



Open Report on behalf of Derek Ward, Director of Public Health

Report to:	Executive
Date:	04 January 2023
Subject:	The Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2022 - The Diverse Communities of Greater Lincolnshire
Decision Reference:	I028012
Key decision?	No

Summary:

In 2021, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) highlighted the challenges of coastal communities in his Annual Report, including case studies on coastal communities in Lincolnshire and North-East Lincolnshire. The report identified some of the reasons for inequalities and set out a range of recommendations to improve outcomes. The CMO noted the lack of available data published at a geographical level small enough to capture coastal outcomes, posing a challenge to being able to plan national and local strategies.

This DPH Annual Report has analysed local data and identified four types of community across Greater Lincolnshire- urban centres, urban industrial centres, coastal communities and rural and market towns. The report describes the four types of community and highlights the key challenges and opportunities for health and wellbeing, that vary across different places. We hope this fresh perspective will add value to the work of those supporting health and wellbeing, and delivering health and care services, across Greater Lincolnshire.

Recommendation(s):

That the Executive notes the contents of the Annual DPH Report and approve its publication to Lincolnshire County Council's website.

Alternatives Considered:

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| 1. | Do not approve the publication of the Annual DPH Report 2022 |
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Reasons for Recommendation:

Directors of Public Health have a statutory duty to produce an annual report on the state of health of the people they serve. Local authorities have a statutory duty to publish the report.

1. Background

Directors of Public Health in England have a statutory duty to produce an independent report on the state of health of the people they serve on an annual basis.

This annual report has been created for Greater Lincolnshire, as part of the Greater Lincolnshire Public Health pilot. North-East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire County Council have worked together to produce this annual report which examines the diverse communities of Greater Lincolnshire.

The County Council as one of the local authorities to whom the Report is directed has 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 attached as an appendix to this covering report

2. Legal Issues:

Equality Act 2010

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The relevant protected characteristics are age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; and sexual orientation.

Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

- Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic.
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it.

- Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

The steps involved in meeting the needs of disabled persons that are different from the needs of persons who are not disabled include, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities.

Having due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to tackle prejudice, and promote understanding.

Compliance with the duties in section 149 may involve treating some persons more favourably than others.

The duty cannot be delegated and must be discharged by the decision-maker. To discharge the statutory duty the decision-maker must analyse all the relevant material with the specific statutory obligations in mind. If a risk of adverse impact is identified consideration must be given to measures to avoid that impact as part of the decision-making process.

The report actively seeks to explore and highlight health inequalities.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS)

The Council must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) in coming to a decision.

This report is an independent professional view of the state of health the people in Lincolnshire by the Director of Public Health. It has therefore drawn from a wide range of evidence, including but not limited to, the JSNA. The analysis and conclusions are designed to inform and support the ongoing delivery of the JHWS.

Crime and Disorder

Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Council must exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area and re-offending in its area.

Section 17 considerations were made as part of the research and development of this report, through no specific impacts were identified.

3. Conclusion

There are significant challenges for preventing ill health and improving life expectancy across Greater Lincolnshire. By developing a better understanding of the complexity of our local communities, we can begin to tailor our approaches to prevention and treatment in a way that better meets the needs of local people.

4. Legal Comments:

Under Section 73B (5) of the National Health Service Act 2006, the Director of Public Health for a local authority must prepare an annual report on the health of the people in the area of the local authority and under Section 73B (6) of the Act the local authority must publish the report.

The decision is consistent with the Policy Framework and within the remit of the Executive.

5. Resource Comments:

The annual report highlights how 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.

6. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

n/a

c) Scrutiny Comments

n/a

d) Risks and Impact Analysis

Not applicable

7. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	The Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022- The Diverse Communities of Greater Lincolnshire

8. Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
See References section within the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022	Agenda for Executive on Wednesday, 4th January, 2023, 10.30 am (moderngov.co.uk)

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