

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Panel

DATE: 20th March 2021

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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 2020/21 work programme.

2. **Recommendations/Proposed Action**

2.1 None.

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. **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 meeting on the 20th April is the last Education and Children Services Scrutiny meeting in the 2020/21 municipal year. As such there is no future work programme for the panel to consider.

5.2 In the new municipal year the overview and scrutiny function will be rearranged to create a new organisational structure. The new People Scrutiny Panel will scrutinise topics discussed so far under the Education and Children Services Scrutiny Panel. The work programme is a flexible document which will be continually open to review throughout the municipal year.

5.3 The complete work programme for this municipal year has been provided for reference.

6. **Conclusion**

6.1 This is the last meeting of the Education and Children Services Scrutiny Panel for this municipal year. There is no future work programme for the panel to consider.

7. **Appendices Attached**

A - Work Programme for 2020 - 21 Municipal Year

8. **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)

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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