

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel

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PART I **FOR COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION**

CHILDHOOD OBESITY – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

1 Purpose of Report

To provide information to the Education and Children's Services (ECS) Scrutiny Panel on the work to be undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) on childhood obesity.

2 Recommendation

The Panel is recommended to note the information and suggest other areas that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may wish to assess in future meetings.

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

3a Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

The information covered in this report relates to the following outcomes in the Five Year Plan:

- Protecting vulnerable children

3b Five Year Plan Outcomes

The information covered in this report relates to the following outcomes in the Five Year Plan:

- Our children and young people will have the best start in life and opportunities to give them positive lives
- Our people will become healthier and will manage their own health, care and support needs

4 **Implications**

(a) Financial

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

(b) Risk Management

Risk	Mitigating action	Opportunities
Legal	None	
Property	None	
Human Rights	None	
Health and Safety	None	
Employment Issues	None	
Equalities Issues	None	
Community Support	None	
Communications	None	
Community Safety	None	
Financial	None	
Timetable for delivery	None	
Project Capacity	None	
Other	None	

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no significant Human Rights Act or other Legal implications.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

There is no need for an equalities impact assessment.

(e) Workforce

There are no workforce implications.

5 **Supporting Information**

- 5.1 At its first meeting of the Municipal Year (18th July 2017), ECS Scrutiny Panel took an item on Outcome 1 of the Five Year Plan. The wording of this outcome is as follows:

“Our children and young people will have the best start in life and opportunities to give them positive lives.”

The first key action associated with this Outcome is “enable children and young people to have physically and emotionally healthy lives”. This has a focus on healthy lifestyles and tackling obesity in local children.

- 5.2 The other key actions in Outcome 1 relate to 4 areas covered in the Government's "Every Child Matters" initiative ("Stay Safe", "Enjoy and Achieve", "Achieve Economic Wellbeing" and "Make a Positive Contribution"). Responsibility for scrutinising these remains with ECS Scrutiny Panel. However, as work on the key action referred to in section 5.1 lay with the OSC, an update on this was requested. This update is provided in this report.
- 5.3 At its meeting on 14th September 2017, OSC discussed the commissioning of a Task & Finish Group. Whilst there had been initial indications that this would focus on childhood obesity, the discussion did not conclude that this should be the subject matter. Given that such a review had been conducted recently (early 2014) and still had a series of live recommendations, it was felt that to repeat this work would not be a productive use of member or officer time. Instead, the Task & Finish Group commissioned will focus on improving the internal policies and procedures of Slough Borough Council (SBC).
- 5.4 OSC decided to undertake its work on childhood obesity through other methods. The Chair of OSC declared her particular concern regarding secondary schools, where it seemed that less effort was being made on encouraging healthy diets than was the case in primary schools. As a result, OSC will be kept informed as to the outcomes of the 'Let's Get Going' initiative, which is in the process of being commissioned. Given the fact that this project remains in its early stages, no date can yet be provided for when this item will come before OSC. However, it has been added to their work programme.
- 5.5 OSC will also be overseeing the KPIs relating to childhood obesity. At present, SBC's metrics on this are likely to remain at a 'red' rating for some time to come. As a result, this may need some other measurements so that a more detailed picture of any progress being made can be provided. Once these targets have been defined, they will be forwarded to OSC. At this point, OSC will decide the approach to be taken to monitoring progress.
- 5.6 Should ECS Scrutiny Panel members wish to be kept informed on this matter on an ongoing basis, they are requested to pursue this with members of OSC. It is not intended for this update to become a standing item on ECS Scrutiny Panel agendas. Rather, they will be provided only when a significant development has taken place.

6. **Conclusion**

Childhood obesity and the relevant key action will continue to be scrutinised by OSC.

7. **Comments of Other Committees**

This report is based on the minutes of OSC's meeting of 14th September 2017.

8. **Appendices Attached**

None

9. **Background Papers**

Childhood Obesity Task & Finish Group report, January 2014
(This was included in the agenda papers for the OSC meeting on 14th September 2017)