

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

Health Scrutiny Panel

**THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022-
THE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES OF GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The objective of this report is to present a copy of the Director of Public Health's (DPH) independent report on the state of people's health in Greater Lincolnshire, with a particular focus on the communities of North Lincolnshire.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Directors of Public Health in England have a statutory duty to produce an independent annual report on the state of health of the people they serve. Local authorities have a statutory duty to publish the report and the report should be as accessible as possible to the wider public. The Annual DPH Report is provided as appendix A.
- 2.2 As part of an innovative public health pilot, the DPH report covers three local authority areas being: Lincolnshire County Council (LCC), North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) and North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC) – collectively referred to as Greater Lincolnshire. To reflect this inter-authority partnership, a single DPH report was written which encompassed the diverse communities of all three local authorities.
- 2.3 Analysing health data on a Greater Lincolnshire footprint provides a better understand of common themes across each authority and, therefore, provides increased scope to consider collective solutions at both county and community levels.

- 2.4 The DPH report was initially inspired by the Chief Medical Officer's (CMO) 2021 annual report which highlighted challenges of coastal communities and included case studies on coastal communities in Lincolnshire and North-East Lincolnshire. The CMO's report identified some of the reasons for inequalities and set out a range of recommendations to improve outcomes.
- 2.5 The DPH report addresses some of the deficiencies noted in the CMO 2021 annual report, especially relating to the lack of available data published at a geographical level small enough to capture coastal communities' outcomes.
- 2.6 The Annual Report highlights how Greater Lincolnshire has utilised the public health grant monies received to enhance the outcomes of the population and further understand people's needs and future direction.
- 2.7 The report will provide a strong evidence base for identifying opportunities for health and wellbeing improvement. It provides a focus to engage agencies and communities about identifying collaborative solutions.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 That the Health Scrutiny Panel notes and welcomes the DPH's Annual Report.

4. ANALYSIS

- 4.1 The DPH's Annual Report is a statutory document so there are no options for consideration. However, feedback from the Health Scrutiny Panel is always welcomed.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

- 5.1 Implementing recommendations as outlined within the Annual Report will be undertaken utilising existing resources.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

- 6.1 The analysis in the report identifies areas of inequalities and one of its key recommendations is to improve awareness of the diversity of Greater Lincolnshire's communities, and specifically what this means for health and wellbeing, across the workforce and volunteer community.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 Whilst there is no statutory requirement to consult on production of the DPH's Annual Report, a comprehensive programme of activities is in place to ensure the findings and recommendations of the report are shared widely with relevant interest groups.

8.2 No conflicts of interests declared.

9. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 It is recommended that the Health Scrutiny Panel welcomes the report and offers feedback on its content.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –

See References section within the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022 (attached)