

2014/15 SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER AND WORK PROGRAMME

PAF/03/15

COMMITTEE: PEOPLE & FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 15 January 2015 Agenda Item 8								
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	Mar-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 received an update in September 2014. There are now zero delays as a result of the improvements made to the service. NO FURTHER ACTION

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)	Philippa Bull	07-Jan-13	RESOLVED: A progress report for spring 2014 has been requested	Cllr Dick Madden	Mar-15	
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.
People & Families	Carers Strategy (COP/08/12)	Task and Finish Group	Sharon Longworth	12-Sep-13		Cllr Theresa Higgins	May-15	UPDATE: Task and Finish Group to be re-established. Membership (Cllr's Higgins, Chandler, Cutmore, Danvers and Howard). The Task and Finish Group has met on 14 Oct 14; 28 Nov 14; and 8 Jan 15.

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	<p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>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:</p> <p>Governance Arrangements, Housing Demand and Pupil Forecasting Data, Other Local Schools, School's Business Case, Glenwood School and Community Role.</p>	Cllr Graham Butland	Sep-13	<p>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.</p>
People & Families	The Deanes School (PAF/12/13) CALL-IN	Full Committee	Dave Hill/ Tim Coulson	14-Nov-13	<p>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.</p>	Cllr Ray Gooding	N/A	<p>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.</p>

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	Jan-15	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 published. A status report will be received at the January 2015 meeting of the
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.
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	May-15	An update on the new operating model was received by the Committee in November 2014. The Committee requested a further update in May 2015
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.
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	May-15	UPDATE: The Committee agreed on T&F Group membership (Cllr's McEwen, Barker, Bobbin, and Richard Carson). The T&F Group has met three times on 10 and 13 October 2014; and 19 December 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	May-15	A report was received from the Chairman of <i>Essex Cares</i> , Mr Peter Martin; and the Executive Director Ms Liz Chidgey. The Committee agreed that a further report on activity should be received in May 2015.
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-15	UPDATE: A report was received in September 2014 and the Committee requested an update twelve months hence.

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 agreed on T&F Group membership for the review (Cllr's Blackwell, Cutmore,). The T&F Group has met once on 24 November 2014; future meeting are being established with a view to report back to the Committee in May 2015.
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.

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	Member Visits to Care Homes	Full Committee		04-Sep-14	RESOLVED: Members would be circulated with details of the homes they would be expected to visit. Members would be given appropriate support when making visits.	Cllr Terry Cutmore	N/A	NO FURTHER ACTION
People & Families	Community Agents	Full Committee		12-Mar-15	The Cabinet member suggested the Committee receives an update in the spring of 2015	Cllr Anne Brown	Mar-15	

People & Families	Domestic Violence	Full Committee	Sheila Norris	21-May-15	The Committee shall receive a status report in May 2015.	Cllr Dick Madden	May-15	
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