

Appendix 1: Health Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro Forma

Where a joint health overview and scrutiny committee makes a report or recommendation to a responsible person (a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider [this can include the County Council]), the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 provide that the committee may require a response from the responsible person to whom it has made the report or recommendation and that person must respond in writing within 28 days of the request.

This template provides a structure which respondents are encouraged to use. However, respondents are welcome to depart from the suggested structure provided the same information is included in a response. The usual way to publish a response is to include it in the agenda of a meeting of the body to which the report or recommendations were addressed.

Issue: Director of Public Health Annual Report

Lead Cabinet Member(s) or Responsible Person:

- Ansaf Azhar- Director of Public Health

It is requested that a response is provided to each of the recommendations outlined below:

Deadline for response: Tuesday 7th May 2024

Response to report:

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Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (including if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale.
1. For the fully published DPH Annual report to come to a future HOSC meeting, with a view to further scrutinise the report and the deliverability of the commitments around climate action and health.	Accepted	We have agreed to bring the 2023/24 DPH Annual Report to the HOSC meeting on xxxx to enable members to consider the deliverability of its recommendations.
2. For the full DPH report to incorporate a section with insights into Population Health, and to include an update on progress on recommendations from the previous DPH Annual report.	Accepted	The DPH report now includes a summary profile of Oxfordshire's Health and Wellbeing with signposting to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which provides more detailed and live data.
3. For there to be clear and thorough engagement and co-production with key stakeholders around the commitments to climate action and health after the publication of the report. It is recommended that the local contexts and sensitivities are taken into account, with a view to balance these with national directives around climate action and health.	Accepted	This recommendation is reflected in the engagement plan for the report.
4. For there to be clear transparency and indications as to the barriers and enablers	Accepted	All relevant avenues of funding and resources will be pursued to support delivery of the Report's recommendations.

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<p>surrounding commitments to climate action and health. It is recommended that sufficient avenues of funding and resources are secured for the purposes of delivering these ambitions, and for collaboration with key system partners for the purposes of this.</p>		
<p>5. For there to be clarity around any governance structures or processes around climate action and health. It is recommended that there is transparency around any key leads responsible for relevant policy areas around climate and health to understand individual/organisational commitments, as well as to understand any associated regulatory or legislative barriers to these commitments.</p>	Accepted	<p>The report has already been submitted to the Future Oxfordshire Partnership Environment Advisory Group, which provides governance of system wide action to address climate change; it was welcomed and endorsed by this group. Within OCC the Climate Action Programme Board provides internal governance mechanisms for monitoring progress.</p>
<p>6. To ensure that clear processes are in place for monitoring and evaluating the measures taken as part of climate action, with specific attention to the implications that such measures may have on residents' health and wellbeing.</p>	Accepted	<p>The report's recommendations are aligned with metrics that are reported against as part of OCC's Unity performance monitoring system. In addition, impact on health outcomes will be reported through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.</p>
<p>7. To raise educational awareness and understanding of the importance of climate action and its implications on health.</p>	Accepted	<p>As part of the engagement plan, schools will be engaged as part of a coordinated approach to secure the support of schools' strategic leadership teams for action on climate and health.</p>

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<p>8. For next year's DPH Annual report to be brought as a full draft to the Committee's spring meeting, with a view to scrutinise the draft and provide feedback in a public meeting ahead of its official publication.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>Next year's DPH Annual report will be brought to the Committee's spring meeting with a view to scrutinise the deliverability of its recommendations.</p>
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