

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Slough Wellbeing Board

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PART I **FOR INFORMATION**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Wellbeing Board with an update on the further work undertaken by partners to develop our approach to community engagement.

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

- 2.1 To note the attached summary report of a workshop held on 11 January and the intention to discuss this in more detail at the next meeting of the Board on 29 March.

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

- 3.1 The Wellbeing Strategy states that "we will look for ways in which we can build on how we currently engage with people as individual agencies and look for opportunities to coordinate this." Being able to do this effectively will ensure that we are collectively working to achieve the priorities and outcomes in the Wellbeing Strategy and Five Year Plan.
- 3.2 The Five Year Plan is clear about the Council's ongoing commitment to "listen to and work with our communities, customers and partners" and "to working with our key partners to develop a more integrated way of working with our residents."

4. **Other Implications**

- a) Financial - There are no financial implications associated with the proposed actions.
- b) Risk Management - There are no identified risks associated with the proposed actions.
- c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications - There are no direct legal implications. There are no Human Rights Act Implications.

- d) Equalities Impact Assessment - There is no requirement to complete an Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) in relation to this report.

5. Summary

This item provides an update on the work that partners have undertaken to follow up the initial themed discussion on engaging people at the Wellbeing Board's November meeting. Members of the Board attended a workshop on 11 January to look at the issues in more detail and a summary report is attached. This will be included on the agenda for the Board's meeting on 29 March to agree next steps. We will want to be able to point to tangible progress in this area by the time of our 2017 Annual Conference which has been provisionally booked for **Wednesday 20 September**.

6. Supporting information

- 6.1 Improving the ways in which we engage with communities was identified as an important issue in the Wellbeing Strategy when it was launched in September 2016.
- 6.2 The Board had a themed discussion at its November meeting following which it was agreed that further work needed to be undertaken to look at the issues in more detail and identify ways in which partners could improve how they work together.
- 6.3 A workshop was held on 11 January which addressed the following questions:
1. Why do we do community engagement and what are our strategic objectives?
 2. What issues are we focussing on when we are engaging with the community and how are these to be measured?
 3. Who is involved with community engagement, is there scope for collaboration and a need for a central body/individual/entity who can help streamline the approach, hold it together and be accountable for the outcomes going forward?
 4. What examples if any are available where community engagement has worked well and perhaps not worked so well? Sharing best practice
 5. When do we need to start something more collaboratively and how will the Wellbeing Board manage the outcomes and expectations?
- 6.4 A summary report of the workshop is attached.

7. Comments of Other Committees

- 7.1 None at this stage.

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 The attached summary report is intended to provide members of the Board with an update on the ongoing work to improve community engagement. Further

work will be undertaken between now and the next meeting of the Board in March to progress this so that we can report back to the wider partnership at our Annual Conference, provisionally planned for Wednesday 20 September.

9. **Appendices Attached**

'A' Community engagement workshop summary report

10. **Background Papers**

None.