

# Slough Borough Council

<b>Report To:</b>	Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee
<b>Date:</b>	9 December 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Report of the NEETS Task and Finish Group
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<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix A – Report of the NEETS Task and Finish Group

## 1. Summary and Recommendations

### Summary

- 1.1 This report (Appendix A) provides an account of the work of the NEETS Task and Finish Group between its launch in February 2025 to its end in September 2025.
- 1.2 It summarises the reflections of members around the NEETs service, their consideration of the information that was provided to them, and what recommendations they developed as a result of the discussions that were had
- 1.3 The report makes a series of recommendations for the committee to consider putting to the Cabinet/Executive Director for their consideration

## 2. Recommendation/s/request for direction from the committee

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to:
  - a) Note the findings in the report;
  - b) Approve the recommendations within the report

## 3. Report

- 3.1 The body of this report can be found in Appendix A

## 4. Implications Financial implications

This is a non decision-making report so there are no direct financial implications

Where recommendations are made to Cabinet that require financial considerations, they will be considered in the report to Cabinet

### Legal implications

The Local Government Act 2000 introduced a new political management system for local councils in England and Wales, requiring them to have a separate 'executive' in the form of a leader, or elected mayor, and cabinet. To provide a counterweight for this, the Act also introduced the concept of 'overview and scrutiny' – sometimes referred to simply as 'scrutiny' – whereby every council with an executive management structure is required to have an overview and scrutiny committee. This enables the rest of the council to scrutinise the executive by investigating their decisions and policies, and issuing reports and recommendations where any shortcomings are identified. Equalities

### **Risk management implications**

Overview and Scrutiny, commonly referred to as Scrutiny, is a statutory function and is currently subject to government direction in Slough. It is important that topics selected by the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee clearly contribute to the overall improvement drivers for the council, in order to demonstrate that the conditions of the government intervention are being met.

### **Environmental implications**

There are no known environmental implications arising from this report.

### **Equality implications**

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## **5. Appendices**

### **Appendix A: Report of the NEETS Task and Finish Group**