



**Challenge & Improvement**

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**Subject: Health Commission – Position Update**

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Purpose / Summary:

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

**Note the progress of the Health Commission and provide feedback on the recommendations to be made to Prosperous Communities.**

## IMPLICATIONS

**Legal:**

**None arising**

**Financial:**

**None arising**

**Staffing:**

**None arising**

**Equality and Diversity including Human Rights:**

**None Arising**

**Risk Assessment:**

**None arising**

**Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:**

**None arising**

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

**Original paper setting up the Health Commission titled 'Approval Brief for Health Commission' was presented to Prosperous Communities Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

**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**

**Key Decision:**

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

**Yes**

**No**

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 In 2016 elected members became aware of a number of concerns about health, wellbeing and health care provision affecting West Lindsey residents. Subsequently, members led the development of the West Lindsey Health Commission. The Health Commission seeks to be part of the solution to improving the health and wellbeing of communities in West Lindsey.
- 1.2. The Terms of Reference for the Health Commission are included at **Appendix 1**. These terms of reference include sections detailing aims, objectives and principles of the health commission.
- 1.3 The Health Commission is supported by and has been working closely alongside the council's Health Coordinator (Sarah Shaw) and Home Choices Team Manager (Michelle Howard), currently supported by Phil Taylor providing maternity cover.
- 1.4 The Health Commission has now been operational for sixteen months. Membership of the Health Commission is now stable and working well, with individual members leading on the thematic areas as agreed and reporting back to the Commission. This report provides a position update on progress and achievements to date. It builds on the information previously included within the Annual Report to Council.
- 1.5 West Lindsey faces the challenge of an aging population, long term unemployment together with a large proportion of the population experiencing preventable conditions, linked to lifestyle and social determinants of health. Unhealthy life style choices such as poor diet, and inactivity are contributing towards diabetes and obesity above the national average. Reducing alcohol misuse, smoking, diabetes obesity and increasing inactivity are the local priorities.

## **2 Progress Update**

- 2.1 A progress update detailing activity against the aims and objectives of the Health Commission is set out at **Appendix 2**.

## **3 Recommendations to be made to Prosperous Communities**

- 3.1 On the success of WLDC's member led Health Commission and based on their recommendation for continued investment in health and wellbeing the following recommendations are being made to the Prosperous Communities Committee;
  - That the Health Commission continue to meet 2 monthly.
  - That a strategic health partnership for West Lindsey be set up to meet 6 monthly to provide a forum for agencies across the district to meet, share experiences, improve joint working and employ best practice.

- The aims and objectives of the Health Commission should be critically aligned with those the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy to ensure we stay relevant and coordinated with county partners. Member and officer representation at the Housing Health and Care Delivery Group continue and feed back into the Health Commission. Active membership of the Lincolnshire Health Scrutiny Committee continue.
- A refresh be undertaken of the Health Commissions Terms of Reference to reflect the above recommendations.