

APPENDIX A: SCRUTINY TASK GROUP: SCOPE & PROGRESS REPORTING



TOPIC	Developing Community Involvement between Slough Children First and Community and Faith Groups based in Slough	UPDATED	11 March 2024
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SUMMARY:

Scrutiny Officer	Michael Edley	Task Group members	
Project Leads	Fanny Jacob: Head of Referral and Assessment Slough Children First Ben Short: Director of Operations Slough Children First		
Strategic Lead	Sue Butcher: Chief Executive of Slough Children First, Director of People (Children).	Other stakeholders	

Desired Outcomes arising from scrutiny	Objectives	Outputs
<p>That staff in Slough Children First (SCF) develop an increased knowledge of, and purposeful involvement with, Community and Faith Groups across the borough working with children and families to support joint working with the aim of improving outcomes for Slough's Children in Need.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Task and Finish Group will have implications for the work of the People (Children) directorate which provides educational support services including support for children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To establish an overview of SCF's involvement with Community and Faith groups across the Borough. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 'map' of Community and Faith groups, and their remit which can be built upon as information becomes available. (Faith groups are already part of the Early Help implementation group) Shared information between SCF and community and faith groups. (regular 'touch points' between leaders in SCF, SBC and community and faith groups) Increased presence of partnership working across social media and Websites

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with special educational needs and disabilities. (SEND). This will be assumed throughout the document.		
That Community and Faith groups have a wider understanding of the remit of Slough Children First and where joint working will add mutual value to each other's work and values.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve, where appropriate, working relationships and trust between these groups and SCF with the intention of gaining their trust and establishing joint working relationships. 	
The engagement of Community and Faith groups where there is limited or no engagement at present and to improve involvement where there are already existing relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify Community and Faith Groups where there is currently no involvement with SCF and contact these groups to improve the overall involvement and support of children in need. 	
In Scope	Out of Scope	Critical Success Factors
Community and Faith groups based in Slough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community and Faith groups that relate solely to adults Organisations based outside of the Borough (unless they have an 'in-Borough' remit Schools National and regional organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active engagement by staff in SCF including the capacity to do so – 'named community champions' Willingness of Community and Faith groups to engage with SCF. Establishing trust between SCF and agencies/organisations involved in this exercise. Understanding of the different languages used by Community and Faith groups

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that the work of this Task and Finish group keeps to its objectives and does not become unwieldy. Buy-in of SCF's Company Board

Outcome (above)	Work streams	Objectives	Outputs/milestones	Target Date / Completed
That staff in Slough Children First (SCF) have an increased knowledge and purposeful involvement with Community and Faith Groups across the borough working with children and families to support joint working with the aim of improving outcomes for Slough's Children in Need.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To establish a baseline of current involvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A map of community and faith groups, and their remit, where there is already some involvement with SCF 	April 2024
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To update the map and ensure that there is a system to update it on a regular basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A map that is updated at regular intervals to ensure it remains fit for purpose 	July 2024
That Community and Faith groups have a wider understanding of Slough Children First's remit and where joint working will add mutual value to each other's work.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An event bringing together staff in SCF and colleagues in Community and Faith groups to share and develop the results of the Task and Finish group and set aims for ongoing joint working. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event held and forward plan to take place at agreed intervals 	July 2024

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted event such as 'speed dating' to provide an overview of the different type of work undertaken by SCF Faith and Community groups 'market stalls' open event to Children's Services to increase community awareness 		
Increased presence of partnership working across social media and Websites		Shared communication opportunities to celebrate 'good news', resources and promote key events	Enhanced communication plan	July 24
Active engagement by relevant staff in SCF including the capacity to do so – 'named community champions'		Named SCF staff or teams to act as key contacts or champions identified to keep ongoing awareness	Improved relationships Children and families benefit from staff who can support them to access their community	July 24