

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

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PART I **FOR INFORMATION**

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

1. **Purpose of Report**

To inform the Slough Wellbeing Board of the development of a new Children and Young People's Plan.

2. **Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action**

The Committee is requested to note the report.

3. **The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

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

The new Children and Young People's Plan 2015-2016 will sit underneath the Slough Wellbeing Strategy and set out how the Children and Young People's Partnership will deliver the children and young people's agenda within it.

The priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan will support the Joint Wellbeing Strategy priorities in the following ways:

- Health – the priorities in the CYPP aims to improve children and young people's emotional and physical health and encourage healthy eating.
- Economy and Skills – working on the child poverty and educational attainment priorities directly links to the Slough Wellbeing Strategy's aim to increase prosperity, improve the take up of free school meals and improve the educational attainment of the most deprived pupils.
- Safer Communities – the Plan will support the Slough Local Safeguarding Children Board in safeguarding and supporting vulnerable children through the children's services improvement programme and early help agenda.

A children and young people's needs assessment was completed using the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and other data sources to help identify the key priorities that the Children and Young People's Partnership should include in their Plan.

3b. **Five Year Plan Outcomes**

The Children and Young People's Plan will sit in line with Slough Borough Council's Five Year Plan in delivering against Outcome 5: Children and Young People in Slough will be healthy, resilient and have positive life chances.

There are a series of key actions underneath Outcome 5, which the Plan will help to deliver:

- Develop more preventative approaches to ensure children, young people and families are safe, independent and responsible.
- Slough Children's Services will be one of the best providers of children's services in the country, providing timely, purposeful support that brings safe, lasting and positive change.
- Ensure vulnerable children and young people are safe and feel safe.
- Ensure children and young people are emotionally and physically healthy.
- Ensure children and young people enjoy life and learning so that they are confident about the future and aspire to achieve to their individual potential.
- Ensure children and young people with SEND and their families receive comprehensive, personalised support from childhood to adulthood.

4. **Other Implications**

(a) Financial

There are no financial implications of proposed action.

(b) Risk Management

There are no identified risks to the proposed action.

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no Human Rights Act implications to the proposed action.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

There is no requirement to complete an Equalities Impact Assessment in relation to this information report.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 The Children and Young People's Partnership Board agreed in February 2015 that a new Children and Young People's Plan should be written covering an 18-month period (May 2015 – December 2016).

5.2 The new Plan was developed in line with the JSNA, and other related needs assessments such as the Child Poverty Needs Assessment, which established specific areas of priority need. This was followed by a period of consultation with key partners including Slough Borough Council, Thames Valley Police, Slough Clinical Commissioning Group, Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust, Slough Schools Education Forum, Slough Association of Secondary Heads, Slough Primary Headteacher Association and the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

5.3 The Plan is yet to be finalised, but the following are the draft priorities that are being developed:

- 1) To provide outstanding services to the most vulnerable children and young people in the borough.
- 2) To support children and young people's emotional and mental wellbeing.
- 3) To support children and young people's physical wellbeing.
- 4) To reduce the level and impact of poverty on the life chances of children and young people in the borough.
- 5) To deliver the expanded 'Families First' programme, achieving significant and sustained progress for our most troubled families.
- 6) To strengthen our universal offer, making it accessible to vulnerable groups.
- 7) To ensure children and young people are engaged and helped to access opportunities that will enable them to reach their full potential.

5.4 The final Plan is due to be considered by the Children and Young People's Partnership Board at its meeting on 18 May 2015.

5.5 The Children and Young People's Partnership structure has been reviewed and rationalised to avoid duplication within the Partnership and improved coordination between key partnership bodies in the borough such as the Local Safeguarding Children Board and Safer Slough Partnership . The new structure establishes four standing sub-groups under the main Board that will be allocated responsibility for the delivery of specific priorities from the new Plan, and held to account by the main Board:

- Children's Services Improvement Sub-Group (Priority 1)
- Health Sub-Group (Priorities 2 and 3)
- Early Help Sub-Group (Priorities 4, 5 and 6)
- Achieving Sub-Group (Priority 7)

6. **Conclusion**

6.1 The Children and Young People's Plan will be the overarching strategy for improving outcomes for children in Slough. It will set out the Children and Young People's Partnership's priorities for the next 18 months, identifying the key issues to be addressed and areas for improvement.

6.2 The Plan will not cover everything that is happening across the borough in relation to children, young people and families, or all of the activities that will take place to achieve the set priorities, but it will provide a framework, giving a shared purpose and direction for the Partnership.

7. **Background Papers**

None.