-be-axed-after-200-years.html) (source: Telegraph)

**Health White Paper: Local Government Group briefing** - Following the Government's publication of the Health White Paper this week, the Local Government Group has produced a briefing for councils detailing its position on the proposals:

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pageId=12465576>

(source: Local Government Association)

**National award for apprenticeship scheme** - The City of Lincoln Council is celebrating after it was named 'Large Employer of the Year' at the national Apprenticeship Awards last night in London. The authority, which has had an apprenticeship scheme for 15 years, has won the regional award for the last two years, but this is the first time it has been given the national accolade, beating competition from industry giants from the private sector, Bramall Construction and Scandia UK. The council was praised by judges as a shining example of how hiring apprentices can benefit councils, and the wider public sector.

**Less than eight years of landfill space left** - Britain will run out of landfill space in less than eight years' time unless recycling rates are boosted and the amount of rubbish dumped in the ground is reduced, council leaders have warned:

[www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pageId=12349110](http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pageId=12349110)

(source: Local Government Association)

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**UK unemployment declines to 2.47m** - The number of people unemployed in the UK fell by 34,000 to 2.47m in the three months to May, official figures show. This takes the jobless rate to 7.8 per cent, the lowest since January and below forecasts of about 7.9 per cent: [www.bbc.co.uk/news/10628641](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/10628641) (source: BBC)

## News from our Partnerships

**'That little bit of help'** - a desire to improve services and change the way we provide them for the benefit of local people is the motivation behind 'That little bit of a help'; A plan to help people remain independent in Lincolnshire. The document is Lincolnshire's prevention strategy. Over recent months Lincolnshire County Council and NHS Lincolnshire have joined forces with other agencies to agree how to provide more timely, effective services for people living in their own homes in a bid to help people remain independent in Lincolnshire.

Thanks to money from the Health and Well-being Fund, services that are currently helping people live independently will be targeted better to make sure support gets to those who need it at the right time. Those important times could include when someone's income changes, they move home or their carer is ill or passes away.

The four main projects within the plan focus on keeping people independent at home through the use of equipment, new technology and care. The plan, launched in June 2010 is available online at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/prevention](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/prevention). If you would like a printed copy or have any further queries about the plan, please contact the Health and Wellbeing team on 01522 554017.

**Understanding the value of the third sector** - Lincolnshire's third sector (voluntary & community organisations, charities, social enterprises, co-operatives and mutuals) has a total direct economic impact of £410 million. This estimate of economic impact means that the value of the Third Sector in Lincolnshire is greater than the Hotels and Restaurants sector, and approximately 27% the size of the wholesale and retail sector. This and additional key information is available in the recently published report - *The Economic Significance of*

*the Third Sector in Lincolnshire*. The full report and an Executive Summary are available on Lincolnshire County Council's website – [www.lincolnshire.co.uk/healthycommunities](http://www.lincolnshire.co.uk/healthycommunities) but for further information please contact Bev Finnegan, Healthy Communities, Lincolnshire County Council on 01522 550516.

**Free procurement training on offer** - If you are involved in procurement then book free Vault training on 11 and 19 August. The Vault is a secure electronic document exchange used for managing part of the buying process. For more information go to [www.procurementlincolnshire.co.uk/events](http://www.procurementlincolnshire.co.uk/events)

**Celebrate Wash Week** - People are being invited to find out more about The Wash Estuary Project during Wash Week 2010 from 7-15 August. A whole host of family events enabling people to explore local history, wildlife and culture will take place around The Wash and North Norfolk Coast. For more information contact Maria Phipps, project assistant, The Wash Estuary Project, 01406 425518.

**LinXs Fest brings epic activities to Lincolnshire** - Bungee trampolines, archery and live music are among the 40-plus activities on offer in a fun-filled family day out, organised by the Children's and Young People's Strategic Partnership. The free LinXs Festival takes place on 31 July at Lincolnshire Showground's EPIC Centre: [www.c4yp.co.uk/section.asp?catid=21875&docid=87170](http://www.c4yp.co.uk/section.asp?catid=21875&docid=87170)

## Consultation and Community Engagement

**Police roadshows** - Lincolnshire Police will hold a series of community engagement events in the county this summer. These will run throughout July and August and give residents the chance to speak to police officers and discuss issues in their community. For more details see the press releases section at: <http://www.lincs.police.uk/News-Centre> (source: Lincolnshire Police)

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## Shared Evidence Base

**Community Health Profiles 2010 now available** - Community Health Profiles 2010 are now available from the Lincolnshire Research Observatory. These provide an overview of health and health inequalities and some key health messages for Lincolnshire and each district. <http://shared.research-lincs.org.uk>

**A decrease in Lincolnshire's unemployed in June** - The number of Lincolnshire people unemployed and claiming benefit decreased by 661 during June to a total of 13,305. The county's unemployment rate of 3.2 per cent remains below regional and national rates. For the full report see: <http://shared.research-lincs.org.uk>

**Observatory launches social networking group** - Making the most of the Lincolnshire Research Observatory is easier with the launch of its social networking group. It keeps you up-to-date on the latest issues affecting Lincolnshire, enables you to meet others, share experience and have professional discussions – all online. Sign up at [www.communities.idea.gov.uk/comm/landing-home.do?id=4497211](http://www.communities.idea.gov.uk/comm/landing-home.do?id=4497211)

## On the Move

**Ian Anderson**, Executive Director at Lincolnshire County Council will be leaving the authority on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2010 to take up a new appointment with the Isle of Wight County Council.

**Frank Hanson**, Principal Communities Officer at Boston Borough Council will shortly be leaving the authority for a position at Boston College.

**Acting Chief Executive appointed to cover sick leave** - East Lindsey District Council's Chief Executive, Nigel Howells, will be on sick leave from the Authority for the next few months, as he prepares to undergo a major operation. The Leader of East Lindsey District Council, Councillor Doreen Stephenson, has appointed Strategic

Director, Stuart Davy, as Acting Chief Executive. Stuart will cover the Chief Executive's position until Nigel returns to work.

## Forthcoming Events & Meetings

- 19<sup>th</sup> July **South Holland Food Festival** - runs until 15<sup>th</sup> August  
[www.food-festival.net](http://www.food-festival.net)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July **Lincs Leaders / CXs** - Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July **West Lindsey LSP Executive** – WLDC Offices, Gainsborough (by invitation)
- 22-25<sup>th</sup> July **SO Festival 2010** - <http://www.sofestival.org/>
- 26<sup>th</sup> July **North Kesteven LSP Executive** – NKDC Offices, Sleaford (by invitation)
- 28<sup>th</sup> July **Lincoln LSP Executive** - venue to be confirmed (by invitation)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sept **RAZ Showcase event & AGM** - South Holland Centre, Spalding to register email [gscortherne@sholland.gov.uk](mailto:gscortherne@sholland.gov.uk)

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