

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION
15 JULY 2010

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report invites the Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Commission to consider a proposal by the Children, Young People and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Panel to establish a working group to undertake a review of the take up and organisation of school meals in the Borough. The Commission's decision needs to be taken in the context of the overall position on the approved Overview and Scrutiny work programme.

2 SUGGESTED ACTION

- 2.1 **That the Overview and Scrutiny Commission determines whether to approve a working group review of the take up and organisation of school meals, including its timing, in the context of the overall position on the approved Overview and Scrutiny work programme.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 At its meeting on 28 January 2010, the O&S Commission resolved that O&S working group reviews should only commence after approval from the O&S Commission. This was one of the measures taken by the Commission, when considering the O&S Work Programme and the reduction in officer resources. The programme does not currently include a review of school meals.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 28 January 2010, the O&S Commission also resolved that working groups should be limited to three or four at any one time. The attached table summarises the current position on the approved O&S Work Programme, showing the equivalent of three major reviews underway, with others at the closing stages, but still requiring some time. Furthermore, completing the programme in 2010-11 is unlikely to be achievable if new reviews are included.
- 3.3 Under the Council's Constitution, there is a requirement to consult the Executive and CMT on changes to the O&S Work Programme, and this has not commenced for a review of school meals as it is not in the current programme.

Background Papers

None.

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Overview and Scrutiny Working Groups – Position at 1 July 2010

	O&S Commission	Adult Social Care Panel	Environment, Culture and Communities	Health Panel	Children, Young People and Learning	Joint East Berks Health Committee
Reviews in progress	Partnership Scrutiny programme ¹ (RB)	Personalisation – Safeguarding Adults (AC)			Safeguarding Children (RB)	
Reviews in draft report stage						Hospital Car Park Charges (Slough BC)
Reviews in closing stages	Severe Winter Weather		1. Council and Housing Tax Benefits 2. Supporting People	Preparedness for Public Health Emergencies		
Other Reviews in 2010-11 Work Programme, not yet commenced	Sustaining Economic Prosperity ²		Highway Maintenance ³	The New NHS Constitution The New 'Healthspace' in Bracknell	English as an Additional Language (follow up)	A prospective review later in 2010-11 (yet to be determined)

¹ To draw together the results of the partnership scrutiny work in the Commission, the O&S Panels, and in collaboration with the BFP O&S Group, formulate conclusions and recommendations, including proposals for the future O&S of the partnership, and an annual report of that group as required in its terms of reference

² To review the service plans for the Council's new Priority 6, to sustain the economic prosperity of the Borough during the current economic downturn.

³ To resume the review of the Council's plans and performance for highway maintenance.

