

**People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee: 12 October 2017**  
**Provisional work programme (still subject to further investigation, scoping and evaluation)**

Date/timing	Issue/Topic	Focus/other comments	Approach
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**Detailed Task and Finish Group scrutiny review agreed**

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 (ii) Joint Task and Finish Group with Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee; (iii) Scoping and focus to be developed and agreed by both committees; (iv) Task and Finish Group start time TBC.
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**Items identified for scrutiny in full committee**

December 2017	School Crossing Patrols	The service has a number of issues including inconsistencies in application of criteria, siting, wider stakeholder engagement, recruitment and retention.	(i) Preliminary briefing in September 2017; (ii) Cabinet Member cross party group is reviewing and will report to Committee; (iii) Committee to consider whether further work is required.
February/March 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) Annual update to committee early 2018.
tbc	Residential and Domiciliary Care	Recommendations made by the Committee were essentially around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- recruitment, retention, staff training.</li> <li>- Raising the profile of carers in the community and developing relationships with Members.</li> </ul>	(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 is to be delivered in-house by ECC from 1 April 2018. The Cabinet decision was called-in during September but withdrawn after an informal meeting with the Cabinet Member.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.

### Briefing held and periodic briefing updates agreed

February or May 2018	School Places Planning	The next iteration of the 10 Year Plan will be published in February. In May there could be an update on 'offer day' for both secondary and primary, and prospects for the 2018/19 academic year. More information should also be available on new garden settlements, local plans, and updated housing trajectories. Will need detailed focus if committee want to progress beyond update briefing format.	(i) Private briefing in September 2017; (ii) further update requested at an appropriate point in future.
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### Briefings arranged to assess if future detailed scrutiny should be undertaken or in preparation for formal scrutiny

October 2017	Safeguarding	To assess whether safeguarding issues in Essex are getting worse/better? How are the s/g boards focussed on their work and their future priorities?	(i) Private development session to understand safeguarding structures and organisations; (ii) Chairman and VCs to meet Independent Chairman of Safeguarding Boards; (iii) Annual update to then be scheduled.
October 2017	Healthwatch Essex	Identify opportunities for joint working on some issues and/or utilising their research to support scrutiny work	(i) Joint private briefing session with Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee; (ii) Identify joint working opportunities.
October 2017	Learning Disabilities	A wide ranging cross-cutting issue – will need detailed focus if go beyond a preliminary briefing.	(i) Preparatory briefing from ECC officers on structures and issues; (ii) speak separately to Healthwatch Essex regarding any relevant work they have done.

### Issues still under consideration and/or for further evaluation

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 but more likely to be medium term.	Adult Social Care	Any scrutiny review would need to 'drill-down' to a much smaller issue where there could be 'value-add' from such a review.	Further investigation with key officers necessary before being able to scope any review.