

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Education & Children's Services **DATE:** 5 December 2013  
Scrutiny Panel

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### **PART I**

#### **FOR COMMENT & DECISION**

#### **EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL – 2013/14 WORK PROGRAMME**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 For the Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Panel to identify priorities and topics for its Work Programme for the 2013/14 municipal year.

##### **2. Recommendations/Proposed Action**

- 2.1 That the Panel agree its work programme for the 2013/14 municipal year.

##### **3. Joint Slough Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

- **Economy and Skills**
- **Health and Wellbeing**
- **Safer Communities**

- 3.1 The Council's decision-making and the effective scrutiny of it underpins the delivery of all the Joint Slough Wellbeing Strategy priorities.
- 3.2 The remit of the Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Panel lies around the Cabinet Portfolios of Education & Children and Opportunity & Skills, which cuts across all Joint Slough Wellbeing Strategy priorities, but focuses on Economy and Skills, Health and Wellbeing, and Safer Communities ensuring the best outcomes for the residents of Slough.

##### **4. Supporting Information**

- 4.1 The purpose of Overview and Scrutiny is to hold those that make decisions to account and help Slough's residents by suggesting improvements that the Council or its partners could make. In considering what the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel should look at, members are invited to consider the following questions:

- *To what extent does this issue impact on the lives of Slough's residents?*

- *Is this issue strategic and pertinent across the Borough?*
- *What difference will it make if we look at this issue?*

4.2 The topics included in the list at Appendix A include those suggested by Panel members, partners and officers.

5. **Resource Implications**

5.1 Overview and Scrutiny is supported by 1 FTE member of staff. This officer is responsible for support the O&S Committee and three Scrutiny Panels. Therefore, this is a finite resource and consideration must be given, in conjunction with the work programmes for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and other Scrutiny Panels, as to how the resource is used during the year.

6. **Conclusion**

The Panel has a wide remit from which it must decide its priorities for the coming municipal year. The list of potential overarching themes and specific topics in this report is not an exhaustive list, and the work programme for the Panel must be driven by what the Members feel should be prioritised.

7. **Appendices Attached**

A - Work Programme for 2013/14 ECS Panel

8. **Background Papers**

None.