

People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee: 3 October 2018
Work programme (subject to further investigation, scoping and evaluation) for 2018/19 municipal year

Date/timing	Issue/Topic	Focus/other comments	Approach
Items identified for formal scrutiny in full committee			
8 November 2018	Essex Care Market – relationships with care providers	Follow-up on issues raised in June 2018 session specifically on more information to be provided on aged/older debt and the split between small and large companies.	(i) Initial discussion in June 2018. Further full committee session. (ii) Identify any further follow-up work which may be conducted in full committee or by Task & Finish Group
November/December 2018	0-19 contract with Virgin Care	Review contract performance after a year of operation (KPIs, involvement of CVS etc).	(i) Private briefing in July on background etc, (ii) Formal session in August to challenge performance. (iii) Site visits to Family Hubs to be arranged. (iv) Further session(s) with sub-contractors and service users to be scoped and arranged.
TBC	Young Carers Service	A new service has been delivered in-house by ECC from 1 April 2018. The Cabinet decision was called-in but later withdrawn after an informal meeting with the Cabinet Member.	(i) Post-implementation review of new service (six months after Contract commencement) as agreed as part of the withdrawal of the call-in. (ii) Identify any further follow-up work which may be conducted in full committee or by Task & Finish Group
TBC (after the sale has completed)	Cabinet Decision FP/102/03/18 – Review of Essex Education Services	Update on how the strategic objectives stated in the decision paper have been met, provide more information on the financial payback period, and how to encourage EES maintaining a strategic presence in the county.	Full committee session to follow up on the call-in discussion in June 2018 and reassurances being sought.
TBC	Hip fractures and falls prevention Task and Finish Group	Follow-up on the specific recommendations that are applicable to this committee	TBC
11 April 2019	Educational Attainment	Annual update and discussion.	TBC
April/May 2019	School Places planning	Refreshed 10 Year Plan and primary and secondary 'Offer day'.	Private briefing update held in May 2018. Likely private briefing update – timing TBC
September/October 2019	Safeguarding – (i) children and (ii) adults	Report of the work of the Safeguarding Boards to align with the timing of their respective annual reports.	TBC

Task and Finish Group reviews

To be confirmed – none currently operating.

Issues still under consideration and/or for further evaluation

TBC	Safeguarding	Consider operational areas for further focus such as on looked-after children/Child Sexual Exploitation, gang culture, missing children. Issues around home schooling have also been raised during committee discussions on the work of the Essex Safeguarding Children Board.	
TBC	Educational Attainment	Separate session to the Annual update could be scheduled to focus on specific issues raised at the time of the last Annual update - or focus the next annual update on specific issues. One matter raised was an update on work being undertaken to develop a minimum service entitlement identified for those with special needs and developing/identifying an outcomes tools framework. Another recurring theme in discussions both on safeguarding and education has been home schooling.	TBC.
TBC	The Care Market	Care Act duties and market shaping and sufficiency and looking at relationships with providers.	(i) Formal session reviewing relationship management held in June 2018 and follow-up identified later in the year. (ii) possible work on the personalisation agenda and the sustainability of the care provider workforce is being scoped.
TBC	Learning Disabilities	A wide ranging cross-cutting issue – will need detailed focus if go beyond a preliminary briefing.	Private preparatory briefing from ECC officers on structures and issues in October 2017. No specific follow-up work was suggested but could be revisited.
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.	Some aspects may be covered as part of discussions on the work of Safeguarding Boards. Further investigation may then be needed with key officers necessary before being able to scope any detailed 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