



**Report To:** South Holland District Council

**Date:** Thursday, 26 February 2026

**Subject:** Report from Cabinet meeting on 17 February 2026

**Purpose:** To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet in respect of:

- South & East Lincolnshire Community Safety Strategy

**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Anthony Casson, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection

**Report Of:** Emily Spicer, Assistant Director - Communities and Housing Services

**Report Author:** Christine Morgan, Democratic Services Team Leader

**Ward(s) Affected:** N/A

**Exempt Report:** No

### Summary

This report provides Members of the Council with details on issues considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 17 February 2026, which require decisions by Full Council. Relevant extracts from the Cabinet minute are detailed at Section 2 below, and the relevant Cabinet report and appendices are attached as appendices to this report.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended from Cabinet, Full Council:

- 1) Adopt the Community Safety Strategy which sets out the areas of focus identified by the South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership;
- 2) Authorises the executive of the authority to make any future amendments to the Strategy as required to meet emerging needs identified and that subject to Full Council authorisation, the Cabinet authorises the Assistant Director, Communities and Housing Services, in consultation with relevant Portfolio Holders to amend the Strategy.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

The reasons for recommendation are detailed within the individual report attached and are summarised in the relevant Cabinet minute below.

## **Other Options Considered**

Other Options considered are detailed within the individual report attached and are summarised in the relevant Cabinet minute below.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1. Article 4 of the Council's Constitution provides that only the full Council may exercise the functions of approving, adopting or amending the policy framework and budget, adopting or changing the Constitution. Staffing matters are also a Council function. The Cabinet however has responsibility for advising the Council on such matters. At its meeting on 17 February 2026, the Cabinet made recommendations to Council in respect of the above item which may affect budget and policy framework, constitution or compromise staffing issues.
- 1.2. The remainder of this report details the recommendations of the Cabinet which must be read in conjunction with the individual report to Cabinet, a copy of which is attached as appendices.

## **2. South & East Lincolnshire Community Safety Strategy (Report submitted to Cabinet – Agenda item 11 attached)**

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director – Communities and Housing Services, which sought approval of the Community Safety Strategy and to recommend its adoption by Full Council.

The Portfolio Holder for Public Protection presented the report.

The South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Strategy set out how the councils of South Holland, Boston, and East Lindsey worked with partners such as Lincolnshire Police, Fire and Rescue and the voluntary and community sector, to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour (ASB), and fear of crime across the sub-region. It fulfilled statutory duties under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and aligned with countywide activity through the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership.

A strategic review incorporating police data, local health information, the Lincolnshire Strategic Needs Assessment, and public feedback identified four areas of focus for the South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership:

1. Tackling ASB in our communities, with a particular focus on neighbour-related issues.

2. Develop understanding of fear and perceptions of crime, to identify underlying causes.
3. Work with the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership to support a place-based approach to project delivery.
4. Encouraging increased reporting to build a stronger intelligence picture.

The partnership approach ensured coordinated activity across the three districts, avoiding duplication and making best use of shared resources. Responsibilities such as public consultation, Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews, and countywide public meetings were discharged jointly through the county level Safer Lincolnshire Partnership.

The Strategy aligned strongly with corporate priorities on safe and resilient communities and enhanced the partnership's reputation for responding to local safety concerns.

The strategy was supported by scrutiny as part of a wider update relating to crime and disorder duties at the end of 2025.

The Portfolio Holder passed on his thanks to officers within the HRA who had provided support and feedback as part of the development of this strategy and associated action plan.

The Leader commented that the South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership was highly regarded across the County and its effectiveness had been noted by a number of consultees being spoken to as part of the LGR process.

#### **DECISION:**

- a) That Cabinet note the contents of the report and the work of partners in addressing crime and disorder in South and East Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire as a whole.
- b) That Cabinet recommends Full Council adopt the Community Safety Strategy which sets out the areas of focus identified by the South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership.
- c) That Cabinet requests that the Full Council authorises the executive of the authority to make any future amendments to the Strategy as required to meet emerging needs identified; and that subject to Full Council authorisation the Cabinet authorises the Assistant Director, Communities and Housing Services, in consultation with relevant Portfolio Holders to amend the Strategy.

*(Other options considered:*

- *Do nothing;*

*Reasons for decision:*

- *To communicate the commitment of the South and East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership in supporting the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership to meet the statutory duties set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, and address crime and disorder at the local level).*

## Appendices

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report:

Appendix 1	Cabinet Agenda Item 11 – South & East Lincolnshire Community Safety Strategy
Appendix 2	Cabinet Agenda Item 11 – South & East Lincolnshire Community Safety Strategy (Appendix 1 to original Cabinet report)
Appendix 3	Cabinet Agenda Item 11 – South & East Lincolnshire Community Safety Strategy (Appendix 2 to original Cabinet report)

## Background Papers

Background papers used in the production of this report are listed below: -

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Crime & Disorder Act 1998	<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk">Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>
From Local to National: A New Model for Policing:	<a href="#">Policing white paper January 2026</a>
The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000	<a href="#">View</a>

## Chronological History of this Report

The Community Safety Strategy and action plan have been reviewed by the Council's scrutiny committee as part of the annual Crime and Disorder review report (in October 2025).

Name of Body	Date
Cabinet	17 February 2026

## Report Approval

Report author:	Christine Morgan, Democratic Services Team Leader cmorgan@sholland.gov.uk
Signed off by:	The individual report has previously been signed off by the relevant Director and Portfolio Holder.
Approved for publication:	As above.