

People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee: 5 November 2019

2019 Work Programme (dates subject to change and some issues may be subject to further investigation, scoping and evaluation)

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**Items identified for formal scrutiny in full committee**

14 November 2019	Special Educational Needs – <i>further follow-up</i>	Scrutinise service changes arising from public consultation	Update on further discussion and service review ahead of implementation in new year
14 November 2019	Domiciliary care	Introduction to the issue through user experience	Healthwatch Essex input
14 November 2019	Drug gangs, knife crime and county lines – <i>follow-up</i>	Referral from Full Council to oversee development of multi-agency strategy	To receive an update on the work of the Group.
16 January 2020	Education portfolio update – <i>follow up</i>	Follow-up on actions arising from July meeting: (i) the work of a cross party group looking at children missing education; (ii) further defining the expectations of interventions by the Early Years' Sector; and (iii) ensuring wellbeing programmes operating in schools all link-up and how personal resilience is being promoted in schools.	Cabinet Member and Director – Education, to attend.
16 January 2020	Hospital discharge process	Review findings of recent review commissioned by the County Council	Possible link with further work on domiciliary care (above)
16 January 2020	Drug Gangs, knife crime and county lines	Responding to referral from Full Council to look in particular at multi-agency working	To receive the report of the Task and Finish Group established to look at the issue.
13 February 2020	TBC		
March 2020 (provisional)	Respite Care – follow up	To be updated on the full service review conducted.	Cabinet Member and Lead Officers to attend.
Spring 2020	Adult Community Learning	Assessing and measuring the social investment side of it. An update to be prepared on the general wellbeing work being done.	Cabinet Member and Lead Officers to attend.
April 2020	Educational Attainment	Annual report	Cabinet Member and Director- Education to attend.

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**Items identified for formal scrutiny in full committee - to be scheduled**

Early 2020	Provider relationships – <i>follow-up</i>	Refreshed Market Strategy.	Opportunity to review and comment on draft and revisit any issues from previous discussions.
Summer 2020	0-19 contract with Virgin Care – <i>further follow-up</i>	Continue review of contract performance, and the revised (more outcomes focussed) KPIs.	Cabinet Member, Virgin Care, and Barnardos to be invited.
	Portfolio updates (Children and Families, Education, Health and Adult Social Care)	To be updated on current issues and challenges.	To supplement other attendances by Cabinet Members for specific issues – to be arranged as and when the Committee think appropriate

**Task and Finish Group reviews**

Ongoing	Drug gangs, knife crime and county lines	Oversee the development of a multi-agency strategy (referral from Full Council)	Scoping document agreed by Full Committee. Detailed work underway
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**Items identified for joint work with other committees – to be scheduled**

TBC – early 2020	Autism	Diagnosis and referral waiting times, social care/ other support and level of awareness/training.	Briefing on service structures and responsibilities before defining follow up work
TBC	Sensory services	Currently being scoped	TBC

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

TBC	Children in Care/school leavers	Transitions. The support in schools. Discussed in previous work planning discussions	To be scoped.
TBC	Hip fractures and falls Prevention – <i>follow-up</i>	Follow up on Task & Finish Group recommendations that are relevant to PAF	To be picked up during work on domiciliary care.