

People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee: 7 December 2020

2020/21 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			
7 December 2020	Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health	Preparing for the re-procurement of the service by the multi-agency commissioning forum	Review ahead of paper going to Cabinet in January 2021. Lead Officers to be present
7 December 2020	Children and Families services	Broad update on: (i) pandemic response; (ii) Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service; (iii) children's respite services.	Cabinet Member invited to attend
14 January 2021 (provisional)	Special Educational Needs – Care Quality Commission/Ofsted Inspection – <i>further follow up</i>	To be updated on the multi-agency action plan and improvement actions being taken	Cabinet Member, Lead Officers and Health representatives to be present.
14 January 2021 (provisional)	Drug Gangs, knife crime and county lines - <i>follow up</i>	A Task and Finish Group report was endorsed by the Committee in September 2020	To follow up on the recommendations in the final report of the Group.
14 January 2021 (provisional)	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards – <i>follow up</i>	Update on progress to reduce number of outstanding assessments.	Lead Officers to attend
11 February 2021	Meaningful Lives Matter Programme	Update on refocussing of work as a result of learning from the pandemic	Lead Officers to attend
11 February 2021 (provisional)	Domiciliary Care Task and Finish Group – final report	To consider the conclusions of the Group and any suggested actions	Cabinet Member and Lead Officers to attend

Task and Finish Group review

October – January 2021	Domiciliary care	Accessibility, monitoring of performance and service quality, capacity, technological options, and adequacy of discharge planning processes	Review underway.
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Further issues that may need scheduling

TBC	Education portfolio – further updates	1. opportunity to review any further updated Essex County Council submission to the House of Commons Education Select Committee on elective home education. 2. Assessing Educational Attainment during a pandemic	TBC
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