



REPORT TO:	Joint Policy Development & Performance Monitoring Panel
DATE:	6 th March 2023
SUBJECT:	Partnership Scrutiny of the Digital Strategy and ICT Roadmap for the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
PURPOSE:	To receive the Partnership Scrutiny Task Group's report and recommendations following scrutiny of the draft Partnership Digital Strategy and ICT Roadmap
KEY DECISION:	No
REPORT OF:	Councillor Paul Redgate, Scrutiny Task Group Chairman
REPORT AUTHOR:	Rebecca James, Scrutiny Officer, on behalf of the Partnership Scrutiny Task Group
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	None
EXEMPT REPORT?	No

SUMMARY

The Overview and Scrutiny Committees of Boston Borough Council, South Holland District Council, and East Lindsey District Council commissioned a Partnership Scrutiny Task & Finish Group to undertake a review of the draft Partnership Digital Strategy and ICT Roadmap and provide feedback for inclusion in the subsequent Cabinet report.

This report to the meeting of Policy Development Panel and Performance Monitoring Panel is to present the findings from that Partnership Scrutiny.

Note: All content is contained in the attached report and not summarised in this covering report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the attached report (**Appendix A**) and associated recommendations;
2. To agree that a Task Group meets every two years to review progress.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED
None
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS
To note the recommendations put forward by Scrutiny Task & Finish Groups as part of a scrutiny process.

1. REPORT

1.1 This report brings forward a Partnership scrutiny report, found at **Appendix A**. The scope of this work was set out by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees at ELDC, SHDC (PDP), and BBC and is attached at **Appendix B**.

1.2 This report is being presented to each of the Partnership Councils' relevant sovereign scrutiny committees before being presented to the Cabinets/Executive as part of the decision-making process on the Digital Strategy and Roadmap. At South Holland Policy Development Panel (PDP) was the commissioning scrutiny committee, but the findings are being presented to a Joint PDP and Performance Monitoring Panel meeting.

1.3 All content is contained in the attached report and not summarised in this covering report.

EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

To have a single aligned Digital Strategy and ICT Roadmap across the partnership and PSPS, which will align strategic objectives for the three Councils and PSPS and align ICT provision. A copy of the Digital Strategy and ICT Roadmap can be found at **Appendix D**.

IMPLICATIONS

SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

STAFFING

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

DATA PROTECTION

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

FINANCIAL

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

Consultation took place during the development of the Strategy and Roadmap. This included the relevant officers and portfolio holders from each council and Public Sector Partnership Services as the Councils' ICT and Digital providers. The Head of Digital and ICT at PSPS gave a presentation, which can be found at **Appendix C**.

REPUTATION

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

CONTRACTS

none

CRIME AND DISORDER

none

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

none

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Only those considered by the Panel in the attached report.

LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

none

ACRONYMS

none

APPENDICES	
Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -	
APPENDIX A	Report of the panel
APPENDIX B	Scoping document
APPENDIX C	Presentation – Digital Strategy and ICT Roadmap
APPENDIX D	Digital Strategy and ICT Roadmap

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.

REPORT APPROVAL

Report author:	Rebecca James, Scrutiny Officer, on behalf of the Partnership Scrutiny Task Group
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Covering report approved for publication:	Councillor Paul Redgate (SHDC) Scrutiny Task Group Chairman