

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Health Scrutiny Panel

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PART I **FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION**

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE WELLBEING BOARD AND HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

1. **Purpose of Report**

To ensure that joint working between the Slough Wellbeing Board (SWB) and Health Scrutiny Panel improves the impact of both bodies and delivers improved outcomes for local residents.

2. **Recommendations**

The Health Scrutiny Panel is recommended to:

- Ensure that work programmes are shared between SWB and the Health Scrutiny Panel;
- Ensure that arising key risks or concerns identified by SWB and the Health Scrutiny Panel are shared between the 2 committees;
- Identify areas where work with SWB would be mutually beneficial; and
- Identify specific actions to take jointly with SWB 2018 – 19

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

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

The work of SWB is designed around the SJWS, and therefore reflects its 4 stated priorities:

1. Protecting vulnerable children
2. Increasing life expectancy by focusing on inequalities
3. Improving mental health and wellbeing
4. Housing

3b. **Five Year Plan Outcomes**

Improved collaboration between SWB and the Panel will help deliver the following FYP outcomes:

1. Slough children will grow up to be happy, healthy and successful
2. Our people will be healthier and manage their own care needs

4. **Other Implications**

(a) **Financial**

There are no financial implications of the actions proposed in this report.

(b) **Risk Management**

The following risks are associated with the recommendations made in Section 2:

Recommendation	Risks/Threats/ Opportunities	Current Controls	Future Controls
Ensure that information is shared between SWB and the Health Scrutiny Panel (including work programmes)	At present, the lack of information sharing is leading to inefficient use of SBC resources	The Protocol between SWB, Healthwatch Slough and the Health Scrutiny Panel (Appendix A)	Sharing of work programmes between SWB and the Panel
Ensure that information is shared between SWB and the Health Scrutiny Panel on key risks or concerns	Lack of shared intelligence means that developments which could be anticipated are not at present	The Protocol	Formalisation of relationship between Chairs of SWB and the Panel
Work with SWB on issues that would be mutually beneficial	The limited joint work of the two bodies means that the impact of both is not fully utilised	The Protocol	SWB and Panel to consider areas for joint work and suitable events to support this

(c) **Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications**

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

(d) **Equalities Impact Assessment**

No Equalities Impact Assessment will be required by the recommendations in this report.

5. **Supporting Information**

Background

5.1 The need for co-operation between SWB and the Panel has been identified for some time. To this end, the Panel and SWB adopted a protocol on joint work between themselves and Healthwatch Slough. This was agreed in October 2016 and has been renewed by SWB in January 2018. Amongst the stated aims of this protocol are to ensure that:

- Work is well co-ordinated with no duplication of effort.
- We achieve more by working together

The Protocol was formed after meetings with Surrey County Council, where their arrangements have seen the 2 committees working alongside partner organisations on a range of issues (e.g. integration of adult social care services, mental health services for children and adolescents).

5.2 However, this has not led to greater joint working between the 2 bodies in Slough. Whilst there have been some instances of joint work (e.g. the workshop on Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships held on 14th June 2017), these have been isolated and not part of a wider integrated plan. Whilst officers are holding regular meetings to ensure that the work programmes of SWB and the Panel are aligned, it is also important for scrutiny work to be member led. As a result, the Panel is being asked for its input on the matter.

Planning for the future

5.3 Given the fact that scrutiny is now planning for the 2018 – 19 Municipal Year, members are asked to use this agenda item to consider what possible opportunities the future may bring for co-operation. The recommendations outline some overall ways of doing this, but specific commitments may also help give this substance and momentum. These could potentially include:

- Regular meetings of the Chairs of SWB and the Panel outside of the cycle of committee meetings to co-ordinate their work programmes and share information
- Organising joint meetings or workshops investigating specific issues of joint interest
- Half yearly reports from the Chair of SWB to the Panel providing an overview of the body's work
- Taking part in SWBs campaigns throughout 2018 – 19:
 - Mental Health (July – September 2018)
 - Poverty (October – December 2018)
 - Obesity (ongoing throughout 2018 – 19)
- Participation in Annual Partnership conference – October 2018

5.4 Crucial to any of these potential commitments, or the recommendations made in Section 2, is the identification of the most productive areas of joint interest for co-operation. By doing this, concrete examples of joint working will be initiated, leading to greater permanence in the working relationship and increasing the impact of the work of both bodies.

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

The Protocol attached as Appendix A was considered and approved by SWB at its meeting on 25th January 2018.

7. **Conclusion**

The Panel should consider how its priorities can be enhanced by conducting joint work with SWB.

8. **Appendices Attached**

'A' - Protocol for SWB, Healthwatch Slough and Health Scrutiny Panel

9. **Background Papers**

None.