

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel

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PART I **FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION**

SLOUGH CHILDREN'S SERVICES TRUST – SECOND YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS

1. **Purpose of Report**

To provide the Education and Children's Services (ECS) Scrutiny Panel with an update on the progress made by the Slough Children's Services Trust (SCST) in its second year (October 2016 – October 2017).

2. **Recommendation**

The ECS Scrutiny Panel is requested to note the report and discuss the work of SCST.

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

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

The work of SCST supports the following priority of the Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy:

1. Protecting vulnerable children

3b. **Five Year Plan Outcomes**

The work of SCST supports the following outcome of the Five Year Plan:

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

4. **Other Implications**

a) **Financial**

There are no financial implications of the information in this report.

b) Risk Management

There are no risk management implications to the information in this report.

c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no Human Rights Act implications to the information in this report.

d) Equalities Impact Assessment

The compilation of this report has not necessitated an Equalities Impact Assessment.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 The ECS Scrutiny Panel took a report on the first year of SCST at its meeting on 26th October 2017. Given the importance of SCST's work in delivering improved outcomes for local children, the Panel has requested that it take an annual update providing an overview of progress made in the last 12 months.

5.2 In particular, the Panel are asked to note the work done to build on the first year of SCST's achievements. Having built the strong foundations in 2016 – 17, SCST has now undertaken improvements in the following areas:

- Governance
- Data quality
- Innovation
- Workforce

5.3 These areas are outlined in Appendix A, with more detail provided in the full report (Appendix B). The Panel is asked to read this information, evaluate the current position of SCST and provide ideas and support for its continued improvement in service provision during the period October 2017 – October 2018.

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

This report has not been taken by any other Committees of Slough Borough Council.

7. **Conclusion**

The ECS Scrutiny Panel is asked to take this opportunity to consider SCST's work in Slough and the role of members in supporting their efforts.

8. **Appendices Attached**

- 'A' - Summary of SCST's second year achievements
- 'B' - SCST 2017 – 18 report: "Our Second Year"

9. **Background Papers**

- '1' - ECS Scrutiny Panel Agenda Papers, 26th October 2016