

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

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PART I **FOR AGREEMENT**

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2015-2016

1. **Purpose of Report**

To present the Children and Young People's Plan 2015-2016 to the Slough Wellbeing Board for agreement.

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

The Board is requested to agree the Children and Young People's Plan 2015-2016.

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 sits underneath the Slough Wellbeing Strategy and sets 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 support the Joint Wellbeing Strategy priorities in the following ways:

- Health – the priorities in the CYPP aim 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 sits 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 report. EIAs will be completed on individual aspects of the action plans that will sit underneath the Plan, as required.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 The Children and Young People's Partnership Board agreed the new Children and Young People's Plan 2015-2016 at its meeting on the 18 May 2015.

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 sets out the following priorities:

- 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 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 have been 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 is the overarching strategy for improving outcomes for children in Slough. It sets 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 does 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. **Appendix**

A - Slough Children and Young People's Plan 2015-2016

8. **Background Papers**

None.