

People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee: 21 December 2018
Work programme (subject to further investigation, scoping and evaluation) for 2018/19 municipal year

| Date/timing | Issue/Topic | Focus/other comments | Approach |
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| Items identified for formal scrutiny in full committee | | | |
| TBC | Gangs/County Lines | Referral from Full Council and also identified during work planning discussions in December 2018. | TBC - Discussions underway with officers. |
| TBC | Special Educational Needs | Identified during work planning discussions in December 2018. | TBC - Discussions underway with officers. |
| TBC | Young Carers Service | A new service has been delivered in-house by ECC from 1 April 2018. The Cabinet decision was called-in but later withdrawn after an informal meeting with the Cabinet Member. | (i) Post-implementation review of new service (six months after Contract commencement) as agreed as part of the withdrawal of the call-in. (ii) Identify any further follow-up work which may be conducted in full committee or by Task & Finish Group |
| TBC (after contract negotiations have completed) | Cabinet Decision FP/102/03/18 – Review of Essex Education Services | Update on how the strategic objectives stated in the decision paper have been met, provide more information on the financial payback period, and how to encourage EES maintaining a strategic presence in the county. | Interim status update on contract negotiations for January 2019 meeting. Full committee session to be scheduled to follow up on the call-in discussion in June 2018 and reassurances being sought. |
| April/May 2019 TBC | 0-19 contract with Virgin Care | Review contract performance after a year of operation (KPIs, involvement of CVS etc). | (i) Private briefing in July on background etc, (ii) Formal session in August to challenge performance. (iii) Site visits to Family Hubs to be arranged (iv) Further session(s) with sub-contractors and service users to be scoped and arranged |
| 11 April 2019 | Educational Attainment | Annual update and discussion. | TBC |
| April/May 2019 | School Places planning | Refreshed 10 Year Plan and primary and secondary 'Offer day'. | Private briefing update held in May 2018. Likely private briefing update – timing TBC |
| September/October 2019 | Safeguarding – (i) children and (ii) adults | Report of the work of the Safeguarding Boards to align with the timing of their respective annual reports. | (i) Healthwatch Essex update on work being done to support the Safeguarding Boards. (ii) Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health in his role as member of ESAB and partner agency. |

Task and Finish Group reviews

To be confirmed – none currently operating.

Further issues under consideration and/or for further evaluation

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| TBC | Domiciliary Care | Identified during work planning discussions. | Could be considered under a 'What does good care look like?' and then move into other parts of the care market thereafter. To be scoped. |
| TBC | Children in Care/school leavers transitions | How is the system working to help them prepare for adult working life? Possible links between looked after children and the homelessness. The support for looked-after children being introduced into schools | To be scoped. |
| TBC | Autism | Diagnosis and referral waiting times. | Possible Joint approach with HOSC. |
| TBC | Hip fractures and falls Prevention Task and Finish Group | Follow up on recommendations that are relevant to PAF (there were HOSC specific recommendations as well) | |