

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 21 FEBRUARY 2014

**Statement from: Councillor Mrs S Woolley, Executive Councillor for
NHS Liaison, Community Engagement**

Lincolnshire Sustainable Services Review

The Lincolnshire Sustainable Services Review is about to enter Phase 2 following the approval of the Phase 1 blueprint just before Christmas. A procurement process has been undertaken for strategic support for the programme. Interviews were undertaken on 12 February and the contract has been awarded. Phase 2 includes developing further detail on the blueprint for services together with workstreams on all the supporting functions such as workforce, property, IT systems and developing the functioning of the new neighbourhood teams. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the beginning of May.

Health & Wellbeing Board

Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board has now planned and set a series of formal and informal meetings throughout 2014. The informal meetings give a space for Board members to discuss relevant items due to be on the formal Board agenda. It has been agreed that topics for the next three sessions will be discussions around the Better Care Fund, Commissioning Plans and activity to support the outcomes of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Healthwatch Lincolnshire

Healthwatch Lincolnshire is our countywide organisation giving residents and communities a stronger voice to influence and challenge how health and social care services are provided in Lincolnshire. In addition, they also provide or signpost people to information to help them make choices about health and care services. Healthwatch Lincolnshire has recently relocated to new offices in Swineshead, employed a team of engagement officers and set up a new intelligence and information database. The organisation is now moving into its most important and crucial stage which is to widely promote Healthwatch Lincolnshire, meet and listen to as many Lincolnshire people as possible; and report this information to our county's service providers and stakeholders, leading to improvements and changes to health and care services.

On 27 February, Healthwatch Lincolnshire is holding a stakeholder event enabling local service providers and stakeholder organisations to consider more effective communications, shared public and patient experiences and better co-ordination of quality visits and service inspections. The organisation's AGM is on 22 May 2014 and this will be an opportunity for anyone interested in joining the Board to put themselves forward. Healthwatch is looking for people with skills and knowledge of areas such as adult & children social care, dentistry, pharmacy and ophthalmology.

Councillor Big Society Fund

Yet again, the Councillor Big Society Fund has successfully supported 191 Lincolnshire organisations. To date £78,377 has been allocated, however, I would remind councillors that applications need to be received by 28 February for this financial year.

Big Society

In January, agreement was reached between the County Council, all seven District Councils and the county's two Councils for Voluntary Services with regard to funding and monitoring arrangements for 2014/15 and 2015/16. The County Council will have a single grant aid agreement with VCS (previously known as Urban Challenge), who will continue to deliver support to local community sector groups and organisations in Lincoln, North Kesteven and West Lindsey; and put in place a service level agreement with LCVS who will deliver the same services in Boston, East Lindsey, South Holland and South Kesteven.

The Big Society Strategy Annual Report is due to be presented to the Executive Committee on 1 April, which will update on progress against all elements of the strategy.

Lincolnshire Sports Partnership

2012 Legacy Projects

Sportivate (Grant of £100,000 from Sport England to engage young people between the age of 14-25 in new sports) – the Partnership is funding 144 projects between April 2013 and March 2014, with 28 different sports being offered. We have engaged 1,015 young people on the programme since April 2013 retaining 896 of these doing more than 5 out of the 6 sessions attended.

LEAP – the Lincolnshire Elite Athlete Programme, continues to support our elite athletes as they take the first steps on the performance pathway. The applications for 2014 have been assessed and we have 35 athletes on the programme this year.

Children & Young People

Our **School-Club Links** programme has been provided with £32,975 funding from Sport England to develop closer links between schools and community clubs.

Following the announcement of the **Premium Funding** going into primary school we have produced a brochure identifying the support we can give to schools as they develop their PE and School Sport programmes.

The **Sainsbury's Winter School Games** will take place on 5 March at the Meres Leisure Centre in Grantham, over 1000 young people will attend the event with over 200 young volunteers support the sports to deliver the event.

We have developed an online **Professional Education and Training Calendar (PET Calendar)** this will give upcoming training opportunities to coaches, teachers, instructors, clubs and others interested in further development.

Physical Activity

Physical Activity programmes remain at record levels. Fit Kids (weight management for 8-11 year olds) will encompass 4-7 years from April 2014. Writing a programme to engage such a wide age range will be a focus over the next quarter. Health Walks are continuing to run with great success.