

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Health Scrutiny Panel

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PART I **FOR COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION**

UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF DISABILITY TASK AND FINISH GROUP

1. **Purpose of Report**

To provide members of the Health Scrutiny Panel an update on the progress of implementation of the recommendations of the Disability Task and Finish Group.

2. **Recommendations/Proposed Action**

That the Panel provide comments on the progress of the implementation of the recommendations of the disability task and finish group.

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

- 3.1 The Health Scrutiny Panel, along with the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and other Scrutiny Panels combine to meet the local authority's statutory requirement to provide public transparency and accountability, ensuring the best outcomes for the residents of Slough.
- 3.2 The effective scrutiny of the council's decision making and work in the area of health and social care underpins the delivery of all four of the Joint Slough Wellbeing Strategy priorities:
- Starting Well
 - Integration
 - Strong, healthy and attractive neighbourhoods
 - Workplace Health
- 3.3 The work of the Health Scrutiny Panel also reflects the following priorities of the Five Year Plan:
- 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.

4. **Other Implications**

(a) Financial

There are no financial implications of proposed action.

(b) Risk Management

There are no risk management implications of proposed action.

(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 Equalities implications arising from this report.

5. **Supporting Information**

- 5.1 The Health Scrutiny Disability Task and Finish group provided a set of recommendations (see Appendix A) for council officers to implement.
- 5.2 Updates on the progress of the implementation of these recommendations were provided in written format to the Health Scrutiny Panel at the meeting on the 20th November 2019. At this meeting, members of the panel expressed concerns that council officers were not doing enough to implement the recommendations in the desired time frame. During discussions of the work programme, the panel requested a verbal update on progress from key council officers. In particular, the panel requested to speak to relevant officers from the planning, licensing, parking and transport teams.
- 5.3 Officers from the relevant teams provided information regarding the implementation of the recommendations ahead of the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel on the 8th September 2020. Officers from the planning, licensing and transport teams also attended the meeting in order to answer questions from members. No member of staff from the parking team attended the meeting.
- 5.4 At the meeting on the 8th September, members of the Health Scrutiny Panel requested a further update on this work at a later meeting. This update was scheduled for the meeting on the 14th January.
- 5.5 Officers from the planning, licensing, parking and transport teams have been requested to provide updated information relating to their progress on implementing these recommendations. This information can be found in Appendix Two.
- 5.4 The relevant officers have been requested to attend the meeting in person, in order to present their update on progress, and take questions from members of the panel.

6. **Conclusion**

This report, and the appendixes attached, is intended to provide the Health Scrutiny Panel with an update on the progress of implementation of the recommendations of the disability Task and Finish Group.

7. **Appendices Attached**

A – Disability Task and Finish Group – Recommendation Grid
B – Disability Task and Finish Group – Update Slides

8. **Background Papers**

None.