



**Prosperous Communities
Committee**

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Subject: Health Commission – Progress Report and Future Arrangements

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Purpose / Summary:	Review of the West Lindsey Health Commission

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. That the Health Commission continues to meet 2 monthly until the end of its remit in 2018.
2. That a report be brought to the Committee in the autumn cycle of meetings recommending the establishment of a strategic health partnership for West Lindsey to replace the Health Commission on the completion of its remit (this report should include terms of reference, proposed membership, meeting cycles, desired outcomes, officer support etc.).
3. That the aims and objectives of any “Strategic Health Partnership” for West Lindsey should be aligned with those of the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy to ensure proper coordination of delivery within the District.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

None arising

Financial : FIN/78/19/CC

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 25th 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 councillors 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.
- 1.6** It is clear from work undertaken by the Health Commission and the Governments agenda at a national level that there will be a continuing role for district councils to identify and promote the delivery for the health needs in their areas. The experience of running the Health Commission for the last two years has that it is benefiting the District by focusing on specific issues and helping partners understanding the need in West Lindsey.
- 1.7** It is therefore proposed that a further paper be brought to the Committee in the autumn cycle of meetings on how the work the Commission has started can be continued through the establishment of a Strategic Health Partnership.

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 Challenge & Improvement Committee

3.1 This report was considered by the Challenge & Improvement Committee at their meeting on 26th June with the following outcomes:

- a). The original Terms of Reference having been identified to Members, it was recommended to the Prosperous Communities Committee that these be reviewed.
- b). It was highlighted that West Lindsey faced 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. It was noted that unhealthy life style choices such as poor diet, and inactivity were contributing towards diabetes and obesity above the national average. Reducing alcohol misuse, smoking, diabetes obesity and increasing inactivity were the local priorities.
- c). As West Lindsey District Council do not hold the budget for health care provision, it was crucial that representatives were able to voice the needs of the District in an appropriate setting. There was acknowledgement that local health provision had to be driven by the scope or limitations of the NHS however there was agreement that there was insufficient representation across all districts within the county-wide health board. The Monitoring Officer clarified for Members that the district-led work continued to compile evidence to help inform Members to then be able to lobby the relevant areas and providers.
- d). In response to a question from Committee regarding the key partners for the Health Commission, the Interim Wellbeing and Health Manager confirmed that the review of the Terms of Reference would seek to amend any such details, for example adding Acis as a key partner.
- e). It was agreed there is a need for representatives across all districts to have a stronger voice in health matters and also for Lincolnshire MPs to work as necessary in Westminster to safeguard the health needs of the area. It was acknowledged that to address some of the issues identified, such as poor diet and lack of exercise, there would need to be greater work undertaken in relation to lifestyle choices rather than simply healthcare provision.

On the conclusion of discussions, it was **RESOLVED** that the contents of the report and the recommendations to the Prosperous Communities Committee be noted.