

## People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee

Main agenda item for next meeting: 9 September 2021

Overview of what ECC has been providing as support for young people and families as come out of the pandemic, to include initiatives already underway and planned (including the Education Recovery Task Force activity) - as precursor to a possible joint scrutiny working group.

### Work programme update: Headline issues for further consideration

<b><u>Health and ASC</u></b>	<b><u>Education</u></b>	<b><u>Children and Families</u></b>	<b><u>Deputy Leader</u></b>
Older people -Work underway to further enhance quality of life. -CONNECT programme. -Re-ablement.	New SEND Strategy (in draft) – interim update to understand challenges.	Short breaks commissioning strategy – to be out for consultation in the summer.	Levelling up agenda: cross-cutting. Involves partnership work including districts. Timing: post September.
Learning disabilities -Largest component part of budget. -Considerable levels of care can be required.	Improvements to SEND provision update (CQC/OFSTED inspection)	New domestic abuse statutory duty and strategy – to be published in October.	Libraries Strategy – wider community role (linking summer camps and other outreach work). Also focus on pre-schools and school readiness.
Carers - further ways to support	Young people missing education group and its continuing work	Early Years strategy – parenting as a subject for scrutiny and support and assistance?	Youth Services strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Young carers</li> <li>- Community capacity reactivation</li> <li>- Early intervention and causal linkages</li> </ul>
System working/ Blurred boundaries between Health and social care.	Education Recovery Task Force – how recovers post pandemic	Looked-after children -strategy (housing - care leavers).	Essex Outdoors – looking to increase usage and make it more commercial and reinvestment

-Especially applicable to mental health. -Emphasis on prevention. -New initiatives to rebuild lives back into the mainstream	(to be chaired by independent person)	-How well is adoption service working?	
Social care staff -Looking to enhance status. -Role of technology	ECC 100 Day Plan – how education service feeds into it.	Emotional wellbeing - Suicide rates in Essex, mental health, loneliness and isolation.	
	Adult Community Learning Strategy (to be informed by 100 Day Plan)	Domestic abuse	
	Lifelong learning – Skills – post 16 training possible joint work with other scrutiny committee(s)		
	ECC response on Government White Paper on future education proposals. Performance of academies and role of Regional Schools Commissioner		

There are also some additional legacy/loose-ends from before the County Council elections which may also be considered. This includes a follow-up on the recommendations from the Drug Gangs, Knife Crime and County Lines Task and Finish Group.