

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Slough Wellbeing Board

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PART I **FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION**

WIDER DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH – PRIORITIES FOR SLOUGH

1. Purpose of Report

- To further develop and refine the discussion about the wider determinants of health (WDH) which worsen health and wellbeing and health inequalities in Slough. The original paper identifies up to 5 WDH which could be agreed to be prioritised amongst Board partners. (The choice of 3 of these WDH would allow some alignment with the chosen priority areas for the Frimley Integrated Care System (ICS)).

2. Recommendations

The Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Consider the 5 priority areas proposed for the wider determinants of health (which are based on the evidence and local data) and agree the priority one(s) to take forward.

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

3a. Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

The current programme is aimed at supporting local residents to improve their health and wellbeing through improved prevention and early detection as provided through the national immunisation and screening programmes. This work supports all four of the Joint Wellbeing Strategy priorities:

- 1) Protecting vulnerable children
- 2) Increasing life expectancy by focussing on inequalities
- 3) Improving mental health and wellbeing
- 4) Housing

Some nationally prescribed data related to the wider determinants of health already contributes to our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and identification of priority

areas will enhance that and our understanding of the needs and health inequalities of our population.

3b. **Five Year Plan Outcomes**

The primary outcomes where delivery will be enhanced by the paper are:

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

However, depending on the choice of wider determinants prioritised, this may have direct and indirect impacts on achievement of Outcomes 3, 4 or 5.

Outcome 3: Slough will be an attractive place where people choose to live, work and visit

Outcome 4: Our residents will have access to good quality homes

Outcome 5: Slough will attract, retain and grow businesses and investment to provide jobs and opportunities for our residents.

4. **Other Implications**

(a) Financial

There are no financial implications directly resulting from the recommendations of this report and outlined activities are within the current budget and resources.

(b) Risk Management - None

There are no identified risks associated with the proposed actions.

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no Human Rights Act implications to the content of this report

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

The content of this report does not require an Equalities Impact Assessment.

5. **Supporting Information**

Context

5.1 The Slough Wellbeing Board has been considering how best to tackle the wider determinants of health (WDH) and where best to prioritise and focus action in order to reduce health inequalities. The Board recognises the various other, sometimes competing, strategic drivers and priorities across member organisations (including the Frimley Health and Care Integrated Care System (ICS)) and its role in building consensus and providing leadership to agree a shared focus of energy and resources for Slough.

5.2 The attached paper outlines the rationale for 5 options for wider determinant topic areas which may have varying appeal to Board members. (There is a more extensive appendix to the original paper which outlines the evidence, local data and some known local activity.) The first three priorities have been proposed at a Frimley 'system' level but recognising Slough's local 'place' priorities, 2 further possible

options - employment and business and serious youth violence have also been proposed. In total, the 5 priority options are:

1. Housing
2. Planning
3. Asset based approach to support community health/wellbeing/resilience:
4. Employment and Business
5. Serious youth violence

5.3 It should be noted that Housing is already one of the Wellbeing Board's chosen strategic priorities.

5.4 The Health and Care Partnership Board considered this paper on Mon 25 Feb 2019 and with the NHS and Slough Borough Council (SBC) colleagues present, were able to agree on a focus around asset based community development. This priority already resonates with a recently proposed partnership between SBC, East Berkshire CCG and Slough CVS with Oasis, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) who specialise in community-embedded work at a national level.

5.5 The asset based community development also chimes with the Council's near-finalised Five Year Plan which includes piloting community development amongst 3 more deprived areas in Slough as part of its work to create 'strong, healthy and attractive' neighbourhoods. From previous discussions at the Wellbeing Board, there would also appear to be potential harmony with other Board Members' existing strategic drivers around building community and shifting the focus towards strengthening communities' capacity to support themselves.

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

6.1 The paper was considered by the Health and Care Partnership Board on 26 Feb 2019 as outlined in para 5.3. Following discussion, the Board agreed on one priority wider determinant - asset-based community development. A task & finish group is to be convened to consider scoping this work but informed by the Wellbeing Board's selection of priorities.

7. **Conclusion**

7.1.1 The Wellbeing Board is keen to provide leadership and gain consensus around tackling some of the wider determinants of health with the recognition of their beneficial impact on reducing health inequalities.

7.1.2 Five potential priority wider determinants of health (WDH) which impact health and wellbeing in Slough are proposed. Housing is already a priority of the Wellbeing Board. The first three allow full alignment with Frimley ICS – housing, planning and asset based community development. In addition, employment and business and serious youth violence have been proposed to reflect Slough's particular local needs.

7.1.3 The Board is asked to consider these wider determinants – do they feel like the right ones for Slough; which one(s) will we focus on?

8. **Appendices**

1. Wider determinants of health: Priorities for Slough paper. Dated 15 Feb 2019.

9. **Background Papers**

None