

People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee: 3 April 2019

2019 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			
11 April 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) Second session with Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (iii) Further work to be defined and undertaken by a Task and Finish Group.
11 April 2019	Supplier relationships		
9 May 2019	Educational Attainment	Annual update and discussion	Director Education and Cabinet Member to be present.
9 May 2019	Cabinet Member – portfolio update (Education)	Part of a schedule of regular updates	Director Education and Cabinet Member to be present.
13 June 2019	0-19 contract with Virgin Care	Review contract performance after a year of operation (KPIs, involvement of CVS etc).	i) Private briefing in July 2018 on background etc, (ii) Formal session in August 2018 to challenge performance. (iii) Further discussions held with sub-contractors. (iv) Site visits to Family Hubs to meet staff and service users to be arranged during May 2019. (iv)
13 June 2019	Cabinet Member – portfolio update (Children and Families)	Part of a schedule of regular updates	Cabinet Member to be present
11 July 2019	TBC		
Ongoing	Special Educational Needs	Scrutinise the planned review of the service. (identified during work planning discussions in December 2018).	(i) Introduction to aims and objectives of formal public consultation (February 2019). (ii) further review of consultation feedback and decision-making process to be scheduled
12 September 2019	Safeguarding Children	Report of the work of the Safeguarding Board to align with the timing of their annual report.	Could also look at Healthwatch Essex update on work being done to support the Safeguarding Boards
10 October 2019	Safeguarding Adults	Report of the work of the Safeguarding Board to align with the timing of their annual report	Could also look at Healthwatch Essex update on work being done to support the Safeguarding Boards and, also Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health in his role as member of ESAB and partner agency

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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. (iii) Combine with more general item on carers?
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 on final contract placement to go to Cabinet meeting. Full committee session to be scheduled thereafter to follow up on the call-in discussion in June 2018 and reassurances being sought.
TBC	Provider relationships	Refreshed Market Strategy – due later this year	Opportunity to review and comment on draft.

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)	