

**Marmot Place  
Health Improvement Board  
7<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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**Purpose and Recommendations**

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The purpose of this item is to ensure members of the Health Improvement Board and fully aware of the plans for Oxfordshire to become a Marmot Place to go further and faster in tackling local inequalities in health.

The Health Improvement Board is asked to;

- **Note the content of the background paper on Marmot Place that went to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024**
- **Consider the process by which Marmot Principles are being reviewed to determine which to focus on initially in Oxfordshire**
- **Discuss how this work programme can meet the specific inequalities faced in Oxfordshire and be successfully implemented**

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**Background**

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Members of the Health and wellbeing board are directed to the paper taken to the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2024 that provides a full background to this work <https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/documents/s72652/7.%20Marmot%20Place-%20Health%20and%20Wellbeing%20Board%20report%20Sept%202024.pdf> .This report has also been provided as an annex to this report.

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**Key Issues**

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The Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to endorse this programme of work and minutes of the discussion at September's meeting are available here

<https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=897&MId=7575&Ver=4>.

Since this agreement, plans have been expedited to arrange a launch event on 25<sup>th</sup> November for system partners and key stakeholder to build momentum for this work.

The Marmot Place approach is based around the 8 evidence based Marmot Principles and for initial stages of the work, a focus is needed on just 2 or 3 of the principles so that some specific work can be undertaken and the scope is not spread too broadly.

To support selection of these principles Officers have been undertaking a mapping process of existing data, HWB strategy priorities, other key strategies, work programmes and evidence, as per the table below

Table 1- Criteria to prioritise Marmot Principles

	HWB Strategy	Other Strategies	Existing work programmes/projects	Data on local need	Evidence
Give every child the best start in life					
Enable all children, young people, and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives					
Create fair employment and good work for all					
Ensure a healthy standard of living for all					
Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities					
Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention					
Tackle racism, discrimination, and their outcomes					
Pursue environmental sustainability and health equity together					

This mapping work is in-progress, but initial findings suggest that the following 3 principles may have the most relevance for initial focus in Oxfordshire

Table 2- Possible Marmot Principles for initial focus

<b>Give every child the best start in life</b>	Ensuring that children have equal opportunities for health and development, regardless of their background or circumstances.
<b>Create fair employment and good work for all</b>	Focusing on decent working conditions, job security, and fair wages.
<b>Ensure a healthy standard of living for all</b>	Addressing economic disparities and providing access to essential resources such as housing, food, & healthcare.

Whilst the full mapping needs to be completed and there will be fuller discussion on the principles of focus at the launch event on 25<sup>th</sup> November, the Health Improvement Board meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November gives an early opportunity to consider what value a focus in these areas would add to our joint work in Oxfordshire to tackle health inequality.

In addition to these principles, one of the 5 strategic aims of the Oxfordshire Marmot Place work outlined in the background paper is to better identify and understand rural inequalities and to develop required actions to address these.

### **Budgetary implications**

The cost of engaging the Institute of Health Equity in this work is approximately £150k over a 2-year period and will be covered by the Oxfordshire Public Health Grant. However, the recommendations and actions they will develop out of this work programme will require action and budgetary prioritisation for all partners within the Oxfordshire system

### **Communications**

Communications to promote the initiative will be developed as part of the launch event on 25<sup>th</sup> November

### **Key Dates / Next Steps**

The work programme will be more fully developed after the launch event on the 25<sup>th</sup> November and will regularly report into the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board. A system-wide steering group is already in place to support the development of the work and has representation from all key organisations/ sectors within Oxfordshire.

### **Appendices / accompanying documents attached**

Annex 1- Marmot Place- Health and Wellbeing Board report Sept 2024

Annex 2- Oxfordshire Marmot Place Proposal Draft Work Programme