



Prosperous Communities Committee

Tuesday 26th January 2021

Subject: Lincolnshire Homes for Independence Blueprint and HHCDG workstream

Report by:	Chief Executive
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Purpose / Summary:	To present the Lincolnshire Homes for Independence Blueprint which sets out shared and common aims and principles for achieving housing, health and care outcomes across the county

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Members agree that West Lindsey will work towards meeting the objectives set out within the Lincolnshire Homes for Independence Blueprint

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None arising from this report

Financial : FIN-133-21/TJB

None arising from this report

Staffing : None arising from this report

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

All work streams arising as a result of this report will be sensitive to the diverse needs of our communities.

Data Protection Implications : None arising from this report

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:

Work streams arising from this report in relation to new development and improvements to existing dwellings will provide opportunities to reduce carbon emissions and protect against climate change where viable to do so.

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:

Improvements to homes and environment have a positive impact on anti social behaviour.

There is a requirement to meet the housing needs of victims of crime including those fleeing domestic abuse.

Health Implications:

There is a range of evidence that supports the fact that both mental and physical health is impacted positively through access to a safe, warm and accessible home. The prime focus of work streams arising from this report will be to ensure that people have access to such accommodation to enable everyone to live as independently as possible for as long as possible.

Reducing health inequalities and promoting wellbeing across the district is a priority within the West Lindsey Corporate Plan 2019 - 23

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report :

[http://democracy.sharedlincs.net/documents/g2078/Public%20reports%20pack%2029th-Jan-2019%2018.30%20Prosperous%20Communities%20Committee.pdf?T=10&\\$LO\\$=1](http://democracy.sharedlincs.net/documents/g2078/Public%20reports%20pack%2029th-Jan-2019%2018.30%20Prosperous%20Communities%20Committee.pdf?T=10&LO=1)

Risk Assessment : n/a**Call in and Urgency:****Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No **x**

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No **x**

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) created the Housing Health and Care Delivery Group (HHCDG) as a subgroup to deliver one of its seven priorities - housing. The Board is one of only 14 across the country who have housing as a priority and recognise its importance and the need to connect housing services with health and social care in achieving and maintaining good mental and physical health.
- 1.2 Established in 2017 the aim of the HHCDG is to provide strategic direction and oversight to the wider Homes for Independence agenda in an integrated and collaborative manner. With a focus on closer integration of housing health and care the group seeks to address shared issues and align strategies.
- 1.3 The HWB recognises the important role played by district councils in the provision of or enabling the provision of housing through their planning and policy functions and therefore the need to engage with the sector to promote better integration of health, wellbeing and housing.
- 1.4 The links between housing and better physical and mental health outcomes are varied and cannot be met by organisations working in isolation;
 - affordable and warm housing can help people to stay physically well and assist in recovery times from ill health.
 - The provision of housing that is suitable to an individual's additional needs assists in sustained independence and lowers demand for residential and nursing care.
 - Good quality housing suitable for an individual's additional needs reduces the likelihood of falls and other forms of physical injury.
 - A warm, safe, affordable and secure place to sleep is a prerequisite of better mental health, which is a foundation for all other health issues.
 - Initiatives to tackle Homelessness for those with complex and chaotic lifestyles have to be through a multi-agency approach as it is more than the physical homelessness that needs to be addressed

2 Purpose of Homes for Independence Blueprint

- 2.1 At a meeting of the Prosperous Communities Committee on 29th January 2018 Members endorsed a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to work together across housing, health and social care to deliver positive health outcomes for residents of Lincolnshire through the home.
- 2.2 The MOU articulated the benefits of collaborative working and created the opportunity for a better understanding of the preventative role that housing can play in achieving positive health outcomes and sustaining independence. This blueprint builds on the set of principles adopted through the MOU and will further embed the role housing has to play in

achieving health outcomes through the holistic approach taken by the Council.

- 2.3 Collectively members of the group have worked towards the development of the document. It is a high level vision and call to action to partners across the housing health and care sectors to identify and seek to provide a greater range of housing options to meet housing and housing related support needs and will form the basis for some of the work of the council within the Homes and Communities business area.
- 2.4 The blueprint, attached at appendix 1, will be owned by the HHCDG and will focus on;
- growing the supply of appropriate housing to meet a range of specific housing needs
 - aiming to influence the design, location and number of homes delivered
 - secure better outcomes from existing resources
 - enable residents of West Lindsey and Lincolnshire to plan ahead to meet their housing needs
- 2.5 The audience for the blueprint is senior managers, board members and Members who work across housing, health and care sectors as well as those who may be less familiar with the housing and health agenda.
- 2.6 The aim is that it can be used for project planning, providing evidence and justification in decision making processes as well as focusing the efforts of members of the group on actions to secure greater provision of a wide range of housing choices and to further integrate services designed to promote independent living.

3 National and Local influences

- 3.1 In recent years there are a number of national and local changes which have influenced the development of this blueprint and have also provided the focus of work within the HHCDG;
- The One Public Estate (OPE) programme began its review of public sector land-holding to ensure that best use is made to meet local needs and ensure that communities can live, work and access the services they need
 - The Greater Lincolnshire Housing Delivery Group developed a Housing Development Programme to meet rising demand for new homes.
 - LCC developed an Extra Care Strategy supported by a capital programme to deliver up to 600 units of accommodation across the county, predominantly for older people with aim of providing an alternative to residential care

- The Greater Lincolnshire local authorities jointly commissioned research on the future housing and support needs of our ageing population. Delivered by Housing LIN, the national advisory body on housing with care, and split into 2 phases the research provided both quantitative and qualitative evidence of need.

- Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) became part of the Better Care Fund (BCF). The districts have developed policies and protocols for working more closely together.

- The Lincolnshire Wellbeing Service, Wellbeing Lincs, was commissioned for a potential ten year period, helping people stay connected within local communities and supporting access to minor adaptations and equipment.
<https://www.wellbeinglincs.org/>

- National legislation has enhanced and extended the duties of district councils through the Homelessness Reduction Act (2018)

- Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) re-commissioned Housing Related Support services for young people and adults, and Domestic Abuse Refuge accommodation

- Districts have secured significant but short-term funds to support rough sleepers.

- LCC colleagues with partners have developed a Hoarding Protocol sitting within the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board policies and procedures.

- Integrated Care Systems are developing, seeking to align and integrate health and care services.

- Personalisation agenda continues to be a priority.

- New technologies are emerging to support independent living for people with a wide range of needs.

- Lincolnshire has become the rural strategic partner for the Centre for Ageing Better <https://www.ageing-better.org.uk/>

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Homes for Independence Blueprint was endorsed by the HWB on 1st December 2020 with the recommendation that relevant partners adopt the blueprint through the appropriate decision making processes.

- 4.2 The document appended to this report is a final draft version. The highlighted sections are links to documents which will connect within the published version which is expected at the end of March.
- 4.3 Programmes of work that contribute to meeting the objectives within the Homes for Independence blueprint will be delivered through a delivery plan. This plan supports the work of the HHCDG who oversee the housing priority within the Lincolnshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The delivery plan is currently under review and will set out a number of collaborative actions which organisations across the housing, health and care sectors will come together to deliver.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 That Members agree that West Lindsey will work towards meeting the objectives set out within the Lincolnshire Homes for Independence Blueprint