

People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee: 4 September 2019

2019 Work Programme (dates subject to change and some issues may be subject to further investigation, scoping and evaluation)

Date/timing	Issue/Topic	Focus/other comments	Approach
<b>Items identified for formal scrutiny in full committee</b>			
12 September 2019	Young Carers Service	A new service has been delivered in-house by ECC from 1 April 2018 (fully operational since September 2018). The Cabinet decision was called-in but later withdrawn	(i) Post-implementation review of new service as agreed as part of the withdrawal of the call-in. (ii) Consider more general discussion on carers
12 September 2019	Safeguarding Children	To consider impact of new national guidance on governance arrangements for children's safeguarding. Consider report of the work of the Safeguarding Board.	Any detailed discussion on specific operational matters may need to be scoped and held separately.
12 September 2019	Drug gangs, knife crime and county lines – <i>follow-up</i>	Referral from Full Council to oversee development of multi-agency strategy	To receive update on the work of the Group.
10 October 2019	Respite care- <i>follow up</i>	To be updated on actions arising from discussion at June 2019 meeting with petitioners, Cabinet Member and Lead Officers.	Cabinet Member and Lead Officers to attend.
10 October 2019	Safeguarding Adults	Report of the work of the Safeguarding Board to align with the timing of their annual report	Could also look at Healthwatch Essex update on work being done to support the Safeguarding Boards and, also Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health in his role as member of ESAB and partner agency
14 November 2019	Special Educational Needs – <i>further follow-up</i>	Scrutinise service changes arising from public consultation	Update on further discussion and service review ahead of implementation in new year
14 November 2019	Domiciliary care	To review structures and responsibilities as part of introduction to the issue	TBC
12 December 2019	Education portfolio update – <i>follow up</i>	Follow-up on actions arising from July meeting: (i) the work of a cross party group looking at children missing education; (ii) further defining the expectations of interventions by the Early Years' Sector; and (iii) ensuring wellbeing programmes operating in schools all link-up and how personal resilience is being promoted in schools.	Cabinet Member and Director – Education, to attend.

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**Items identified for formal scrutiny in full committee - to be scheduled**

Ongoing	Drug gangs, knife crime and county lines – <i>follow-up</i>	Referral from Full Council to oversee development of multi-agency strategy	To receive periodic reports from the Task and Finish Group now undertaking the detailed review.
Late 2019/early 2020	Provider relationships – <i>follow-up</i>	Refreshed Market Strategy.	Opportunity to review and comment on draft and revisit any issues from previous discussions.
April-May 2020	Educational Attainment	Annual Report.	Cabinet Member and Director- Education to attend.
Summer 2020	0-19 contract with Virgin Care – <i>further follow-up</i>	Continue review of contract performance, and the revised (more outcomes focussed) KPIs.	Cabinet Member, Virgin Care, and Barnardos to be invited.
TBC	Decision FP/102/03/18 – Essex Education Services – <i>follow up</i>	Review strategic objectives, financial payback period, maintaining strategic presence in Essex	Full committee session to be scheduled after call-in of Cabinet decision on contract placement.
	Portfolio updates (Children and Families, Education, Health and Adult Social Care)	To be updated on current issues and challenges.	To supplement other attendances by Cabinet Members for specific issues – to be arranged as and when the Committee think appropriate

**Task and Finish Group reviews**

Ongoing	Drug gangs, knife crime and county lines	Oversee the development of a multi-agency strategy (referral from Full Council)	Scoping document agreed by Full Committee. Detailed work TBC
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**Items identified for joint work with other committees – to be scheduled**

September 2019	Autism	Diagnosis and referral waiting times, social care/ other support and level of awareness/training.	Briefing on service structures and responsibilities before defining follow up work
TBC	Sensory services	Currently being scoped	TBC

**Further issues under consideration and/or for further evaluation**

TBC	Care Act/Social care	Consider further work after briefing on Care Act	
TBC	Domiciliary Care	Identified during work planning discussions.	'What does good care look like?' To be scoped.
TBC	Children in Care/school leavers	Transitions. The support in schools	To be scoped.
TBC	Hip fractures and falls Prevention – <i>follow-up</i>	Follow up on Task & Finish Group recommendations that are relevant to PAF	

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