

2014/15 SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER AND WORK PROGRAMME

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| COMMITTEE: PEOPLE & FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 4 September 2014 Agenda Item 11 | | | | | | | | |
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| PRE-MEETING | | | | | POST-MEETING | | AGREED ACTION & IMPLEMENTATION | |
| COMMITTEE | SCRUTINY ITEM & REF. | APPROACH | LEAD OFFICER | COMMITTEE DATE(S) | OUTCOMES, ACTIONS ARISING & UPDATES | RESPONSIBLE MEMBER/ OFFICER | REVIEW DATE | IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW DATE AND OUTCOME |
| People & Families | Sensory Services Recommendation to the Cabinet Member (COP/25/12) | T & F Group (Chairman: former Cllr Mike Garnett) | Anna Saunders | 13-Sep-12 05-Dec-13 10-Jul-14 | RECOMMENDATION: ECC should commission a new integrated service on the open market via the councils regulated procurement process. | Cllr Anne Brown | Jan-15 | UPDATE: A revised recommendation to be submitted for Committee approval, prior to receipt by Cabinet Member. An update was delivered to the Committee in December 2013 and agreed to receive a further update on the two potential provider options in 2014. A further update was received in July 2014. |
| People & Families | Occupational Therapy (COP/02/13) | Full Committee | Mike Boyle | 10-Jul-14 | RESOLVED: Officers to produce a report for the February 2013 meeting, which provides full details of the problems, including numbers of delays by area, and relevant budget/spending. | Cllr Anne Brown | Jul-14 | UPDATE: The Committee will receive a further update in September 2014 as well as progress on DFG discussions with District/Borough/City Councils |

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| People & Families | All Age Disability Framework (COP/11/13) | Task and Finish Group | Barbara Herts | 14-Mar-13 | RECOMMENDATION: The cost benefits of a computer system to be implemented that allows Children's, Adults and Health Services to 'talk to each other' which allow for a universal care record. This should be a financial priority. A small Members focus group be established to follow the project through to implementation | | Sep-13 | UPDATE: The All Age Disability Strategic Framework will be incorporated into People Commissioning as part of the new approach to commissioning services for disabled children, young people and adults and those with special educational needs. It will act as a set of guiding principles for commissioners across the Council. Health partners are supportive of the approach and will adopt the framework as colleagues work together to develop fully integrated commissioning strategies in areas such as LD and emotional health and wellbeing services for children and young people. The Committee is asked to note the progress and maintain a watching brief. Therefore, the Task and Finish Group is placed in hiatus. |
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| People & Families | Ageing Well (COP/16/13) | Task and Finish Group (Chairman: former Cllr Janet Whitehouse) | | 11-Apr-13 | <p>RESOLVED: The Scrutiny Board would consider the Report (and the 15 recommendations therein) at its first meeting following the County Council elections in May 2013. A decision in terms of attributing the recommendations across Portfolios and Committees will be made at that meeting.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATIONS: 1. Data regarding falls and their severity should be recorded, while recognising that many are not reported, to ensure better maintenance of footways; 2. There should be data gathered on pedestrian foot journeys to map priority pedestrian routes throughout the county. This could be undertaken by local</p> | Chairman of the Scrutiny Board/Cabinet Members | Jan-15 | <p>UPDATE: The Scrutiny Board referred the recommendations within the report to the relevant Cabinet Members in June 2013. Therefore, the impact review date is December 2013. Cabinet Members have been requested to respond to the November meeting of the Committee prior to the impact review date. The Cabinet Member responses were received in January 2014. The responses which were accepted (including partially) were: Recommendation 2 which can be investigated; Recommendation 6 which was agreed; Recommendation 7 which was agreed; Recommendation 8 which was agreed; Recommendation 11 which will be investigated once a permanent Diversity & Equality Manager is appointed; Recommendation 12 which was agreed; Recommendation 13 which was agreed; and Recommendation 14 which was agreed.</p> |
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| People & Families | Children's Partnership Review (CYP 7 Feb 13, minute 4) | Full Committee (Briefing) | Roger Bullen | 07-Feb-13 | RESOLVED: A chart and explanation of the future structure of children's partnership arrangements was requested alongside regular progress reports | Cllr Dick Madden | Mar-14 | UPDATE: The Children's Partnership Board has been re-established with revised Terms of Reference. The Board met for the first time (Chaired by Cllr Madden) in May 2013. A revised Children, Young People and Families Plan has been developed drawing together the national priorities for improving outcomes for Children and Young People in Essex. The Plan is due for endorsement by Cabinet and the HWB in September 2013. The Committee is asked to note progress and maintain a watching brief. |
| People & Families | Families with Complex Needs (CYP/01/13) | Full Committee (Briefing) | Alastair Gibbons/ Philippa Bull | 07-Jan-13 | RESOLVED: A progress report for spring 2014 has been requested | Cllr Dick Madden | Nov-14 | |
| People & Families | Special Educational Needs and Disability (CYP/03/13), (PAF/04/13) and (PAF/15/13) | Task and Finish Group (Chairman: Cllr Theresa Higgins) | Karen Jones | 05-Dec-13 | RESOLVED: An interim progress report was received in July 2013 | Cllr Theresa Higgins | Sep-13 | UPDATE: Task and Finish Group re-established. Membership (Cllr's Higgins, Gadsby, Honeywood and Rev. Richard Jordan). Meets on 30 September 2013. A report on the strategy to be received on 5 December 2013 . The Committee approved the Strategy. |

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| People & Families | Carers Strategy (COP/08/12) | Task and Finish Group | Sharon Longworth | 12-Sep-13 | | Cllr Theresa Higgins | Oct-14 | UPDATE: Task and Finish Group to be re-established. Membership (Cllr's Higgins, Chandler, Gadsby and Howard). A meeting with officers taking place on 7 October to move the issue forward. The strategy is likely to be on hold until spring 2014, at the earliest, due to implications in the Care |
| People & Families | The Deanes School (PAF/03/13) | Task and Finish Group and Full Committee (for ratification of Report and call-in) | Tim Coulson | 14-Nov-13 | RECOMMENDATION: There is insufficient evidence to close The Deanes School on the basis of current evidence, and a repositioned school could be a success and offer an alternative to other schools in the area. Before reaching any decisions on the future of the School the Cabinet Member is requested to review carefully his proposal to consult on its closure taking into account the following points that are drawn from the main body of the scrutiny report: Governance Arrangements, Housing Demand and Pupil Forecasting Data, Other Local Schools, School's Business Case, Glenwood School and Community Role. | Cllr Graham Butland | Sep-13 | UPDATE: Task and Finish Group established on 4 July 2013. Five evidence sessions and final report published with recommendation to Cabinet Member on 30 August. Report was ratified on 12 September meeting of the Committee. Cabinet decision called-in by six Members of the Committee. |

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| People & Families | The Deanes School (PAF/12/13) CALL-IN | Full Committee | Dave Hill/ Tim Coulson | 14-Nov-13 | Cabinet decision called-in by six Members of the Committee. Call-ins heard on 14 November. Committee voted 9:6 to refer decision back to the decision-taker (The Cabinet). There was unanimity amongst the Committee that the decision be referred to the Cabinet or Full Council. | Cllr Ray Gooding | N/A | UPDATE: Following of referral back to the decision-taker a special meeting of Cabinet was convened on 28 November to reconsider the decision. The original decision was unanimously ratified. NO FURTHER ACTION. |
| People & Families | Children in Care | Task and Finish Group (Chairman: Cllr Norman Hume) | Helen Lincoln | 12-Sep-13 | The Committee agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group, to be Chaired by Cllr Norman Hume. | Cllr Norman Hume | Oct-14 | UPDATE: Task and Finish Group established. Membership (Cllr's Hume, Blackwell, Gadsby, McEwen, McGeorge, Maddocks and Rev. Richard Jordan). Task and Finish Group has met three times 9 October (witnesses Councillor Madden and Helen Lincoln), 27 November 2013 (scrutiny review scoped) and 13 January 2014. An Ofsted Inspection of ECC Children's Services was announced on 14 January 2014 so it was agreed by the Committee to suspend the work of the T&F Group until the Report of the Inspection is |
| People & Families | Proposal for partnership working between the Committee and the YEA (PAF/08/13) | Full Committee | Clare Ratcliffe/ Sheila Woodward/ Lee McDermid | 12-Sep-13 | The Committee agreed that a small group of Members of the Committee attend a YEA Cabinet meeting. | Clare Ratcliffe | May-14 | UPDATE: Cllr's Butland, Blackwell, Deakin and McGeorge attended YEA Cabinet on 11 October 2013 to discuss potential future work. Potential areas for joint-working were established and will be taken forward. |

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| People & Families | Home to School Transport (PAF/13/13) | Full Committee | Tim Coulson | 05-Dec-13 | The Committee made suggestions of revisions to the Cabinet Member. | Cllr Ray Gooding | | UPDATE: CABINET MEMBER DECISION CALLED-IN (SEE LINE BELOW). |
| People & Families | Home to School Transport (PAF/04/14) CALL-IN | Full Committee | Tim Coulson | 04-Feb-14 | The Call-in was heard by the Committee. The Committee voted 12:3 to ratify the Cabinet decision. | Cllr Ray Gooding | | NO FURTHER ACTION. |
| People & Families | ECC Youth Services Strategy (PAF/14/13) | Full Committee (Briefing) | Tim Coulson | 05-Dec-13 | The Committee received a briefing on the Youth Service Strategy consultation. A decision is expected in the winter/spring of 2014. | Cllr Ray Gooding | | NO FURTHER ACTION. |
| People & Families | New Operating Model for the Youth Service (PAF/07/14) CALL-IN | Full Committee | Tim Coulson/ Michael O'Brien | 12-Mar-14 | The Call-in was heard by the Committee. The Committee voted 11:1 to ratify the Cabinet decision. RESOLVED: It was noted that the Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning should return to the Committee in October 2014 to give a six-month report on the implementation of the new delivery model. The Chairman pointed out that the Committee would invite the Cabinet Member to attend, as the majority of Committee Members have concerns and doubts about certain aspects of the decision. | Cllr Ray Gooding | Oct-14 | |
| People & Families | Safeguarding Adults Annual Report (PAF/01/14) | Full Committee (Briefing) | Stephen Bunford | 16-Jan-14 | The Annual Report was presented to the Committee. | Cllr Anne Brown | N/A | NO FURTHER ACTION. |

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| People & Families | Children's Centres (PAF/05/14) CALL-IN | Full Committee | | 04-Feb-14 | The Call-in was heard by the Committee. The Committee voted 9:3 to ratify the Cabinet decision. | Cllr Dick Madden | N/A | NO FURTHER ACTION. |
| People & Families | Increasing Independence for Working Age Adults (WAA) (PAF/06/14) and (PAF/09/14) | Full Committee (Briefing) | Nick Presmeg | 04-Feb-14 | RESOLVED: A briefing on the increasing Independence for WAA project was received at the Committee meeting of 12 March 2014. Cabinet report received (25 March Cabinet). The Full Business Case was made available for Members to view. | Cllr John Aldridge | Mar-14 | NO FURTHER ACTION. |
| People & Families | Educational Attainment In Essex (PAF/08/14) | Full Committee (for Briefing) Task and Finish Group | Tim Coulson/ Clare Kershaw | 13-Mar-14 | Scoping document agreed by the Committee on 12 March. An initial briefing was provided by officers with attainment data presented. Scoping document shared with the relevant Cabinet Member. | Cllr Ray Gooding | Jul-14 | UPDATE: The Committee will agree on T&F Group membership for the review to commence in July 2014. |
| People & Families | <i>EssexCares</i> | Full Committee | Peter Martin (Chairman, Essex Cares) Liz Chidgey (Managing Director, <i>Essex Cares</i>) | 13-Nov-14 | To receive the Annual Report of <i>EssexCares</i> . | Cllr Anne Brown | Nov-14 | |
| People & Families | Social Impact Bonds | Full Committee (Briefing) | Clare Burrell/ Tanya Gillett | 04-Sep-14 | A briefing will be provided at the next meeting of the Committee. | Cllr Dick Madden | Sep-14 | |

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| People & Families | Commissioning of Services for Vulnerable People | Task and Finish Group | | 08-May-14 | Scoping document agreed by the Committee on 12 March. Scoping document shared with the relevant Cabinet Members. | Cllr Dick Madden, Cllr Ray Gooding and Cllr Ann Naylor | Jul-14 | UPDATE: The Committee will agree on T&F Group membership for the review to commence in July 2014. |
| People & Families | Commissioning Strategy: People in Essex can live independently and exercise choice and control over their lives | Full Committee | Sheila Norris | 10-Jul-14 | Draft strategy received and considered by the Committee on 10 July 2014. Letter sent from Committee Chairman to the Cabinet Member highlighting issues to be addressed as part of the consultation phase. It was RECOMMENDED i) it is not completely clear in parts of the strategy whether total populations or specific targeted populations are being referred to; ii) there should be an overt acknowledgement in the strategy that 'one size doesn't fit all'; iii) tackling loneliness and isolation through community involvement; iv) voluntary sector engagement and the recruitment of potential | Cllr Anne Brown | Sep-14 | NO FURTHER ACTION. |

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| People & Families | Commissioning Strategy: People have aspirations and achieve their ambitions through education, training and lifelong learning | Full Committee | Chris Kiernan | 10-Jul-14 | <p>Draft strategy received and considered by the Committee on 10 July 2014. Letter sent from Committee Chairman to the Cabinet Member highlighting issues to be addressed as part of the consultation phase. It was</p> <p>RECOMMENDED i) consideration should be given to how we engage adults with literacy and numeracy problems to go to courses and ensure they can access services; ii) the strategy should contain a section on engaging with employers so that they might assist with adult literacy and numeracy; iii) no reference is made in the strategy to gypsy/traveller education; or those</p> | Cllr Ray Gooding | Sep-14 | NO FURTHER ACTION. |
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| People & Families | Commissioning Strategy: Children in Essex get the best start in life | Full Committee | Chris Martin | 10-Jul-14 | Draft strategy received and considered by the Committee on 10 July 2014. Letter sent from Committee Chairman to the Cabinet Member highlighting issues to be addressed as part of the consultation phase. It was RECOMMENDED i) early intervention is laudable but solutions for locating those hard-to-reach people that do not actively seek out services should be sought; ii) with regard to hard-to-reach people there is no mention in the strategy of gypsy/traveller groups; or those who are home-educated; iii) there should be consideration to referencing other partners who have | Cllr Dick Madden | Sep-14 | NO FURTHER ACTION. |
| People & Families | Family Solutions | Full Committee | Helen Lincoln | 13-Nov-14 | | Cllr Dick Madden | | |

