

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel

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PART I **FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION**

JOINT PARENTING PANEL QUARTERLY UPDATE

1. **Purpose of Report**

This report provides Members with an update on the work of the Joint Parenting Panel (JPP) since the last report taken by the Panel on 17th July 2018.

2. **Recommendations**

That Members note and comment as appropriate on the report.

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

3a. **Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy**

The JPP supports the following priority:

- Protecting vulnerable children

3b. **Five Year Plan**

The work of the JPP also supports the following Outcome:

- Slough children will grow up to be happy, healthy and successful.

4. **Other Implications**

(a) **Financial**

There are no financial implications relating to this report.

(b) **Risk Management**

The role of the JPP is to scrutinise the work of partners in the discharge of their corporate parenting role. This work is already contained within the service planning and risk management framework of the relevant Council Directorates and other agencies and there are no direct risk management matters relating to this report.

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no Human Rights Act Implications relating to this report.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

None required.

5. **Supporting Information**

Meetings since 17 July 2018: JPP 26 July 2018; Corporate Parenting Training 25 September 2019; JPP 4 October 2018

- 5.1 JPP 26 July 2018 – There was no scheduled “thematic” discussion at this meeting. However, as JPP included a number of new elected members, the opportunity was taken to recap on key elements of the corporate parenting role and a “look back” of the previous JPP meetings since June 2017 so that members had a resume of previous thematic discussions and their impact on outcomes for children in care. Key references relating to the corporate parenting role included the 7 corporate parenting principles as set out in the Children & Social Work Act 2017 (CSWA 2017) and the 10 Key Lines of Enquiry for elected members from the Local Government Association’s Corporate Parenting Resource Pack (LGA 2017). Appendix A provides details of member attendance.
- 5.2 Corporate Parenting Training 25 September 2018 – The training event included presentations from SBC / Trust, a Slough Foster Carer and a video made by a Slough young person about their experience being one of our children looked after. The event received very positive feedback although attendance numbers could have been higher. A copy of the slide presentation was circulated to all members after the event. Appendix B provides details of member attendance, including for the previous training held on 7 February 2018, with a breakdown by all members, JPP and Education and Children’s Services Scrutiny Panel..
- 5.3 JPP 4 October 2018 – The thematic discussion at this meeting related to Priority 6 of the Corporate Parenting Strategy: *Our children looked-after and young people will be supported to have good health and wellbeing*. An annual report covering 2017/18 was presented by the Clinical Commissioning Group’s (CCG) Designated Nurse Children in Care. Key achievements include:
- The establishment and implementation of an East Berkshire wide multiagency Children in Care Group, as a sub group of the East Berkshire Health Economy Safeguarding Group to provide better links with the respective Corporate Parenting Panels.
 - The creation of a South East Designated Nurse and Doctor network Group to share intelligence and good practice across health / local authorities.
 - A review and refresh of the Escalation Protocol to include multiagency as well as single agency escalation.
 - The successful completion of a care leaver’s emotional health audit across the three East Berkshire CCG areas, so as to inform priorities going forward.
 - The sharing of regular reports to the respective East Berkshire Corporate Parenting Panels on specific areas where there have been difficulties in progressing health assessments. In Slough there was a delay in carrying out the initial health assessments. This prompted a CCG led systems review across East Berkshire.

Key priorities for 2018/19 include:

- A systems review of the Initial and Review Health assessment process – as noted above, the learning from this was reported to Slough’s Joint Parenting Panel and a way forward agreed with an improvement in performance.
- To continue to escalate concerns and issues to the Corporate Parenting Panels, the LSCBs and East Berkshire Safeguarding Strategic Group.
- To widen the Thames Valley Designated LAC Nurse Network to include Hampshire and Surrey (consistent with the Frimley “footprint”).
- To feed into the National Group via the regional network.
- To review the Escalation Protocol for effectiveness and match data returns.

5.4 A draft refresh of the Corporate Parenting Strategy was presented to JPP for comment. A final draft will be presented to the JPP meeting on 12 December 2018 to ensure publication ahead of the expected Ofsted ILACS (Inspection of Local Authority Children’s Services) in 2019.

Future Meetings of the JPP

5.5 The remaining meetings of the JPP in 2018/19 cycle will be held on 12 December 2018 and 18 April 2019. The next report from the JPP to Scrutiny panel is scheduled to be taken on 17 April 2019. Members should note that meetings of the JPP are private, and therefore its agenda papers are not in the public domain.

6. Comments of Other Committees

This report has not been taken by any other committees at Slough Borough Council.

7. Conclusion

Members are invited to note and comment on this update of the JPP, covering the meetings held on 26th July and 4th October 2018.

8. Appendices

‘A’ - Attendance by Councillors at JPP Meetings

‘B’ - Attendance at Training Events

‘C’ - East Berkshire CCG Looked After Children Annual Report 2017/18

9. Background Papers

None.