

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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### **PART I**

### **FOR INFORMATION**

## **SLOUGH YOUTH PARLIAMENT UPDATE**

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

This report provides the Slough Wellbeing Board with an update on recent activities of the Slough Youth Parliament following the themed discussion held on their manifesto at the Board's July 2017 meeting. It also provides an opportunity for consideration around the timescale of a number of actions to help shape future activity.

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

The Slough Wellbeing Board is recommended to note this report.

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

By providing young people with opportunities to have their voice heard and to shape service planning and delivery; Slough's Youth Parliament Manifesto makes significant contributions to delivery of the following Five Year Plan outcome:

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

### 4. **Other Implications**

- (a) **Financial** – Currently the work of the Youth Parliament is totally funded via the Council's Young People's Service. This may need reviewing if the work continues to grow. Currently primary schools are very interested in developing a similar model for young children and this would need to be costed.
- (b) **Risk Management** - There are no risk management implications arising from this report.
- (c) **Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications** – There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.
- (d) **Equalities Impact Assessment** - There are no equality impact implications arising from this report.

## 5. Summary

This item provides members with an update on recent activity, including that following

- a) Slough Youth Parliament's (SYP) presentation to the Wellbeing Board in July 2017; and
- b) the Partnership Conference in September 2017.

## 6. Supporting Information

6.1 At the last Slough Youth Parliament (SYP) presentation to the Wellbeing Board there was a request that a report be brought back on the progress made to address a number of issues identified by members and which may have wider impacts across the council, the Youth Parliament and the council. Members identified the following follow up actions and these are named and updated below:

### **1) That the SYP should be invited to the next meeting between the Council and Head teachers to discuss the provision of PHSE in Schools.**

Two representatives from SYP attended, and gave a presentation on the Parliament's intention to establish a local PHSE network, to the SBC / Head teachers & Governors Meeting on the 28th September. Following this meeting a small group has been established (comprising the Chair of Slough Association of Secondary Heads (SASH), the Head of Langley Grammar, PHSE leads from Langley Grammar and Wexham and youth Parliament reps) to develop a School Improvement funding bid to recruit two additional PSHE leads. The progress of this bid will be reviewed and next steps explored at SASH's next meeting on 22 November. A successful meeting also took place between Slough's MP and representatives from the Youth Parliament in September which secured his support for their campaign to include PSHE in the national school curriculum.

### **2) That a (follow up) report be considered by the Board on whether PHSE and Curriculum for Life could be rolled out to schools before the end of the year.**

The timing of this report is dependent on the successful resolution of the above activities. Once these details are available, the follow up report will be added to the Wellbeing Board's Forward Work Plan. The possibility of creating a PSHE Network for schools is being developed and will be discussed at the 22<sup>nd</sup> November SASH meeting.

### **3) That a letter be written to the relevant minister to endorse the manifesto priorities as good work of the SYP and to promote the importance of PHSE**

Update required.

### **4) Thames Valley Police (TVP) and SYP to identify opportunities to work together in the future (including the design of the next SYP survey into crime).**

Partnership work to design a follow up survey into young people's perception of crime will start later this month. This will be supported via the Council's One Council approach to community engagement.

**5) Those representatives are invited to the Young Carers conference.**

Young Carers conference to be planned for 2018, young people were invited to launch of young carers awareness week in June 2017. Young Carers Support Coordinator will be consulting with young people regarding how a future service and offer will be shaped.

**6) That an update be provided to the Board on Young People's bus fare concessions.**

Update required

**7) That information be circulated to the Board relating to the Slough Youth Awards and that partners use their networks to encourage nominations.**

This information was circulated to members immediately after the July meeting. Over 50 nominations for young people aged 11-19 (up to 25 with learning difficulties or disabilities) were received by the 25 September deadline. The award ceremony took place on 2 November 2017. Full details of this year's winner are available at <http://www.slough.gov.uk/young-people/slough-youth-awards.aspx>

**8) SYP to have a role in helping develop the Council's approach to mental health, wellbeing and diet**

This will be built in to the curriculum for life agenda via the PSHE network.

***Activity following the 2017 Partnership Conference***

**SYP engagement with Primary Schools**

*SYP representatives have been invited to attend the 20th March 2018 meeting of the Slough Primary Head teachers Association to explore the possibility of establishing a Junior Youth Parliament.*

**Other recent activity**

**Make Your Mark 2017: Thousands of young people have their say**

- *The annual Make Your Mark ballot asks young people aged 11-18 across the country to choose the top five issues that matter most to them.*
- *Slough achieved an 80 per cent turn out (the highest voter turn out in the country) as 9,368 young people chose from 10 big issues affecting their lives, including lowering the voting age to 16 and making public transport cheaper.*
- *Sixteen secondary schools took part in the ballot, as well as youth groups from the YES Consortium and the Young People's Service.*

- *The five issues with the most votes locally were:*
  - 1) *Work experience hubs for 11-18 year olds*
  - 2) *Making public transport cheaper*
  - 3) *A curriculum to prepare us for life*
  - 4) *Protecting school budgets from damaging cuts*
  - 5) *Votes at 16.*
- *Slough's Youth Parliament will now bring the results of the ballot to the attention of local decision makers, including local councillors, the MP for Slough and the Slough Association of Secondary Heads to discuss next steps.*
- *The top five issues nationally were:*
  - 1) *A curriculum to prepare us for life*
  - 2) *Making public transport cheaper*
  - 3) *Work Experience hubs for 11-18 year olds*
  - 4) *Votes at 16*
  - 5) *Protect LGBT+ People*
- *The national result will now go on to be debated by the UK Youth Parliament during their House of Commons sitting on 10 November, chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons, Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP and broadcast live on BBC Parliament.*
- *Slough's UKYP member will be represented at this debate for the third year running.*
- *Following the debate two issues will be shortlisted to become UKYP national campaigns for 2018.*

## 7. **Comments of Other Committees**

This report has not been discussed by any other committees.

## 8. **Conclusion**

- Officers have made good progress on the majority of actions identified at the July 2017 meeting as outlined above.
- Work will commence on the remaining items over the autumn/winter 2017.

## 7. **Appendices**

None.

## 8. **Background Papers**

None.