

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Panel

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PART I **FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION**

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

1. **Purpose of Report**

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

2. **Recommendations/Proposed Action**

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 past work programmes have been 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 current work programme will look at the recent COVID-19 crisis and how this has impacted the various elements that fall under the remit of analysis by the ECS Scrutiny Panel.

4.3 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 suggestions and necessary amendments it feels are required.

6. **Appendices Attached**

A – Draft Work Programme for 2020- 21 Municipal Year

7. **Background Papers**

None.