

**People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee: 6 June 2018**  
**Work programme (subject to further investigation, scoping and evaluation) for 2018/19 municipal year**

Date/timing	Issue/Topic	Focus/other comments	Approach
<b>Items identified for formal scrutiny in full committee</b>			
June 2018	Essex Education Services	Cabinet Decision FP/102/03/18 - Review of Essex Education Services	Consider a call-in of this decision.
June 2018	Care Market	Care Act duties and market shaping and sufficiency and looking at relationships with providers.	(i) Look at relationships with providers by reviewing actions arising from a November 2016 report on the issue and subsequent survey conducted. (ii) Identify any follow-up work and focus which may be conducted in full committee or by Task and Finish Group.
July 2018	0-19 Contract with Virgin Care	Review contract performance after a year of operation (KPIs, involvement of CVS etc).	(i) Initial private briefing in July on the rationale and aspirations behind the contract placement (joint with HOSC-PAF leads); (ii) Formal session then to follow to challenge performance. (iii) Identify any follow-up work and focus which may be conducted in full committee or by Task and Finish Group.
August 2018	0-19 Contract with Virgin Care	Possible date for follow-up work.	
September 2018	Safeguarding - Children	Rescheduled timing to align with publication of Essex Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report and future priorities	(i) Formal session to challenge performance and priorities (ii) Then more detailed update on looked-after children/Child Sexual Exploitation and gang culture.
October 2018	Safeguarding - Adults	Rescheduled timing to align with publication of Essex Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report and refreshed business plan	Formal session to challenge performance and priorities.
November 2018	Young Carers	A new Young Carers Service has been 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 The Cabinet decision was called-in on but later withdrawn after an informal meeting with the Cabinet Member.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 (ii) Post-implementation review of new service (after six months after commencement of contract) as agreed as part of the withdrawal of the call-in during September 2017
April 2019	Educational Attainment	Annual update and discussion.	TBC
April/May 2019	School Places planning	Private briefing update held in May 2018 on refreshed 10 Year Plan and primary and secondary 'Offer day'.	Likely private briefing update – timing TBC

## Task and Finish Group reviews

To be confirmed

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

TBC	Educational Attainment	Separate session to the scheduled Annual update to focus on specific issues raised at the time of the last Annual update	TBC.
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 (to be scheduled for June 2018). (iv) 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	Residential and Domiciliary Care	A previous Task and Finish Group made recommendations on recruitment, retention, staff training and raising the profile of carers in the community	TBC