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Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Report of Councillor Rhea Rayside,
Portfolio Holder for People and Safer
Communities

South Kesteven Health and Wellbeing Action Plan

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Purpose of Report

To maximise the impact of the Lincolnshire District's Health and Wellbeing Strategy which was formally adopted by Cabinet in March 2023, consider the adoption of a local action plan to improve the health and wellbeing of residents across South Kesteven.

Recommendations

It is recommended the Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1. Endorses the South Kesteven Health and Wellbeing Action Plan aimed at achieving improved health and wellbeing outcomes for the residents of South Kesteven.**
- 2. Agrees to receive an update report in six months' time on the delivery of the actions identified.**

| Decision Information | |
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| Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication? | No |
| What are the relevant corporate priorities? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing that meets the needs of all residents • Healthy and strong communities • Clean and sustainable environment • High performing Council |
| Which wards are impacted? | All wards |

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

- 1.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. If future actions are identified which require financial support, then this would need to be secured through the Council's budget setting process via a business case which sets out the investment required and the associated benefit.

Completed by: **Richard Wyles, Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer**

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 There are no legal or governance implications arising from this report.

Completed by: **Graham Watts, Assistant Director of Governance and Public Protection and Monitoring Officer**

2. Background to the Report

- 2.1 Within the Council's Corporate Plan (2020 – 2023) there is a key priority of building 'Healthy and Strong Communities'. This includes an ambition to work effectively with partners in the voluntary, private and public sectors to tackle inequalities, including those relating to health and unemployment, especially in areas of highest need.
- 2.2 As part of the response to COVID-19 the seven district councils in Lincolnshire developed a culture of working closely together to identify and address challenges.

The districts have continued to embed this collaborative approach to both strategic and operational issues, with a particular focus on the role of district councils in addressing health inequalities and tackling with wider determinants of health.

- 2.3 To support a strategic long-term approach to improving health and wellbeing outcomes across Lincolnshire, the district councils worked together to develop the Lincolnshire District Councils' Health and Wellbeing Strategy (the Strategy) and accompanying action plan.
- 2.4 At a meeting of the Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 9 February 2023, the Committee recommended the Strategy should be formally adopted by Cabinet. Furthermore, a localised action plan, specific to the district of South Kesteven, should be developed. The Strategy was subsequently adopted at a meeting of the Cabinet on 7 March 2023.
- 2.5 Since that time, Officers have been working collaboratively across service areas to develop the South Kesteven Health and Wellbeing Action Plan which is provided at **Appendix One** to this report. This bespoke plan identifies how health and wellbeing outcomes can be improved in South Kesteven across the five lever areas which were identified in the Strategy, these being:
 - Housing and homelessness
 - Activity and wellbeing
 - Environment and sustainability
 - Economic inclusion
 - Community engagement
- 2.6 Lead Officers for each of the five lever areas have been identified within the Council and have contributed to the development of the local action plan. Regular meetings have been established to ensure the Strategy is embedded across the Council to ensure the impact can be maximised.
- 2.7 Should the action plan receive approval, it is intended the actions will be delivered over the subsequent twelve months.

Ongoing Collaboration

- 2.8 The seven Lincolnshire districts continue to work together. The established working group meets regularly with Officer representation from each district. As there have been some personnel changes since the group was originally formed, the terms of reference and the role of the group is currently undergoing review to refine future work and responsibilities.
- 2.9 The working group provides the basis for engagement and action with colleagues in the health care system. Work has been ongoing to develop proactive

relationships with the relevant Primary Care Networks (PCNs) to support the successful delivery of identified action at a local level.

3. Key Considerations

- 3.1 The adoption of a bespoke local action plan for South Kesteven will allow the Council to tackle health inequalities across the district in line with the Council's Corporate ambitions and will ensure actions are targeted to drive improvements at a local level.
- 3.2 Continuing to work collaboratively with the other six Lincolnshire district authorities provides the opportunity to identify synergies across Lincolnshire and allows district colleagues to share best practice and learn from each other.
- 3.3 The working group will continue to work alongside partners and stakeholders via representation on the Health and Wellbeing Board and Better Lives Lincolnshire, to develop and deliver plans to improve health and wellbeing outcomes.
- 3.4 Work will continue with health colleagues to determine the best approach to establishing a monitoring and reporting mechanism to measure the impact of the local action plan and evidence improved health and wellbeing outcomes.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1 South Kesteven District Council is committed to developing an ambitious agenda for improving health and wellbeing across the district. Having a local bespoke action plan will drive forward the objectives. It is for this reason, the 'do nothing' option was discounted.

5. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 5.1 The local action plan has been developed to ensure the identified activity to improve health and wellbeing outcomes across South Kesteven aligns with the Council's corporate vision and will deliver benefits for district residents.
- 5.2 Members are requested to monitor progress on the delivery of the identified actions to ensure the positive outcomes the Council is seeking, are delivered.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 *Lincolnshire District Councils' Health and Wellbeing Strategy* – Report to Cabinet (plus appendices at Item 7), published 07 March 2023, available online at: <https://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/documents/s37072/District%20H%20WB%20Strategy%20Report.pdf>

7. Appendices

7.1 **Appendix One** – South Kesteven Health and Wellbeing Action Plan.