

Health Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro forma

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Issue: Oxfordshire as a Marmot Place

Lead Cabinet Member(s) or Responsible person: Ansaf Azhar, Director of Public Health
Kate Holburn, Deputy Director of Public Health

Deadline for Response: 29th July 2025

Response to report:

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Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
1. To ensure that there is sufficient transparency around the steps being taken as well as the impacts being achieved around Oxfordshire becoming a Marmot Place. It is recommended that there is a timely development of specific indicators for	Accepted	Transparency will be achieved through regular updates at the Health and Wellbeing Board and other partnership boards which are most relevant to the focus principles. Updates will be ongoing through the year. Indicators, which will be developed as plans mature, will be aligned with Health and Wellbeing Board indicators, but not limited to these.

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the purposes of evaluating collective system-level efforts to achieve this, and that these must include rural inequalities.		
2. To explore further avenues of funding for the purposes of supporting the work to making Oxfordshire a Marmot Place.	Accepted	Investment from different sources will be sought to support the achievement of Marmot outcomes to address inequalities in access to work.
3. That specific indicators are developed for rural inequalities, inviting input from Town and Parish councils and local members who can contribute local knowledge of inequalities with a view to any future working in their neighbourhood being done with the community. It is also recommended that there is support for recognition of existing projects and voluntary and local community organisations (who can act locally) that are tackling these inequalities.	Accepted	The rural inequalities indicators will be developed with the communities and will reflect feedback from local knowledge and activities to address inequalities.