

**People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee: 5 February 2019**  
**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>			
February 2019	Gangs/County Lines	Referral from Full Council and also identified during work planning discussions in December 2018.	(i) Introductory session with Head of Youth Offending and Police representative. (ii) Further work to be defined and scoping document to be finalised.
February 2019	Special Educational Needs	Identified during work planning discussions in December 2018.	Introduction to aims and objectives of formal public consultation.
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 The Cabinet decision was called-in but later withdrawn after an informal meeting with the Cabinet Member.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 contract negotiations have 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.	Interim status update on contract negotiations received at January 2019 meeting. Decision paper going to February 2019 Cabinet meeting. Full committee session to be scheduled thereafter to follow up on the call-in discussion in June 2018 and reassurances being sought.
April 2019	Educational Attainment	Annual update and discussion.	Director Education and Cabinet Member to be present.
April/May 2019 TBC	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
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.	(i) Healthwatch Essex update on work being done to support the Safeguarding Boards. (ii) Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health in his role as member of ESAB and partner agency.

### Task and Finish Group reviews

To be confirmed – none currently operating.

### Further issues under consideration and/or for further evaluation

TBC	Domiciliary Care	Identified during work planning discussions.	Could be considered under a 'What does good care look like?' and then move into other parts of the care market thereafter. To be scoped.
TBC	Children in Care/school leavers transitions	How is the system working to help them prepare for adult working life? Possible links between looked after children and the homelessness. The support for looked-after children being introduced into schools	To be scoped.
TBC	Autism	Diagnosis and referral waiting times.	Possible Joint approach with HOSC.
TBC	Hip fractures and falls Prevention Task and Finish Group	Follow up on recommendations that are relevant to PAF (there were HOSC specific recommendations as well)	