

People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee

Date/timing	Issue/Topic	Focus, approach and other comments
10 November 2021	SEND strategy	Draft strategy ahead of wider consultation
10 November 2021	Safeguarding - Children	Introductory private briefing on legislative background and governance structures ahead of formal scrutiny session
9 December 2021 - TBC	Safeguarding - Adults	See above on Safeguarding Children which also applies to the Adults Board.
TBC	Safeguarding – Children	Children's and Adults Safeguarding Boards present their annual reports to the Board each Autumn. In addition to the report of the activities and focus of the Boards, there is usually an in-depth review of one or two operational issues - to be identified so that appropriate supporting officers can be asked to attend.
January 2022 - TBC	Early Years and Childcare Strategy	A delivery plan/timetable and significant milestones to include a brief executive overview of a 5-year plan and key objectives
First quarter 2022 – date TBC	Adult Social Care	Update on trends and capacity to include work with market providers to manage an orderly reduction in capacity in the residential market.
Spring 2022	Home Education and Children Missing Education	Further update once a response was received to ECC's submission to the Education Select Committee and Government

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2021/22 Work Programme (dates subject to change and some issues may be subject to further investigation, scoping and evaluation)

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Further issues under consideration

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Further planning and timing TBC	Working Families Programme	Strategy to go to Full Council in October – during September the Cabinet Member invited comments via email. Any further work TBC
Further planning and timing TBC	Drug Gangs, knife crime and County Lines	Further follow-up on recommendations from the PAF Task and Finish Group. Some subject matter may lend itself to being combined with other scheduled agenda items (e.g. Home Education/Children missing education, Safeguarding)
Further planning and timing TBC	Children in care being placed outside Essex	Information on the trend was requested as a result of discussions at September meeting of PAF. Any further follow-up TBC.
Further planning and timing TBC	Backlog in Courts and Justice System	Impact on Youth Offending Team, fostering and adoption. Further information was requested as a result of discussions at September meeting of PAF. Any further follow-up TBC
Further planning and timing TBC	Education - academisation	Academisation impact, role of Regional Schools Commissioner and the role ECC has in supporting general standards.

Possible Task and Finish Group reviews – to be confirmed

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TBC	Impact of the pandemic on Essex County Council	Cross portfolio/committee - Format TBC - after initial PAF session on 9 September.
TBC	Libraries Strategy	Cross portfolio/committee. Incorporates other functions for libraries including levelling up, wider community role and helping with school readiness, literacy, interviews and employability etc.
TBC	Suicide	Approach and structure of review to be confirmed.
TBC	100 Day Plan/Organisation Strategy	Cross-cutting. Possible approach is to establish a cross-committee joint scrutiny review. May incorporate aspects of levelling up agenda or these may be separate scrutiny subjects.