

## **READING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD**

**14 MARCH 2025**

QUESTION No. 3 in accordance with Standing Order No 36

Tom Lake to ask the Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board:

#### Marmot City Framework

Oxfordshire and Wokingham Borough are working together on improving health and wellbeing using the Marmot City framework. Will Reading also take up this approach and ensure that all of its departments contribute to the health of the population?

**REPLY** by the Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board (Councillor McEwan):

The Board recognises that most of the factors that influence our health lie outside of the health care system, including housing, education, employment and much more.

One of the five priorities from our joint health and wellbeing strategy is to reduce the differences in health between different groups of people. To support this, there is an ambition within the strategy to develop a health in all policies approach that will deliver cross-sector action on the wider determinants of health: the social, environmental, economic and commercial conditions in which people live.

Work to develop a health in all policies approach is currently under way and the board may consider becoming a Marmot Borough as part of this programme of work, if there is evidence that it can deliver better outcomes for our population.