

		AGENDA ITEM 8
		PAF/17/13
Committee:	People and Families Scrutiny Committee	
Date:	5 December 2013	
<u>Scrutiny Work Programme</u>		
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**Purpose of the Paper:**

To provide an update on the Tracker and work programme

**2013/14 SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER AND WORK PROGRAMME**

COMMITTEE: PEOPLE & FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE								
PRE-MEETING					POST-MEETING		AGREED ACTION & IMPLEMENTATION	
SCRUTINY ITEM & REF.	APPROACH	SCOPING DOCUMENT	LEAD OFFICER	COMMITTEE DATE	OUTCOMES, ACTIONS ARISING & UPDATES	RESPONSIBLE MEMBER/OFFICER	IMPACT/ ACTION REVIEW DATE	IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW DATE AND OUTCOME
Sensory Services Recommendation to the Cabinet Member (COP/25/12)	T & F Group (Chairman: Cllr Mike Garnett)		Tony Sheill/Maria Warren	13-Sep-12	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> ECC should commission a new integrated service on the open market via the councils regulated procurement process.	Cllr John Aldridge	Dec-13	<b>UPDATE:</b> A revised recommendation to be submitted for Committee approval, prior to receipt by Cabinet Member. An update will be delivered to the Committee in <b>December 2013</b> .
Mental Health Annual Reports of the Two Partnership Trusts (COP/35/12)	Full Committee		Caroline Robinson	08-Nov-12	<b>RESOLVED:</b> The Annual Report for 2012/13 should be presented in <b>November 2013</b> . Scrutiny Board to decide whether the P&F Scrutiny Committee or HOSC will receive the Annual Report in 2013 and beyond.	Caroline Robinson	Nov-13	<b>UPDATE:</b> The Annual Reports from the Mental Health Partnerships are now received by HOSC; and were delivered to the November 2013 meeting of that Committee. <b>NO FURTHER ACTION</b>
Occupational Therapy (COP/02/13)	Full Committee		John Mackinnon	10-Jan-13	<b>RESOLVED:</b> Officers to produce a report for the February 2013 meeting, which provides full details of the problems, including numbers of delays by area, and relevant budget/spending.	John Mackinnon	Oct-13	<b>UPDATE:</b> The Committee will receive a further update in the <b>winter 2013/14</b> as well as progress on DFG discussions with District/Borough/City Councils

All Age Disability Framework (COP/11/13)	Task and Finish Group		Barbara Herts	14-Mar-13	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b></p> <p>The cost benefits of a computer system to be implemented that allows Children's, Adults and Health Services to 'talk to each other' which allow for a universal care record. This should be a financial priority. A small Members focus group be established to follow the project through to implementation</p>		Sep-13	<p><b>UPDATE:</b> The All Age Disability Strategic Framework will be incorporated into People Commissioning as part of the new approach to commissioning services for disabled children, young people and adults and those with special educational needs. It will act as a set of guiding principles for commissioners across the Council. Health partners are supportive of the approach and will adopt the framework as colleagues work together to develop fully integrated commissioning strategies in areas such as LD and emotional health and wellbeing services for children and young people. The Committee is asked to note the progress and maintain a watching brief. Therefore, the Task and Finish Group is placed in hiatus.</p>
Ageing Well (COP/16/13)	Task and Finish Group			11-Apr-13	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Scrutiny Board would consider the Report (and the 15 recommendations therein) at its first meeting following the County Council elections in May 2013. A decision in terms of attributing the recommendations across Portfolios and Committees will be</p>	Chairman of the Scrutiny Board/Cabinet Members	Jan-14	<p><b>UPDATE:</b> The Scrutiny Board referred the recommendations within the report to the relevant Cabinet Members in June 2013. Therefore, the impact review date is <b>December 2013</b>. Cabinet Members have been requested to respond to the November meeting of the Committee prior to the impact review date. The Cabinet Member responses will be received in <b>January 2014</b>.</p>

Children's Partnership Review (CYP 7 Feb 13, minute 4)	Full Committee		Roger Bullen	07-Feb-13	<b>RESOLVED:</b> A chart and explanation of the future structure of children's partnership arrangements was requested alongside regular progress reports	Roger Bullen	Jan-14	<b>UPDATE:</b> The Children's Partnership Board has been re-established with revised Terms of Reference. The Board met for the first time (Chaired by Cllr Madden) in May 2013. A revised Children, Young People and Families Plan has been developed drawing together the national priorities for improving outcomes for Children and Young People in Essex. The Plan is due for endorsement by Cabinet and the HWB in September 2013. The Committee is asked to note progress and maintain a watching brief.
Families with Complex Needs (CYP/01/13)	Full Committee		Alastair Gibbons/ Philippa Bull	07-Jan-13	<b>RESOLVED:</b> A progress report for early 2014 has been requested		Jan-14	
Children's Centres (CYP/02/13) and Early Years	Task and Finish Group		Tim Coulson	07-Jan-13	<b>RESOLVED:</b> A progress report during the autumn of 2013 was requested	Cllr Graham Butland	Nov-13	<b>UPDATE:</b> Task and Finish Group membership established. Membership (Cllr's Butland, Chandler, Mc Ewen; and Richard Carson and Rev. Richard Jordan). Initial full Committee report to be received January 2014.
Special Educational Needs and Disability (CYP/03/13) and (PAF/04/13)	Task and Finish Group		Karen Jones	04-Jul-13	<b>RESOLVED:</b> An interim progress report was received in July 2013	Cllr Theresa Higgins	Sep-13	<b>UPDATE:</b> Task and Finish Group re-established. Membership (Cllr's Higgins, Gadsby, Honeywood and Rev. Richard Jordan). Meets on 30 September 2013. A report on the strategy to be received on <b>5 December 2013</b> .

Carers Strategy	Task and Finish Group		Kathryn Chard	12-Sep-13		Cllr Theresa Higgins	Oct-13	<b>UPDATE:</b> Task and Finish Group to be re-established. Membership (Cllr's Higgins, Chandler, Gadsby and Howard). A meeting with officers taking place on 7 October to move the issue forward. The strategy is likely to be on hold until spring 2014.
The Deanes School (PAF/03/13)	Task and Finish Group and Full Committee (for reatification and call-in)		Tim Coulson	04-Jul-13	<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> There is insufficient evidence to close The deanes School on the basis of current evidence, and a repositioned school could be a success and offer an alternative to other schools in the area. Before reaching any decisions on the future of the School the Cabinet Member is requested to review carefully his proposal to consult on its closure taking into account the following points that are drawn from the main body of the scrutiny report: Governance Arrangements, Housing Demand and Pupil Forecasting Data, Other Local Schools, School's Business Case,	Cllr Graham Butland	Sep-13	<b>UPDATE:</b> Task and Finish Group established on 4 July 2013. Five evidence sessions and final report published with recommendation to Cabinet Member on 30 August. Report was ratified on 12 September meeting of the Committee. Cabinet decision called-in by six Members of teh Committee. Call-ins heard on 14 November. Committee voted 9:6 to refer decision back to the decision-taker (The Cabinet) - there was unanimity amongst the Committee that the decision be referred either to The Cabinet of Full Council. Special meeting of The Cabinet convened on 28 November.

Children in Care	Task and Finish Group			12-Sep-13		Cllr Norman Hume	Feb-14	<b>UPDATE:</b> Task and Finish Group established. Membership (Cllr's Hume, Blackwell, Gadsby, McEwen, McGeorge and Rev. Richard Jordan). Task and Finish Group has met twice on 9 October (witnesses Councillor Madden and Helen Lincoln) and 27 November (scrutiny review scoped).
Proposal for partnership working between the Committee and the YEA (PAF/08/13)	Full Committee		Clare Ratcliffe/ Sheila Woodward/ Lee McDermid	12-Sep-13		Clare Ratcliffe	Oct-13	<b>UPDATE:</b> Cllr's Butland, Blackwell, Deakin and McGeorge attended YEA Cabinet on 11 October 2013 to discuss potential future work. Potential areas for joint-working were established and will be taken forward.
Home to School Transport (PAF//13)	Full Committee			05-Dec-13		Cllr Ray Gooding		
ECC Youth Strategy (PAF//13)	Full Committee			05-Dec-13		Cllr Ray Gooding		
EssexCares	Full Committee		Liz Chidgey	16-Jan-14		Cllr Anthony Jackson (Chairman <i>EssexCares</i> )		