

MATTERS ARISING/ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

UPDATES REQUESTED AND TO BE SCHEDULED AS FUTURE FORMAL AGENDA ITEMS

9 October 2023	Carers – performance metrics update	Some areas still needed further development (notably but not exclusively plans for respite care) and regular future updates needed to be scheduled.	Proposed to return to scrutiny late summer 2024 once the carers offer is fully mobilised.
9 March 2023	Adult Community Learning Strategy	There would be a scrutiny briefing and a consultation process to consider all options before a decision was taken on removing the nursery provision for ACL learners	To be scheduled in due course - TBC
9 March 2023	Life-Long Learning and Belonging Strategic Plan	A further update would be provided and that the Scrutiny Board be consulted on inviting colleagues from the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee to join the session	Date to be determined by Chairman and committee
14 December 2022	Early Years and Childcare Strategy 2022-2027: End of Year One Update	A further broad update would be arranged in due course	Date to be determined by Chairman and committee.

ACTIONS IN PROGRESS

Date	Agenda item	Action	Status
9 October 2023	Essex Youth Service	<p>1. (a) Whilst noting the aim to build closer links between Councillors and young people, to be given more detail on how this is being done and specifically</p> <p>(b) the process to facilitate and re-institute in a similar form any local YSG forums that wished to reform in some way and how that would be anticipated to work in practice, and</p> <p>(c) to further update on any replacement bodies for YSGs more generally being considered and/or proposed?</p> <p>(d) to understand how projects previously supported by the YSGs can continue to be supported and delivered (for example, delivery of productions at school such as Crucial Crew) and where they are/not currently being delivered</p>	Currently working to provide information for follow-up session scheduled for 14 February 2024.
		2. Whilst noting the success of the youth support role at Basildon Hospital Accident and Emergency, to understand more how this scheme is being considered for expansion to other hospitals, the role of the Violence and Vulnerability Unit and other partners in the scheme and the structure of funding it, and the contributors.	As above
		3. What measures are in place or are to be put in place to reach hard-to-reach individuals including the home-schooled? What are the challenges and limitations in this?	As above
		4. More information on the equity spread of services across the county, identifying any unevenness of provision and what can be done to address it. This should include participation rates as well across the county to identify if that is also uniform and whether there are particular rural areas, for example, with travel and infrastructure challenges.	As above

ACTIONS FROM RECENT MEETINGS - UPDATES AWAITED

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Status
7 December 2023	ASC Priority Area of Focus – People Waiting	Faith based reviews to be included on the definitions page in future reports.	TBC
		That the challenges ASC faced should be highlighted within the executive summary of future reports such as 1 in 5 adults in Essex were 65 and people with learning disabilities and autism cohorts was expected to grow significantly by 2025	TBC
		It was highlighted that the 3 year overdue reference within the report related to Care Act reviews and not initial assessments. Members were concerned this could be misleading and suggested it was made clearer in future reports	TBC
		Future performance reports to the Committee should focus more on a narrative in a traditional written report rather than over reliance on power point presentations	Completed – reflected in the report of EDI at January 2024 meeting
	ASC Priority area of focus – Co-production	The ‘Statement of Intent’ referred to during discussion be brought to the Committee once developed for comment and review and to understand any actions that arose from it.	TBC
14 September 2023	Essex Safeguarding Adults Board – Annual Report 2022-23	To include more prominent reference to the financial challenges being faced by the Board in the finalised annual report and the development of risk register work.	TBC
		The Essex Covid-19 Care Home Report which had been endorsed by ESAB to be presented to the Committee.	TBC

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		More information on safeguarding referrals received from asylum and refugee holding centres.	TBC
		The passing reference to the recent Dispatches television programme in the draft annual report be expanded to include more background and context.	TBC
	Adult Social Care Priority area of focus: Safeguarding Adults	Whether fast-track health and care training being developed at Essex University could be extended and applied to safeguarding training.	TBC
		If some further narrative to explain the proportion of outcomes where safeguarding risk had been reduced or removed (bullet point VIII above) could be included for future reports.	TBC
		To provide further narrative in future reports on the statistics being presented more generally to give further context, refer to any relevant changes in process and/or recording that might be causing statistical change and indicate if trends were positive or negative.	TBC

SIGNIFICANTLY OVERDUE MATTERS ARISING

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9 March 2023	Adult Community Learning Strategy	Further information would be provided on the efficacy of outcomes for apprenticeships and specifically what percentage successfully completed their end point assessment	TBC
15 February 2023	Disability Strategy	The final Disability Strategy should be clear that it supported the current Market Fields School project, and other similar schemes which provide work experience and job opportunities for local people with disabilities and further utilities the potential of local people.	TBC
		A further update would be given providing a Delivery Plan and identified actions after the formal launch of the Strategy.	To be scheduled
		<p>District/borough councils should be encouraged to include provision for supported housing in their Local Plans;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appropriate specifications and provision for supported housing should also be reflected in the County Council's own Design Guide; - Representation be made on the increasing need for supported housing within the National Planning Policy Framework; - Request that Essex Housing consider if there is a role for it to further promote and influence the increase in supported housing provision. 	TBC
		Request the Scrutiny Board to consider further scrutiny arrangements for the planning for future housing provision particularly in relation to supported housing for disabled and other vulnerable people.	TBC
11 January 2023	Everyone's Library Service 2022-2026	To provide amended trend data and charts that compared to periods/years before the pandemic and not just 2021	TBC

SIGNIFICANTLY OVERDUE MATTERS ARISING continued...

11 January 2023	Everyone's Library Service 2022-2026	That, as part of a future scrutiny session, and further to an upcoming public consultation, to include more information on what users and potential users want from their libraries and what matters to them	To be picked up at the next update on libraries.
		To invite the Chairman of the Education Task Force and appropriate Cabinet Members and officers to discuss concerns about current performance on literacy	To be included as part of scheduling broader education updates
	HCRG Contract for the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service	A table showing all 22 Outcomes and target outcomes with all KPIs would be produced	TBC
		More information on the Affinity Programme to be provided to Members	TBC
		Further information on the rate of the contract to be provided to Members	TBC
		Clarification on the availability of statistics measuring reach, and the number of hard-to-reach families missing out on the early years services who were then later identified needing additional support in later life	TBC
14 April 2022	Essex Safeguarding Children Board update	Information on accessing services in the Dengie area to be provided	TBC
		More knife bins should be placed in smaller towns, including placing them within Essex libraries to prevent vandalism	TBC