

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Panel

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PART I **FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION**

EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL **2020– 21 WORK PROGRAMME**

1. **Purpose of Report**

1.1 For the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel (ECS Scrutiny Panel) to discuss its current work programme.

2. **Recommendations/Proposed Action**

2.1 That the Panel review the current work programme for the 2020-21 municipal year, and propose future topics for scrutiny as appropriate.

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

3.1 The Council's decision-making and the effective scrutiny of it underpins the delivery of all the Joint Slough Wellbeing Strategy priorities. The ECS 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 work of the ECS Scrutiny Panel also reflects the priorities of the Five Year Plan, in particular the following:

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

4. **Supporting Information**

4.1 The current work programme is based on the discussions of the ECS Scrutiny Panel at previous meetings, looking at requests for consideration of issues from officers and issues that have been brought to the attention of Members outside of the Panel's meetings.

4.2 The work programme is a flexible document which will be continually open to review throughout the municipal year.

5. **Conclusion**

5.1 This report is intended to provide the ECS Scrutiny Panel with the opportunity to review its upcoming work programme and make any amendments it feels are required.

6. **Appendices Attached**

A - Work Programme for 2020 - 21 Municipal Year

7. **Background Papers**

None.

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2020/21

THEMES FOR 2020/21 DEVELOPMENT:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme 1- Training & Skills Development Theme 2- COVID-19 Impact on Education 	
Potential Task and Finish Group / Site Visits:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windsor Forest Group/ Colleges on their offer Solutions for Health (0-19 Service) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Osbourne Apprenticeships
Meeting Date:	
21st October 2020 Theme 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on SBC's offer with apprenticeships (Inclusive Skills Growth Strategy) Community Learning and Skills Training Provider- JGA Developing Futures 	
3rd December 2020 Theme 1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Academy Youth Offer Slough Academy 	

**4th February 2021
Theme 1 & 2**

- NEET- Comparison figures on pre-COVID19 and during/post COVID19

Impact of COVID-19 on Education:

- Learning Gaps in Primary and Secondary Schools
- Safeguarding Children
- Annual Education Standards report 2018/19 (due to 2020 exam cancellations there will be no performance tables)

**16th March 2021
Theme 2**

Impact of COVID-19 on Social Care

- Early Years- Children Centres, staffing, families etc.
- The Trust- Vulnerable children, CIP, CIN, staffing, resources
- Parenting in Slough, Multi-Agency Strategy- Michael Jarrett
- Youth Offending Report

**20th April 2021
Statutory Reports**

- Slough Children's Services Trust Annual Report.
- Progress made since Ofsted ILACS inspection*
- Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report

Outstanding/Pending Items

- Training- Employment skills and Learning Opportunities Post-16 (*focus on performance, outcomes for Slough students*):
 - Further Education Offers
 - Kick-Start
 - Local employer engagement