

People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee: 2 January 2018
Work programme (still subject to further investigation, scoping and evaluation)

Date/timing	Issue/Topic	Focus/other comments	Approach
Items identified for formal scrutiny in full committee			
February 2018	Safeguarding - Children	To consider a report on the work of the Childrens' Safeguarding Board, their role and are they meeting their responsibilities? Will include a forward look of what are their priorities for next year under key themes.	(i) Private development session held in October 2017 to understand safeguarding structures and organisations; (ii) Chairman and VCs to meet Independent Chairman of Safeguarding Boards on semi –regular basis; (iii) Formal session to challenge performance and priorities.
March 2018	Safeguarding - Adults	To consider a report on the work of the Adults Safeguarding Board, their role and are they meeting their responsibilities? Will include a forward look of what are their priorities for next year under key themes.	(i) Private development session held in October 2017 to understand safeguarding structures and organisations; (ii) Chairman and VCs to meet Independent Chairman of Safeguarding Boards on semi –regular basis; (iii) Formal session to challenge performance and priorities.
April 2018	Educational Attainment	'Old' Committee made recommendations on recruitment, pooling of resources and collaboration, encouraging seamless transition between services, encouraging governor commitment, targeting of pupil premium and aspirational target setting.	(i) Previous committee established this as an annual update. Last update in March 2017; (ii) Preliminary private briefing explaining performance measures in March 2018; (iii) Formal annual update to challenge performance
April/May 2018 - TBC	0-19 Contract with Virgin Care	Review contract performance after a year of operation (KPIs, involvement of CVS etc).	(i) Further investigation with officers necessary. (ii) Initial private briefing on the rationale and aspirations behind the contract placement (joint with HOSC–PAF leads); (iii) Formal session to challenge progress.
tbc	Residential and Domiciliary Care	Recommendations made by the Committee were essentially around: - recruitment, retention, staff training. - Raising the profile of carers in the community	(i) Follow up on scrutiny report and recommendations made by 'old' PAF (ii) An implementation review with the Cabinet Member had been scheduled for April 2017 but was not held due to imminent County Council elections.
October 2018	Young Carers	A new Young Carers Service will be delivered in-house by ECC from 1 April 2018. The Cabinet decision was called-in on but later withdrawn after an informal meeting with the Cabinet Member.	(i) Follow up on scrutiny report and recommendations made by 'old' PAF; (ii) Post-implementation review of new service as agreed as part of the withdrawal of the call-in during September 2017.

Task and Finish Group review (with Health Overview, Policy and Scrutiny Committee)

October 2017	Hip fractures for over 65s – higher than national average in Essex	Some of the issues discussed have been the incidence and reporting of outside falls, connections with other agencies, information governance and data sharing, comparisons with other areas, GP awareness.	(i) Private briefing held with Public Health(September 2017); (ii) Scoping complete and proposed to focus on the safety, environment and culture of care home/nursing homes; (iv) Submission to HOSC and PAF for endorsement (Jan 18) (v) Task and Finish Group to start late January/Feb 2018
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Briefing held and periodic briefing updates agreed

May 2018	School Places Planning	Update on refreshed 10 Year Plan and primary and secondary 'Offer day'. More information could also be available on garden settlements, local plans, and housing trajectories.	(i) Private briefing in September 2017; (ii) Further update requested at an appropriate point in future.
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Issues still under consideration and/or for further evaluation

Ongoing	School Crossing Patrols	The service has a number of issues including wider stakeholder engagement, recruitment and retention	(i) Preliminary briefing in September 2017; (ii) A private briefing was held in December 2017 updating on a review being conducted by the Cabinet Member; (iii) Committee to discuss further with Cabinet Member and scope for any further work by the Committee.
TBC	The Care Market	Care Act duties and market shaping and sufficiency and looking at relationships with providers.	(i) Private development session held in November 2017; (ii) Further briefing on quality improvement initiatives planned for January 2018. (iii) Further review of relationship management, the personalisation agenda and the sustainability care provider workforce being scoped.
TBC	Learning Disabilities	A wide ranging cross-cutting issue – will need detailed focus if go beyond a preliminary briefing.	Private reparatory briefing from ECC officers on structures and issues in October 2017. Follow-up work TBC;
TBC	Disruptive children	Could look at the criteria for access to support services.	Further investigation with key officers necessary before being able to scope any review.
TBC	Gang culture	Identified by Cabinet Member as issue of concern.	Further investigation with key officers necessary before being able to scope any review.
TBC	Social Care	Any scrutiny review would need to 'drill-down' to a much smaller issue where there could be 'value-add'	Initial briefing on care market held in November 2017 (see above). Further investigation with key officers necessary.