



<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Portfolio Holder for Health & Wellbeing
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	UK Network of Age-Friendly Communities
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To apply to the Centre for Ageing Better for South Holland to join the UK Network of Age-Friendly Communities.
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	N/A
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	Cllr Sneath, Portfolio Holder for Health & Wellbeing, Conservation & Heritage
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<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	ALL
<b>EXEMPT REPORT?</b>	NO

## SUMMARY

In August 2020, Lincolnshire established a strategic partnership with the [Centre for Ageing Better](#) to coordinate a response to the opportunities and challenges of an ageing population. This included raising 'ageing' as a strategic priority and take joint action to improve the later lives of our communities.

The partnership builds on the ambitions of the [Lincolnshire Health & Wellbeing Board](#) to secure the best outcomes and opportunities for people approaching later life, ensuring that Lincolnshire is a place where people can age well in an environment that's inclusive, supportive and empowering.

As part of this work, Lincolnshire's Districts are being encouraged to become part of the [UK network of Age-Friendly](#) Communities - a growing movement, with over 75 places across the country committed to making their community a better place to age in.

The Centre for Ageing Better works with the Network to provide guidance, connect places and offer support to member communities as they work towards making their services and infrastructure more 'age friendly'.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- South Holland District Council applies to become a member of the UK network of Age-Friendly Communities.
- South Holland District Council makes a written commitment to the Centre of Ageing Better to actively work towards South Holland becoming a great place to grow old in, for all of its residents.

## REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- Supports the Lincolnshire Health & Wellbeing Board's strategic ambitions to co-ordinate a countywide response to the opportunities and challenges of ageing.
- Becoming part of the UK network will demonstrate South Holland's support to make the community a better place to age in.
- Supports local delivery of Lincolnshire District Council's Health & Wellbeing Strategy adopted by the Council in April 2023 under the 'working with communities' priority; incorporated in the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Healthy Living Action Plan.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- Not to join the UK network of Age-friendly Communities.

## 1. BACKGROUND

**1.1** Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board brings together key people from the health and care system; it aims to reduce health inequalities and improve people's health and wellbeing. The board is a statutory committee of Lincolnshire County Council and includes representation from Lincolnshire District Councils.

**1.2** In 2020, Lincolnshire County Council signed a joint Memorandum of Understanding with the Centre for Ageing Better and East Lindsey District Council to establish the Lincolnshire Ageing Better Strategic Partnership.

**1.3** The Centre for Ageing Better is a national charitable foundation that aims to support a good quality of life in older age and promote the benefits of an ageing society by bridging the gap between research, evidence and practice.

**1.4** The Centre for Ageing Better facilitate the UK network of Age Friendly Communities part of a global movement led by the World Health Organisation, affiliated to the Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

**1.5** Oversight of the Lincolnshire Ageing Better Strategic Partnership has been encompassed into the new Lincolnshire Housing Health and Ageing Well Delivery Group, of which South Holland District Council are members.

**1.6** Lincolnshire Districts are encouraged to join the UK network of Age Friendly Communities to demonstrate commitment to the 'ageing well' principles and have access to tools, support and guidance from the Centre for Ageing Better and other network members across the UK.

## **2. REPORT**

**2.1** The recently published Lincolnshire Director of Public Health annual report '[Ageing Better in Lincolnshire - adding years to life](#)' focuses on the importance of addressing the needs of the growing older population in Lincolnshire, particularly rural and coastal areas.

**2.2** The report describes how the [World Health Organisation \(WHO\) Age Friendly Framework](#) can be applied to the older population of Lincolnshire and how the eight interconnected domains can help identify and address barrier to the wellbeing and participation of older people.

**2.3** The age-friendly community framework domains are the areas of the built and social environment which can help to address barriers to ageing well:

- Outdoor spaces and buildings
- Transport
- Housing
- Social participation
- Respect and social inclusion
- Civic participation and employment
- Communication and information
- Community support and health services

Age-friendly Communities use this framework as a lens to view their place and collect data, build partnerships and commit to actions under these areas.

**2.4** To become part of the UK network, communities do not need to commit to all actions under all domains. The Centre of Ageing Better have designed a 'four-step programme cycle' guide to support members to respond to the strengths and challenges and resources available locally:

- Engage and Understand
- Plan Strategically
- Act and Implement
- Monitor and evaluate

**2.5** Officers have been working with local partners and charities on the initial 'engage and understand' stage and have secured commitment from Age UK South Lincolnshire, the Council's Sheltered Housing team and older people's forums to work together on Age-friendly South Holland.

**2.6** Age-friendly South Holland will be overseen by South & East Lincolnshire Council's Partnership's Healthy Living Board under its 'working with communities' strategic priority.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

**3.1** The council are now in a position to demonstrate both political commitment and community leadership through applying to become part of the UK network of Age-friendly Communities.

**3.2** By applying to become a member of the UK network of Age-friendly Communities the Council will start South Holland's age-friendly journey and help the district become a great place to grow old in, for all of its residents.

### **EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP**

South & East Lincolnshire Partnership's first Sub-regional Strategy includes collective alignment of priorities, aims and ambitions. It committed each Council to further joint working on key priorities as well as still addressing issues of local importance for each council are

The priorities for the Partnership as identified in the strategy are:

- Growth and Prosperity
- Healthy Lives
- Safe and Resilient
- Environment

Age-friendly Communities, overseen by South & East Lincolnshire Partnership's Healthy Living Board supports the strategic commitment to support 'Healthy Lives'. East Lindsey District Council are an established member of the UK network of Age-friendly Communities and joint member of the Lincolnshire Ageing Better Strategic Partnership. Guidance and support can be provided as required.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

### **SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP**

*Strengthens collaborative working, strategic alignment and partnership opportunities created by South & East Lincolnshire Partnership Healthy Living Board.*

## **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

*Supports delivery of South & East Lincolnshire Partnership's first Sub-regional Strategy 'Healthy Lives' priority.*

## **STAFFING**

*There are no specific staffing requirements associated with applying to become a member of the UK network of Age-friendly Communities.*

## **WORKFORCE CAPACITY IMPLICATIONS**

*The Healthy Living strategic lead is a shared officer under current S113 agreement; there are no further workforce implications that will arise with applying to become a member of the UK network of Age-friendly Communities.*

## **CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

*None*

## **DATA PROTECTION**

*None*

## **FINANCIAL**

*None*

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

*None*

## **STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES**

*South Holland based charities, community-support organisations and NHS Neighbourhood Teams have engaged in the initial 'Engage and Understand' step.*

*South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership's Healthy Living Board have received update on intentions for South Holland to start its age-friendly journey.*

## REPUTATION

*By applying to become part of the UK network of Age-friendly Communities, the Council maintains their reputation of community leadership and supporting healthy living.*

## CONTRACTS

*None*

## CRIME AND DISORDER

*None*

## EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

*The 2010 Equality Act legally protects people from discrimination in the workplace and in wider society. Age as a protected characteristic and the legislation includes provisions that ban age discrimination against adults in the provision of services and public functions.*

*By applying to become a member of the become part of the UK network of Age-friendly Communities, the Council will be publicly demonstrating it's commitment to addressing inequality and supporting a diverse community.*

## HEALTH AND WELL BEING

*Taking action to support people to age-well is a Public Health priority, supports better quality of life and helps reduce health inequality. W*

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

*None*

## LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

<b>MISSIONS</b>	
<b>This paper contributes to the follow Missions outlined in the Government's Levelling Up White paper.</b>	
<b>Health</b>	By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed, and by 2035 HLE will rise by 5 years.
<b>Wellbeing</b>	By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing.
<b>Pride in Place</b>	By 2030, pride in place, such as people's satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.

## ACRONYMS

None

<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	
Background papers used in the production of this report are listed below: -	
<b>Document title</b>	<b>Where the document can be viewed</b>
<i>Becoming an age-friendly community – Centre for Ageing Better guidance</i>	<a href="#">Age-friendly-communities-A5.pdf (ageing-better.org.uk)</a>
<i>Ageing Better in Lincolnshire – Lincolnshire Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023</i>	<a href="#">Director-of-Public-Health-Annual-Report-2023.pdf (lhih.org.uk)</a>
<i>World Health Organisation (WHO) Age Friendly Framework</i>	<a href="#">World Health Organisation (WHO) Age Friendly Framework</a>

<b>CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT</b>
<i>A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body</i>

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