

**GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE  
JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC HEALTH MODEL FOR GREATER LINCOLNSHIRE**

**1 OBJECTIVE AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

For JSOC to endorse an intention to develop and test a pilot public health model across Greater Lincolnshire, subject to ongoing engagement and consultation with UKSA / OHID and other relevant stakeholders.

<b>2</b>	<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION</b>
<b>2.1</b>	Local authorities have, since April 2013, been the local leaders for public health with responsibility for taking such steps they consider appropriate for improving the health of their population and for delivering a number of statutory and mandated functions.
<b>2.2</b>	The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires each unitary and upper tier authority to appoint, jointly with the Secretary of State for Health, a Director of Public Health (DPH) who is a statutory Chief Officer with responsibility for its public health functions. For practical purposes, the UK Health Security Agency (UKSA) and Officer for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) discharges the role of the Secretary of State in the appointment of DsPH. The Act also makes provision for the role to be shared with another local authority where this makes sense.
<b>2.3</b>	The fundamental duties of a DPH are set out in law and are summarised in the legislation: 'the Director of Public Health is a statutory chief officer of the authority and the principal adviser on all health matters to elected members, officers and partners, with a leadership role spanning health improvement, health protection and healthcare public health.' However, a DPH can hold wider responsibilities at individual authority level or act across multiple upper tier authorities, subject to agreement by Leaders and Chief Executives.
<b>2.4</b>	Lessons from the pandemic and the development of Integrated Care Systems present an opportunity for the three upper tier local authorities across Greater Lincolnshire (UTLAs) to explore options for the collaborative leadership, development and delivery of public health responsibilities.

2.5	Engagement continues with UKSA / OHID and the emerging proposition is to develop a pilot model for consideration by each of the upper tier UTLAs in accordance with their respective constitutional arrangements.
2.6	The prerequisite for developing any collaborative arrangement is based on all parties demonstrating a genuine commitment to align work and share knowledge and skills to deliver better health and wellbeing outcomes for all the communities they serve.
2.7	Piloting an approach would enable the UTLAs to assess the extent to which strategic collaboration can be cost effective, deliver better outcomes for the population than the current arrangements in place and result in no one UTLA being disadvantaged in terms of capacity and any necessary local focus, especially in the context of the ongoing pandemic and the winter challenges already being presented across health and care systems.
2.8	The purpose of this report is therefore for JSOC to endorse an intention to develop and test a pilot public health model across Greater Lincolnshire, subject to ongoing engagement and consultation with UKSA / OHID and other relevant stakeholders. Progressing a pilot collaborative model will be subject to any necessary constitutional requirements of each constituent local authority. It is therefore suggested that approval “in principle” to develop the model is gained from each local authority prior to the next meeting of this Committee.

3	<b>DETAIL OF OPTIONS/PROPOSAL</b>  As referred to in the main body of the report.
4	<b>RESOURCE AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>  To be advised as the emerging pilot model is developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
5	<b>RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES (INCLUDE EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT IF RELEVANT)</b>  As referred to in paragraph 2.7 if this report.
6	<b>CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT</b>  As referred to in the main body of the report.
7	<b>GOVERNANCE – DECISION(S) FOR MEMBER COUNCIL’S REQUIRED (in accordance with the Joint Committee’s Terms of Reference)</b>

8	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the intention to develop a pilot public health model for Greater Lincolnshire is endorsed and that each constituent local authority seeks in principle approval to proceed in accordance with any necessary constitutional requirements, in advance of the next meeting of JSOC.</li><li>2. That Chief Executives continue the engagement with UKSA / OHID and other relevant stakeholders regarding the development of a pilot.</li><li>3. That a further report is submitted to JSOC as soon as practicable in the New Year, setting out proposals for next steps.</li></ol>
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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report - Nil