

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Subject Heading:

Climate Change and Sustainability

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following themes of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- Theme 1: Primary prevention to promote and protect the health of the community and reduce health inequalities
- Theme 2: Working together to identify those at risk and intervene early to improve outcomes and reduce demand on more expensive services later on
- Theme 3: Provide the right health and social care/advice in the right place at the right time
- Theme 4: Quality of services and user experience

SUMMARY

Changing climate is cited as one of the most challenging threats to health, in both the long and short term.



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Long term impacts of extreme weather include indirect harms, such as those that result from economic harm, as well as direct harms to health, such as a projected increase in heat related deaths; expected to triple by 2050.

The shorter term impacts of extreme weather include those that arise as a result of flooding, including on mental health.

The Health and Wellbeing Board will receive the following presentations:

1. The impact of climate change on health and wellbeing.
2. The Council's approach to tackling climate change, and becoming carbon neutral by 2040, or sooner.

This will be followed by a discussion when members of the Board will have the opportunity to highlight the actions that their respective organisations are taking in response to the immediate and long term impacts, and explore opportunities for collaboration and joint working.

Following discussions, the Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the recommendation below.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board add the following priority as an additional priority for the Havering Health and Wellbeing Strategy "Providing local leadership on climate change and air quality".

REPORT DETAIL

No further detail

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

No implications at this stage



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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None