

People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee: 7 January 2020

2020 Work Programme (dates subject to change and some issues may be subject to further investigation, scoping and evaluation)

Date/timing	Issue/Topic	Focus/other comments	Approach
Items identified for formal scrutiny in full committee			
16 January 2020	Education portfolio update – <i>follow up</i>	Follow-up on actions arising from July meeting: (i) the work of a cross party group looking at children missing education; (ii) further defining the expectations of interventions by the Early Years' Sector; and (iii) ensuring wellbeing programmes operating in schools all link-up and how personal resilience is being promoted in schools.	Cabinet Member and Director – Education, to attend.
16 January 2020	Day Opportunities	To consider proposals ahead of presentation to Cabinet.	Cabinet Member and Director ASC to attend.
13 February 2020	Drug Gangs, knife crime and county lines	Responding to referral from Full Council to look in particular at multi-agency working	To receive the report of the Task and Finish Group established to look at the issue.
13 February 2020	Domiciliary care/ Hospital discharge process	To scope a review of domiciliary care provision in Essex.	To start with a briefing on the conclusions of a recent study commissioned by the County Council reflecting on the appropriateness of care plans after hospital discharge.
13 February 2020	Adult Community Learning	Assessing and measuring the social investment. An update to be prepared on the general wellbeing work being done.	Cabinet Member and Lead Officers to attend.
12 March 2020	Autism and Learning Disabilities	Review the County Council's 'Meaningful Lives Matter'.	TBC – timing dependent on joint (with HOSC) introductory briefing on autism having been held.
9 April 2020	Respite Care – follow up	To be updated on the full-service review conducted.	Cabinet Member and Lead Officers to attend.
14 May2020	Educational Attainment	Annual report	Cabinet Member and Director- Education to attend. A new focus to be incorporated into the report moving toward exception/outlier reporting and also measuring attainment for those not able to achieve formal qualifications.
11 June 2020	Adult Carers (strategy)	To be scoped	
11 June 2020	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards	Arising from Audit Committee agenda item.	
23 July 2020	Special Educational Needs – <i>further follow-up</i>	Scrutinise service changes arising from public consultation	Review feedback on implementation.

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Task and Finish Group reviews

To finish	Drug gangs, knife crime and county lines	Multi-agency working arrangements	Evidence sessions completed. Report being finalised.
To start	Domiciliary care	TBC	TBC

Items identified for joint work with other committees – to be scheduled

3 February 2020	Autism	Diagnosis and referral waiting times, social care/ other support and level of awareness/training.	Private joint briefing with HOSC on service structures and responsibilities before defining follow up work
TBC	Sensory services	Currently being scoped	TBC

Further issues under consideration

TBC	Provider relationships – <i>follow-up</i>	Refreshed Market Strategy	Opportunity to review and comment on draft and revisit any issues from previous discussions.
TBC	0-19 contract with Virgin Care – <i>further follow-up</i>	Continue review of contract performance, and the revised (more outcomes focussed) KPIs.	Cabinet Member, Virgin Care, and Barnardos to Be invited.
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TBC	Children in Care/school leavers	Transitions. The support in schools. Discussed in previous work planning discussions	To be scoped.
TBC	Hip fractures and falls Prevention – <i>follow-up</i>	Follow up on Task & Finish Group recommendations that are relevant to PAF	To be picked up during work on domiciliary care.