

Lincolnshire Districts Councils' Health and Wellbeing Strategy Briefing

Purpose of Paper

To provide an update on the progress of Lincolnshire District Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy which aims demonstrate how we collectively deliver services which both prevent poor health and support the health and care system in Lincolnshire.

Background

As part of the response to Covid-19, Lincolnshire's seven District councils developed a culture of working closely together to identify and address challenges. We have continued to embed this collective approach to strategic and operational issues – with a particular focus on the role of District councils in addressing inequality.

Tackling health inequalities was the subject of '[Fair Society, Healthy Lives](#)' Michael Marmot's landmark review which demonstrated that health in England had a distinct gradient, '*the lower social and economic status someone has, the poorer their health is likely to be*'. Marmot argued that health inequality could be alleviated by acting within six policy areas and put Local Government as a pivotal partner in tackling the social and economic determinants of health.

The Role of District Councils

The 2021 Health and Care White Paper and establishment of Integrated Care Systems (ICS) underline the vital importance of health and care partners working together to focus on prevention and addressing the wider determinants of health with four aims:

- improving population health and health care
- tackling unequal outcomes and access
- enhancing productivity and value for money
- helping the NHS to support broader social and economic development

Districts play an active role in the emerging ICS with representation at Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board and [Better Lives Lincolnshire](#). In addition, District Councils are developing strategic partnerships with [Primary Care Networks](#) (PCNs) to support delivery of action at a local level.

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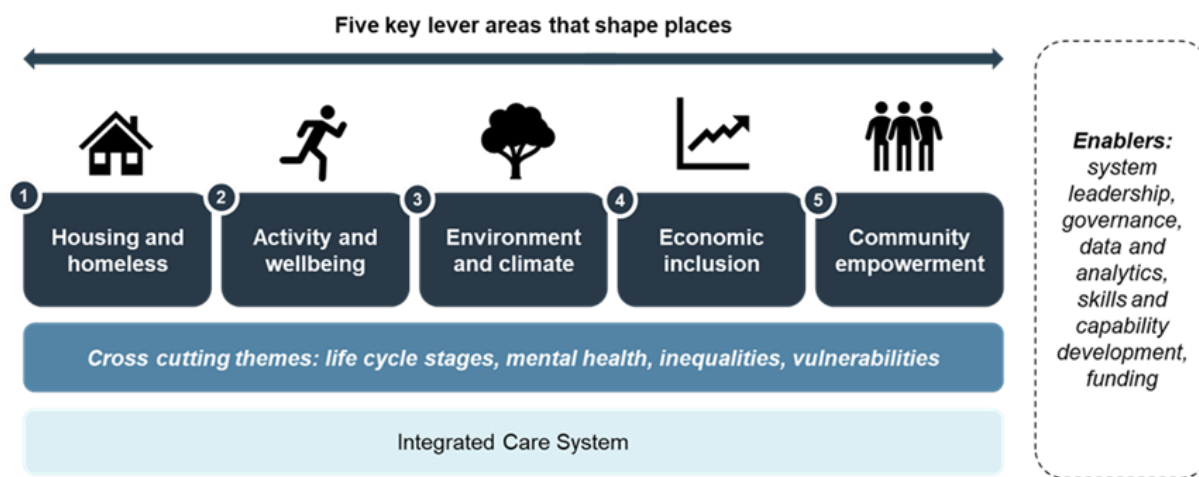
District Councils are now in a position to take a proactive role in working with partners to develop policy, deliver action and improve outcomes. Since 2021 Lincolnshire's seven Districts have collectively engaged PA Consulting to work with Leaders, Chief Executives and officers to develop a county-wide District Health and Wellbeing Strategy focusing on:

- strategic, long-term approach to improving outcomes
- opportunity, ambition and collaboration
- holistic view based on social and economic determinants
- developing system leadership

The strategy is structured around five 'lever' areas where Districts are **uniquely** positioned in the system to influence and effectively work with partners to deliver sustainable change:

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| Housing and homelessness | Improve the supply, quality and coordination of services to meet housing needs and demands. |
| Activity and wellbeing | To address inactivity across the county – improving access and opportunity for all residents to be active and participate by leveraging District knowledge and connection with people and places. |

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| Environment and climate | Improve understanding of the links between environment and health and maximise opportunities to deliver on both simultaneously. |
| Economic inclusion | Reducing economic inequality and alleviating poverty as a fundamental driver for improving mental and physical health and wellbeing |
| Working with Communities | Leverage unique links at place level to engage with communities |



Next steps, monitoring and 'levelling up'

Lincolnshire Districts Health and Wellbeing Strategy is currently progressing through all seven District's committees for adoption as a framework to develop place-based actions responsive to local priorities and population. Final sign off from all Councils will be completed by end of April 2023. [Boston Borough Council's Cabinet](#) adopted the strategic framework in February 2023.

In South & East Lincolnshire Partnership, the framework will be used to develop the Healthy Living Action Plan which will be monitored by the new S&ELCP Healthy Living Board.

The document captures a point in time and further partnership work and countywide 'overview' has since been developed. There is an established officer working group for continued collaboration with partners, to share and learn from good practice and be responsive to local indicators.

The group will monitor key areas of work which will be reviewed annually. Indicators will align to the national 'Levelling up' agenda which shares ambitions to address inequality with measurements against wider determinants of health, economic wellbeing and connectivity.

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