

People and Families Policy and Scrutiny - Work Programme as at 11 January 2023

Provisional Date	Topic Title	Lead Contact	Purpose and Target Outcomes	Everyone's Essex Commitment	Cross-Committee
11 January 2022	Libraries Strategy	Deputy Leader & Community, Equality, Partnerships and Performance/Head of Libraries	Follow up on discussion and agreed actions at March 2022 meeting	Education Outcomes/ Family Resilience and Stability, and Safety	Joint session with PSEG Scrutiny Committee
11 January 2022	HCRG (formerly Virgin Care) contract	Cabinet Member, Children's Services and Early Years/ Head of Strategic Commissioning & Policy	Performance update and considerations underway for contract extension/renewal.	Family Resilience and Stability, Education	TBC
TBC	Young Carers	Cabinet Member, Children's Services and Early Years/ Head of Specialist Education Services	To follow up on specific issues relating to young carers raised in November discussion on All-Age Carers strategy	Carers' commitment/ Family Resilience and Stability	Not applicable
TBC	Adult Community Learning	Cabinet Member, Education Excellence, Life-Long Learning & Employability /ACL Principal	To consider work plans for implementation of new strategy, and new curriculum planning.	Education Outcomes	
TBC	Home Education/Children Missing Education	Cabinet Member Education Excellence, Skills and Training	To consider update and links with County Lines and drug gangs	Education Outcomes	Not applicable
TBC	Education	Cabinet Member Education Excellence, Skills and Training	(i) Portfolio priorities (ii) Attainment	Education Outcomes	Not applicable

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April 2023	Preparation for Care Quality Commission inspection of Adult Social Care	Cabinet Member, Adult Social Care and Health/Head of Strategy and Innovation	To consider preparations for a future inspection.	Family Resilience and Stability, and Safety	Not applicable
TBC	County Lines and Drug Gangs	TBC	Use of funds and the work of the Violence and Vulnerability Unit	Family Resilience and Stability, and Safety	Not applicable
TBC	Houses for Life	Director Strategy Policy & Integration (People)	See Matters Arising report	Promoting Independence, Healthy Lifestyles	TBC
TBC	Essex Children's Safeguarding Board – follow up	Independent Chairman, statutory partners and the Board Manager	To consider actions arising from discussion in April 2022	Family Resilience and Stability, and Safety	Not applicable
TBC	Essex Adults Safeguarding Board – follow up	Independent Chairman, statutory partners and the Board Manager	To consider actions arising from discussion in September 2022	Family Resilience and Stability, and Safety	Not applicable
TBC	SEND Strategy update	Cabinet Member, Education Excellence, Life-Long Learning and Employability/Head of SEND Strategy and Innovation	Support available and reflect on launch of new strategy	Family Resilience and Stability, and Safety	Not applicable
	Childcare and Early Years' Strategy	Cabinet Member, Children's Services and Early Years/ EYCC Sufficiency and Sustainability Manager	Support available and reflect on launch of new strategy	Family Resilience and Stability, Education	Not applicable

Private briefings

A schedule of private briefings is also being arranged to give background to issues and subjects ahead of formal items coming before the Committee in 2023. At the time of writing this report, the first three of these have been held on Further Understanding Social Care and Social Care Charging and an initial session on the Care Quality Commission inspection regime. Further sessions are planned on safeguarding, Funding Reforms, and further consideration of the Care Quality Commission inspection regime.

Further issues not scoped or currently being scheduled

Children in care being placed outside Essex

Backlog in Courts and Justice System

Education - academisation

Short Breaks/Respite strategy

Possible Task and Finish Group reviews – not scoped or currently being scheduled

Impact of the pandemic on Essex County Council

Suicides in Essex