

**Open Report on behalf of Dr Tony Hill,
Executive Director of Community Wellbeing and Public Health**

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| Report to: | Community and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee |
| Date: | 09 March 2016 |
| Subject: | Annual Report of the Director of Public Health on the Health of the People of Lincolnshire 2015 |

Summary:

The Annual Report on the health of the people of Lincolnshire from the Director of Public Health, attached at Appendix A, is an independent statutory report to Lincolnshire County Council. The report raises issues of importance to the health of the population of Lincolnshire.

Recommendation(s):

The Community and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee are asked to receive a presentation and to consider the recommendations included in each chapter.

1. Background

It is a statutory duty of the Director of Public Health to produce an annual report on the health of the people of the area he/she serves. It is a statutory duty on the local authority for that area (in this case the Council) to publish that Report. The report attached (Appendix A) is the latest report of the Director of Public Health for Lincolnshire. The report is not an annual account of the work of the Public Health Team, but an independent professional view of the state of the health of the people of Lincolnshire, with recommendations on the action needed by a range of organisations and partnerships.

Last year the annual report on the health of the people of Lincolnshire focused on the major causes of premature mortality, that is people who die under the age of 75 years. The report highlighted three major findings, one of which is getting worse, this is liver disease.

Concern about the increase in preventable liver disease is so great that this year's report concentrates solely on this issue. We describe liver disease, its stages and causes, its patterns and associations, its facts and figures. Following that, the three main causes; obesity, alcohol and hepatitis, are covered in a chapter each. We finish with some recommendations, but chief among them must be that we see some sustained investment in liver disease prevention and treatment and the

development of effective pathways of care for people with liver disease and its causes. This reflects the joint contributions of prevention and treatment to conditions where progress has been made and maximises our chances of success. It is to be hoped that next year's commissioning plans will address these needs.

2. Conclusion

The statutory annual report of the Director of Public Health on the health of the people of Lincolnshire has now been prepared, attached at Appendix A, and the Community and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee is asked to receive a presentation and note the recommendations included in each chapter.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

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4. Appendices

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| These are listed below and attached at the back of the report | |
| Appendix A | Annual Report of the Director of Public Health on the Health of the People of Lincolnshire 2015 Please note this has been circulated electronically and can be viewed at: http://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=489&Mid=4533&Ver=4 |

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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