

People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee: 18 June 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			
13 June 2019	Respite care - petition	To review aspects of respite care including alternative arrangements available.	Cabinet Member lead officers to attend. Lead petitioner to also address the meeting.
13 June 2019	0-19 contract with Virgin Care – <i>follow-up</i>	Continue review of contract performance and follow-up on the revised (more outcomes focussed) KPIs being developed.	Site visits to Family Hubs to meet staff and service users to be arranged during May 2019. Cabinet Member, Virgin Care, and Barnardos to be invited.
11 July 2019	Special Educational Needs – <i>follow-up</i>	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.
11 July 2019	Education update	Periodic portfolio update from the Cabinet Member and Lead Officer	Asked to indicate what are the big 4 challenges facing the Cabinet Member
11 July 2019	The Care Act	Requirements of the Care Act and impact on social care.	Briefing from ECC officers before identifying follow-up formal scrutiny work. Issues to date highlighted include looking at discharges and domiciliary care (possible link with HOSC item on 24 July on A&E pressures and admission avoidance)
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
TBC	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

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Ongoing	Drug gangs, knife crime and county lines – <i>follow-up</i>	Referral from Full Council to oversee development of multi-agency strategy	To receive periodic reports from the Task and Finish Group now undertaking the detailed review.
TBC – late 2019/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.
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	(i) Post-implementation review of new service as agreed as part of the withdrawal of the call-in. (ii) Consider more general discussion on carers?
TBC (after contract negotiations have completed)	Call-in of Cabinet Decision FP/102/03/18 – Review of Essex Education Services – <i>follow up</i>	How strategic objectives have been met, more information on the financial payback period, and maintaining a strategic presence in the county.	Full committee session to be scheduled after Cabinet decision on contract placement.

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 TBC
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Items identified for joint work with other committees – to be scheduled

September 2019	Autism	Diagnosis and referral waiting times were specifically raised during work planning sessions.	Joint private briefing with Health Scrutiny Committee 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	Domiciliary Care	Identified during work planning discussions.	'What does good care look like?' To be scoped.
TBC	Children in Care/school leavers transitions	Possible links with homelessness. The support in schools	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	