

## Strategic Alliance

### Joint Scrutiny Framework

#### Purpose of the scrutiny

It is important that from the outset those involved in the scrutiny activity have a clear understanding of the purpose of the scrutiny work to be undertaken. Whilst a scope will be produced that identifies the lines of enquiry to focus the scrutiny, the Scrutiny Panel members should be aware that their role is to support the functions of the two Councils by constructively drawing conclusions from the evidence received in order to develop recommendations that are helpful in moving the alliance forward.

Item	Approach
Type	Informal Task and Finish
Framing the scrutiny	<p>A scope will be produced prior to each scrutiny for sign off by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview (ELDC)</li> <li>• Corporate and Community Scrutiny Committee and/or Performance and Environment Scrutiny Committee (BBC)</li> </ul> <p>This will detail the areas to be explored through the joint scrutiny activity.</p>
Timeframe	The timeframe for the scrutiny will be developed as part of the scope.
Scrutiny Panel make up	<p>The Panel will be made up of members from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELDC Overview Committee.</li> <li>• The relevant Boston Scrutiny Committee – or a shared representation where issues are cross-cutting.</li> </ul> <p>14 members with substitutions will be allowed – 50/50 BBC and ELDC.</p> <p>Politically balanced per authority.</p> <p>To include Chairs and Vice Chairs of Overview/Scrutiny.</p>
Chair-ship	Each scrutiny topic will have a Chair and Vice-Chair; with the Chair and Vice-Chair rotating between Councils from topic to topic.
Reporting mechanism	<p>Reporting back to Overview and Scrutiny Committee(s) on progress through the usual meeting cycle and then to the respective Committees/Councils.</p> <p>Where a time sensitive scrutiny is required on a topic, the scrutiny report can be presented to the decision-making Committee to inform decision making and reported retrospectively to the Overview/Scrutiny Committee.</p>
Approach to the report	Single report from the Chair detailing the evidence collated to deliver on the scope and any recommendations the Panel wishes to make.
Report sign off	The report will be discussed either in person, virtually, or through email correspondence by the Panel members once drafted in order to seek input to form a final version. The final version will be for the Chair to agree once Panel members have had the opportunity to feedback.
Monitoring of recommendations	Any recommendations made will be considered by the relevant decision-making Committee/Portfolio Holder and tracked through the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
Structure of meetings	Meetings will be in person and hosted alternately between Boston and East Lindsey Council, with an option to attend remotely for those unable to travel. Relevant witnesses can be invited to provide evidence.
Support for the meetings	A member of CMT will support the scrutiny along with a Scrutiny Support Officer.