

Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee

13:00	Thursday, 23 November 2017	Committee Room 1, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH
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Quorum: 5

Councillor E Johnson
Councillor T Ball
Councillor S Canning
Councillor M Durham
Councillor R Gadsby
Councillor S Hillier
Councillor P Honeywood
Councillor D Kendall
Councillor B Massey
Councillor C Pond
Councillor R Pratt
Councillor A Sheldon
Councillor W Schmitt
Councillor J Young

Chairman

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Part 1

(During consideration of these items the meeting is likely to be open to the press and public)

		Pages
1	Apologies for Absence	
2	Declarations of Interest To note any declarations of interest to be made by Members in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct	
3	Minutes To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2017.	5 - 12
4	Questions from the Public A period of up to 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make representations on any item on the agenda for this meeting. On arrival, and before the start of the meeting, please register with the Committee Officer.	
5	Essex Country Parks Overview To receive a verbal report from Councillor Simon Walsh, Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste on the general purpose and direction of our country parks; the specific features of each park; and a summary of the financial position of the service.	
6	Essex Country Parks: car park charging consultation To receive a verbal update from Councillor Simon Walsh, Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste regarding a forthcoming consultation on car park charging in Essex country parks.	
7	Localism and Subsidiarity Task and Finish Group To receive a verbal update on the Task and Finish Group from Councillor Chris Pond. The Committee to note the scoping document (PSEG/19/17).	13 - 18
8	Place Services And Economic Growth Policy And Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017/18 To receive report (PSEG/20/17) concerning the Committee's work programme.	19 - 20

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Date of Next Meeting

To note that the next Committee activity day will be on Thursday 14 December 2017 .

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Urgent Business

To consider any matter which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

Exempt Items

(During consideration of these items the meeting is not likely to be open to the press and public)

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of an agenda item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 or it being confidential for the purposes of Section 100A(2) of that Act.

In each case, Members are asked to decide whether, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption (and discussing the matter in private) outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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Urgent Exempt Business

To consider in private any other matter which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

Minutes of the meeting of the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee, held in Committee Room 1 County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH on Thursday, 21 September 2017

Present:

Councillor E Johnson (Chairman)	Councillor B Massey
Councillor T Ball	Councillor C Pond
Councillor M Durham	Councillor A Sheldon
Councillor R Gadsby	Councillor W Schmitt
Councillor S Hillier	Councillor J Young
Councillor D Kendall	

The following Officer was present in support throughout the meeting:

Robert Fox - Scrutiny Officer

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Stephen Canning, Paul Honeywood and Ron Pratt.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 22nd June were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the chairman.

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mark Durham declared an interest with regard to item 5 on the agenda as the Cabinet Member Deputy to Councillor Susan Barker. HE also declared an interest as the Maldon District Council representative on the Essex Countywide Travellers Unit (ECTU).

Councillor Ricki Gadsby declared an interest with regard to items 6 and 7 on the agenda as the Cabinet Member Deputy to Councillor Sue Lissimore.

Councillor Tony Ball declared an interest with regard to item 7 on the agenda as the Cabinet Member Deputy to Councillor Ray Gooding in relation to the education of the gypsy and traveller communities.

Councillor Julie Young declared an interest in relation to agenda item 5 as her husband as a member of the Board of Firstsite in Colchester.

Councillor David Kendall declared an interest in relation to agenda item 8 as a member of the Essex Bus Forum.

Councillor Andrew Sheldon declared an interest in relation to agenda item 6 as he is working for a company which is involved in development work in Colchester.

Councillor Wendy Schmitt declared an interest in relation to agenda item 7 as the Braintree District Council member on ECTU.

Councillor Chris Pond declared an interest in relation to agenda item 6 as a member of Epping Forest District Council and Loughton Town Council.

Councillor Stephen Hillier declared an interest in relation to agenda item 8 as the Chairman of the Basildon Bus Forum.

Councillor Eddie Johnson declared an interest in relation to agenda item 8 as the former Cabinet Member for Highways.

4 Questions from the Public

There were no public questions.

5 Culture Heritage and Tourism in Essex

The Committee considered report PSEG/15/17 and a presentation by Councillor Susan Barker, Cabinet Member for Culture, Communities and Customer, providing an overview culture, heritage and tourism in Essex.

Councillor Barker explained that the 2010/11 report provided as background paper **PSEGC//17** for the Committee is regarded as largely out-of-date as currently the County Council is in a very different place with regard to culture, heritage and tourism,

Councillor Barker opened that the county needs to make sure that Essex's heritage and culture is preserved and showcased; and to that end the County Council is working with the borough, city and district councils as well as Arts organisations to improve the offer in the county. Culture, heritage and tourism provide a £3.1 billion contribution to the economy of the county and provides 61,000 jobs according to Visit Essex. The county annually has over 51 million visitors. Councillor Barker informed the Committee she would respond in terms of how many of these are full-time, part-time and volunteer posts.

The County Council has strategic financial relationships with the Mercury Theatre and Firstsite in Colchester; and the Stow Maries World War I Aerodrome.

The Essex Record Office (ERO) is undergoing digitisation presently; and this has coincided with a drop in visitor numbers; however, there has been an increase in visitors to access Ancestors On-line. there has also been an increase in use of the ERO for marriages and as a conference venue. Duplicate registration certificates are also increasing. There is a challenge to ensure the ERO remains viable – is it the right service in the right location? Councillor Barker stated the ERO will continue in some form. Councillor Julie Young raised a concern from a resident that raising the entry fee and photographic charges would further reduce attendance at the ERO? Councillor Barker responded that there is no evidence that

increased fees are having a negative impact on attendance at the ERO and suggested the resident concern is raised directly with her and she would respond directly. Councillor Barker also stated, in response to a question from Councillor Young, that she would look into security systems in libraries to prevent historical documents being stolen.

In response to a question Councillor Barker stated she would provide a written response with regard to the current level of funding and the funding streams used for the Victorian History Society, which has an arrangement to use space at the ERO.

Councillor Barker stated, though not within her portfolio, Essex Country Parks are making an operating surplus and there are many marketing opportunities for the service. Councillor David Kendall suggested that public transport links are an issue with regard to country parks.

Following a question from Councillor Ricki Gadsby with regard to the Waltham Abbey Gunpowder Mills and suitable guest accommodation Councillor Barker responded that hotel and guesthouse offers need to be improved and more tourist accommodation should be included within local plans. Additionally, with regard to smaller heritage venues, Councillor Barker raised member awareness of the Essex Pass which offers many promotional deals on its website and considered that more could be done with Essex Pass to promote other Essex heritage sites. Councillor Barker agreed to look at the distribution of accommodation in the county and respond with the district that has the most accommodation.

Councillor Andrew Sheldon asked whether there is any way the County Council could provide ways of funding the administration and set-up costs for smaller organisations when initiating projects? Councillor Sheldon also stated that there is local appetite for capitalising on the Viking Battle of Benfleet which was featured in a recent television costume drama. Councillor Barker stated there is available officer resource in the cultural development team to provide advice to organisations on how they might go about organising and establishing events.

Councillor Chris Pond questioned whether there are plans for the ERO and the library service to be grouped together and work to common objectives, as recommended in the 2011 report to the Committee? Councillor Barker stated it is preferable to have a local resource in a local place; and this is the case in libraries throughout Essex. However, there is a balance that needs to be had and she would welcome any specific ideas or thoughts and challenged the Committee to look at the potential options.

With regard to available hotel accommodation Councillor Pond stated ECC should request that sufficient guest accommodation is considered in local plans.

Councillor Kendall expressed how crucial signage to tourist spots is; and that more clarity in terms of this with borough/city/district councils would be

helpful. Councillor Barker responded that this would be a highways issue; however, she acknowledged that consistency is needed throughout the county.

With regard to digitising the records service Councillor Kendall questioned whether this is really a benefit for the customer? He suggested there needs to be a raising of awareness amongst schools that the resource at the ERO exists. Councillor Barker responded people do like to search records online; however, the original records can still be viewed if so wished. The ERO does have an outreach officer for schools.

Councillor Wendy Schmitt informed the Committee that Braintree District Council currently has a Task and Finish Group looking at tourism; and that she would forward the presentation the Group received recently to Councillor Barker.

Councillor Barker closed by stating she would be pleased to receive ideas from the Committee about what Members would wish to see in libraries as part of a wider consultation on the service.

The Chairman of the Committee thanked Councillor Barker and Phillip Cruddace for their contribution and confirmed there was no further immediate actions required by the Committee on this item, other than those noted above.

6 Large housing development

The Committee considered report PSEG/16/17 and a presentation by Graham Thomas, Head of Comm Growing Essex Future Development, providing an overview of large housing developments in Essex. Councillor Sue Lissimore, Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Planning and her deputy Cabinet Member, Councillor Lesley Wagland were also in attendance for this item.

Councillor Lissimore explained to the Committee the County Council is working collaboratively to provide good quality local plans and define the best sites for planning. There are 108,000 homes at risk of flooding in Essex mostly as a result of standing water.

In the plans from 2016-36 180,000 new homes are needed and Local Authorities are scaling-up housing growth and balanced communities – areas have been identified for strategic growth.

Essex County Council is engaged in planning for new settlements with the most advanced plans being for Braintree, Colchester and Tendring with a jointly developed local plan within a single document.

There is, currently, no co-ordinated response to large-scale housing applications but it is hoped that in early spring 2018 there will be something in place to assist stronger local plans.

In response to a question from Councillor Kendall, Councillor Lissimore informed the Committee that there was a recent Section 106 (s106) planning portfolio leaders meeting which had 100% attendance from across the county. There was general consensus that the county, as a whole, has not done well enough with s106 monies in the past. With regard to affordable housing the County Council has been doing a great deal of work to develop plots that have not been available for development in the past and Essex Housing will build to better specifications. Cross-border work is also important with particular regard to garden communities.

Councillor Mark Durham stated Maldon District Council plans were adopted at the beginning of July 2017 with affordable housing being critical. Councillor Lissimore explained that there is apocryphal evidence that some borough/city/district councils have dropped the county aspects from developments. The County Council will need to make those local authorities fully aware that developments are taken together. An Essex Design Guide is being produced and this will be a world-class document.

Following a question from Councillor Sheldon about housing development which cuts across three districts he was advised to write to Councillor Lissimore to organise a meeting.

Councillor Pond, with regard to the previous item on the agenda as well as this, expressed that hotel and tourist accommodation should have more emphasis placed on them in the local plans to ensure continued economic growth for the county. Councillor Pond also called for greater integration in the development of garden communities; and stated that public transport should be considered despite local authorities having very little control over it. Councillor Lissimore agreed and stated that the County Council needs to ensure there is connectivity with existing urban locations.

Councillor Lissimore in response to a question from Councillor Young stated there is a meeting with Essex MPs in October 2017 to discuss the development of garden communities and that she is committed to visibility.

Councillor Stephen Hillier expressed if the concentration is solely on large scale development that the County Council needs to be mindful of the effects on infrastructure within smaller communities; and reminded the Committee that in largely urban areas there are no neighbourhood plans. Councillor Lissimore responded the neighbourhood plans of Parish Councils are fully considered by the borough/city/district councils and where needed developments are considered. She continued a mixed economy of garden communities and development in smaller communities is needed to meet the housing need.

The Chairman of the Committee thanked Councillor Lissimore and Graham Thomas for their contribution and confirmed there was no further immediate actions required by the Committee on this item, other than those noted above.

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The Countywide Strategy on Gypsy and Traveller Groups

The Committee considered report PSEG/17/17 and a presentation by Stephen Andrews, Essex Countywide Traveller Unit Manager, providing an overview of the countywide strategy on Gypsy and Traveller Groups in Essex. Councillor Sue Lissimore, Cabinet Member for Housing, Property and Planning and her deputy Cabinet Member, Councillor Lesley Wagland were also in attendance for this item.

The Committee was informed that eleven of the fourteen local authority areas in greater Essex are members of ECTU which was established in October 2012.

Councillor Hillier questioned whether unauthorised encampments are on public land as private landowners do not have a statutory obligation to consider the welfare of any encampment whereas local authorities do, under the Criminal Justice and public Order Act, 1994. Councillor Lissimore responded that the general public does not care if it is private or public land that an encampment has been set up on – they just want the situation dealt with. There is a partnership approach to unauthorised encampments and ECTU give advice on securing land to reduce the number. Essex has been seen as a soft touch and the message is now getting across that we do not go lightly on unauthorised encampments.

Councillor Schmitt raised the difficulties of getting unauthorised travellers to move on from land; and, at times, the interventions of MPs is unwelcome as they criticise the police and local authorities whose conduct is by the letter of the law. Councillor Lissimore and Mr Andrews responded many of the travellers are not residents of Essex and the message that unauthorised encampments in Essex are not acceptable needs to be reinforced.

Councillor Kendall stated that from a resident point-of-view ECTU can seem like a social and welfare service for gypsy and traveller groups. He stated ECTU has been involved in moving encampments on but they reappear in a different place and there are no prosecutions forthcoming despite transgression of planning laws and fly-tipping. He questioned what stops a transit site becoming a permanent one? Councillor Lissimore responded this is her number one priority. There is currently a waiting list of 300 for permanent sites and welfare is available on these. ECTU continues to deliver a robust service within the confines of the law with regard to unauthorised encampments. More needs to be done with borough/city/district councils to deal with fly-tipping. Second-tier authorities only pay £7,000 per year to be members of ECTU and they have ongoing costs as a result of unauthorised encampments. Management is critical in terms of transit sites. There are planning conditions that mean a transit site cannot become a permanent site unless planning consent is given. Fly-tipping and planning are borough/city/district council issues and not within the remit of ECTU Mr Andrews responded.

Councillor Tony Ball stated that education is key and that he is concerned

that many gypsy and traveller children are not accessing compulsory education. He queried what ECTU is doing with schools to ensure children are firstly accessing education and, secondly, continuing within education? Councillor Lissimore replied she would like to see as close as possible to 100% student attendance from the gypsy and traveller communities; however, when questioned many parents state their children are home tutored. Whilst many gypsy and traveller families wish for their children to have a permanent education there are realities that have to be dealt with in the communities.

Councillor Ball responded within the settled communities action would be taken if children did not attend school, and, therefore, the same rules do not seem to apply regarding school attendance and safeguarding.

Councillor Durham raised the charging policy of ECTU in terms of proportionality with some districts having more need of ECTU than smaller authorities. He stated his view was that it was a bad idea to reduce the charge a couple of years ago. Councillor Lissimore responded ECTU is an insurance policy if a local authority area is in need of intervention.

Councillor Sheldon informed the Committee that there are no unauthorised encampments in the Castle Point Borough Council area. However, he asked whether there is any mechanism, through local authorities working together, to enable the district authority to serve a notice of eviction rather than ECC on ECC land? Councillor Lissimore responded that ECC cannot act without definitive proof of land ownership, and, as such, the person serving the notice has to be present in Court. Partnership working is key in gathering better and quicker responses on encampments.

The Chairman of the Committee thanked Councillor Lissimore and Stephen Andrews and confirmed there was no further immediate actions required by the Committee on this item.

8 Place Services And Economic Growth Policy And Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017/18

The Committee noted report PSEG/18/18 concerning the Committee's work programme.

The Committee confirmed Councillor Chris Pond as Chairman of the Localism and Subsidiarity Task and Finish Group and Councillor's Kendall and Sheldon would also serve on the Group. A further nominee would be sought.

Councillor Pond stated his aim was to conclude the Group's review by Christmas.

9 Date of Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th

October.

There being no urgent business the meeting closed at 13:20.

Chairman

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WHAT ARE WE LOOKING AT?	
Review Topic	Localism and Subsidiarity
Type of Review	TASK AND FINISH GROUP
WHY ARE WE LOOKING AT THIS?	
Rationale for the Review	<p>Extract from the minutes of the full Council meeting of 12 July 2017:</p> <p><u>Localism and Subsidiarity</u></p> <p>It was moved by Councillor Pond and seconded by Councillor Sargeant that:</p> <p>'This Council applauds achievements of the Administration to date in the field of localism, such as the Community Initiatives Fund. Local Highways Panels were a useful step in bringing together County and District members; their funding needs to be sufficient, and their processes (including Highway Rangers) more effective, the better to suit local needs.</p> <p>This Council now needs to take further initiatives to ensure that decisions affecting local people are taken as close to them as possible, instead of centrally at County Hall, or by remote joint boards. Devolution to or involvement of districts and parishes in such functions as highway repairs, parking control and enforcement would all increase local buy-in, and should be attainable within existing budgets.</p> <p>This Council refers this whole question to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee for further examination.</p> <p>It was moved by Councillor Grundy and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the motion be amended to read as follows:</p> <p>'This Council applauds achievements of the Administration to date in the field of localism, such as the Community Initiatives Fund. Local Highways Panels were a useful step in bringing together County and District members; their funding needs to be sufficient, and their processes (including Highway Rangers) more effective, the better to suit local needs.</p> <p>This Council now needs to consider further initiatives to ensure that decisions affecting local people are taken as close to them as possible, instead of centrally at County Hall, or by remote joint boards. Devolution to or involvement of Districts, Boroughs, the City and parishes in such functions as highway repairs, parking control and enforcement would all increase local buy-in, and could be attainable within existing budgets.</p> <p>This Council refers this whole question to the Place Services & Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee to be considered along with other important issues for inclusion in their work programme.'</p> <p>Councillor Pond and the seconder Councillor Sargeant accepted the amendment and, with the approval of Council, the amendment having become the substantive motion it was put to the meeting and was carried.</p>

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WHAT DO WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE?	
Indicators of success	<p>What would you wish to see happen as a result of the review?</p> <p>What value can scrutiny bring to the review?</p> <p>Why do you think the desired outcome is achievable?</p>
HOW LONG IS IT GOING TO TAKE?	
Timescales	Three month review with final report to Committee in January 2018
Provisional Timetable	19 October – 18 January 2018
WHAT INFORMATION DO WE NEED?	
Terms of Reference	<p>To review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How possible and practical is it to take decisions to deliver services at a more local level and how can budgets be devolved locally?
Key Lines of Enquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What responsibilities, by service area, would the County Council be prepared to devolve to the more local level? How are services being delivered now? What would the advantages and disadvantages of services being devolved be? What would the staffing and funding implications be? What is the appetite/willingness of the City, Borough, District, Parish and Town Councils to take on the responsibility? What services could realistically come under more local control?
What primary/new evidence is needed?	
What secondary/ existing information is needed?	<p>What have other counties done? Practice elsewhere and maybe visit e.g. Somerset CC is said to be a model of good practice, inc. parking</p> <p>Suffolk CC – libraries run with local input through an Industrial Provident Society</p> <p>CIF Prospectus</p>
What briefings and site visits might be relevant?	CIF funded projects
Other work being undertaken/Relevant Corporate Links	School Crossing Patrols Cabinet Member Reference Group (Cllr Gooding)
What is inside the scope of the review?	<p>Highways and Highways Rangers</p> <p>Libraries</p> <p>Parking Partnerships</p> <p>Devolved budgets, i.e. CIF</p> <p>County records: Liaison between the museum service and ERO; historic buildings and monuments advice (Heritage and Culture 2011 scrutiny report); local accessibility of records</p>

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What is outside the scope of the review?	<p>Passenger Transport Responsive Transport Initiatives/Community Transport</p> <p>Both the above will be subject to future reviews by the Committee</p>
WHO DO WE NEED TO CONTRIBUTE/CONSULT? (INITIAL MEETING TO ESTABLISH THIS)	
Relevant Portfolio Holder(s) and other Member involvement	<p>Councillor Ian Grundy Councillor Susan Barker Councillor John Jowers (inauguration of the CIF) Councillor Chris Whitbread, EFDC Councillor Penny Channer, MDC</p>
Key ECC Officers	<p>Andrew Cook, Director Highways and Transportation Peter Massie, Head of Commissioning Essex Highways Suzanna Shaw, Director Customer and Technology Operations Paul Probert, Head of Community Resilience</p>
Partners and service users	<p>Borough/City/District/Parish/Town Councils Unparished/largely unparished councils (Basildon BC to cover – Clare Hamilton (Chief Regeneration Officer)) EALC SEPP/NEPP Chief Officers/Chairmen</p>
WHAT RESOURCES DO WE NEED?	
Lead Member and Membership	<p>Councillor Chris Pond (Chairman) Councillor Stephen Hillier Councillor David Kendall Councillor Andrew Sheldon</p>
Co-optees (if any)	
Lead Scrutiny Officer/Other	Robert Fox
Expected Member commitment	Four meetings to be concluded by Christmas 2017
WHAT ARE THE RISKS/CONSTRAINTS?	
Risk analysis (site visits etc.)	Risk management form to be completed if any site visits are included as part of the review
Possible constraints	To be determined, if any
WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED FROM STAKEHOLDERS?	
Internal stakeholders	<p>Their time to attend Task and Finish Group meetings Information and advice Communications for any potential press release following the review</p>
External stakeholders	<p>Potential time commitment of co-optee Their time to attend T&F Group evidence sessions</p>
WHO ARE WE DIRECTING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS TO?	
Recommendations to (key decision makers):	This to be compiled during, and following the review

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Reporting arrangements	Task and Finish Group final report to be presented to the full Committee, for a response from the relevant Cabinet Member(s), on Thursday, 18 January 2018
Follow-up arrangements	Six month implementation review to full Committee in July 2018. Twelve month impact review to full Committee in January 2019
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/NOTES	
Meeting dates (provisional)	Tuesday, 31 October 2017 at 10.30 a.m.; Room C120: Cllr Barker, Cllr Grundy Tuesday, 14 November 2017 at 2.30 p.m.; Room C120: Cllr Jowers Thursday, 14 December 2017 following the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy & Scrutiny Committee; Committee Room 1: Cllr Grundy, Andrew Cook, Peter Massie

LESSONS LEARNT/SCRUTINY EVALUATION

To be completed in an end of review Workshop* (align to findings of Scrutiny Survey to be attached as an annex). This form should be used in the evaluation of the process adopted by the Scrutiny review Committee/Task and Finish Group and will be used to inform future Scrutiny Reviews.

**Evaluation workshop at the end of the review will typically involve Committee Chairman/T&F chairman, other T&F group members, scrutiny officer, topic proposer and key stakeholders (if applicable)*

DATE OF REVIEW EVALUATION:	
1. Organisation & Planning	
What could have gone better?	Recommendations for future reviews
What were the strengths and weaknesses of the approach used? Proposed and actual start/completion dates: Was the time allocated adequate?	
2. Resourcing	
What could have gone better?	Recommendations for future reviews
Was officer time/resource adequate for this review?	
3. Evidence sessions/site visits	
What could have gone better?	Recommendations for future reviews
4. Stakeholder and Communications	
What could have gone better?	Recommendations for future reviews
5. Report and Recommendations	
What could have gone better?	Recommendations for future reviews
Was the purpose of the review achieved? Has there/is there likely to be any influence on service delivery as a consequence of the review?	

**AGENDA ITEM 8
PSEG/20/17**

**PLACE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME 2017-18 (ADOPTED BY SEPT 2017 COMMITTEE MEETING)**

Approach to topic selection – where can the committee conduct reviews quickly, influence change and make a difference to the residents of Essex.

Date/Timing	Issue/Topic	Focus/other comments	Approach
November 2017	Mobile Libraries Consultation	To hear the outcomes of the consultation and make any recommendations on this basis	(i) Full committee (ii) Any follow-up depending upon the above
November 2017	Country Parks consultation	To use the Committee to help frame the consultation due in 2018	(i) Workshop
Ongoing until December 2017	Localism and Subsidiarity Task and Finish Group	Scoping undertaken and four meetings until December with a report to the full Committee in January 2018 with recommendations and actions for the relevant Cabinet Member(s)	(ii) Task and Finish Group (iii) Follow-up date subject to above
December 2017	Waste and recycling	Opportunity to learn more about issues within this portfolio	Full committee briefing
January 2018	Localism and Subsidiarity	Report back from the Task and Finish Group	(i) Timing TBC after further discussions with key officers (ii) Could overlap with remit of other committees so there could be an opportunity for joint working.
January 2018	Highways and Transportation	Opportunity to learn about issues within the portfolio	(i) Full committee briefing
January 2018	Air Quality Monitoring and Control	To establish the Task and Finish Group	(ii) Task and Finish Group (iii) Follow-up date subject to above
February 2018	Passenger Transport and Bus Withdrawal Process		Full committee briefing
TBC	Moving Around Essex		Task and Finish Group
TBC	Footways		Task and Finish Group

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July 2018	Localism and Subsidiarity	Implementation review report from relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Full Committee
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