



Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Report of Councillor Rhea Rayside
Cabinet Member for People &
Communities

South Kesteven Health and Wellbeing Action Plan Update – October 2024

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Purpose of Report

To provide an update on the progress and delivery of the South Kesteven Health and Wellbeing Action Plan.

Recommendations

In noting the progress and delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan for South Kesteven, it is recommended that the Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1. Notes the information provided within this report and suggests any enhancements to the extent and clarity of the information produced for the next six-monthly update report.**

Decision Information

Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication? No

What are the relevant corporate priorities? Connecting Communities

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 for the Council in relation to this report. The work completed to date has been undertaken within identified budgets. If any initiatives are identified which require budget or investment, then an appropriate business case will be developed which identifies the cost and the associated benefit to the community.

Completed by: **Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and S151 Officer**

Legal and Governance

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

Completed by: **Graham Watts, Monitoring Officer**

2. Background to the Report

2.1. The Council's Corporate Plan (2024-2027) identifies Connecting Communities as a key priority. 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. In December 2023, Members of the Rural and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorsed the South Kesteven Health and Wellbeing Action Plan (the Action Plan), and agreed to receive six monthly updates on progress. The Action Plan is aimed at achieving improved health and wellbeing outcomes for the residents of South Kesteven, and supports the Lincolnshire District Councils' Health and Wellbeing Strategy (the Strategy) (See Background Papers), which is structured around five lever areas:

- Housing and Homelessness
- Activity and Wellbeing
- Environment and Climate
- Economic Inclusion
- Working with Communities

- 2.3. Officers continue to work collaboratively across service areas to deliver the actions identified, with the Lead Officers for each of the five lever areas providing an update on the progress of their specific lever areas. The updated Action Plan is provided at **Appendix One** of this report.
- 2.4. It is worth noting that many of the actions within the Action Plan are considered as 'ongoing' as some of these are continuously being delivered or span across several years. The commentary provides a clearer picture of the great work that is being delivered across the district.
- 2.5. The seven Lincolnshire districts continue to work together, with representatives from each District meeting regularly to provide updates and share ideas. The working group continues to work alongside partners and stakeholders via representation on the Health and Wellbeing Board, to develop and deliver plans to improve health and wellbeing outcomes.

3. Key Considerations

- 3.1. The adoption of a bespoke local action plan for South Kesteven has allowed the Council to tackle health inequalities across the district in line with the Council's Corporate ambitions and has ensured 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.

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. Continuing to work on and deliver the actions identified will drive forward these results. Therefore, 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

Executive Summary - Lincolnshire District Councils' Health and Wellbeing Strategy [available here](#).

7. Appendices

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