

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

Report to: Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire

Date: **15 February 2023** 

Subject: The Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2022 - The Diverse

**Communities of Greater Lincolnshire** 

## **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 CMO's 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 Director of Public Health (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.

## **Actions Requested:**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee receives the Annual Report from the Director of Public Health and notes its contents.

# 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. Local authorities have a statutory duty to publish the report and make them as accessible as possible to the wider public.

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 annual report has been approved by the County Council's Executive for publication on the Council's website and is attached as an appendix to this covering report.

#### 2. 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.

#### 3. Consultation

This is not a direct consultation item.

## 4. Appendices

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

# 5. 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 within the Director of Public Health Annual Report	Lincolnshire County Council's Website

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