Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2018 / 19 Programme of Work

Scrutiny topic	Member Sponsor	Lead Officer	Scope of Scrutiny
Provision of Healthcare Services - including the recruitment and retention of GPs	Councillor N R Pudney	Director of Service Delivery	 Representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) attended the February 2019 meeting and provided Members with an update on the work of the CCG over the past twelve months and updates on the following current and future projects: Primary Care Foundations Project (Mid Essex); NHS Long Term Plan; GP Recruitment. The Committee was informed of a visit to Holland in October 2018 where progressive working has been identified and is currently being translated into working practice within the Dengie. Projects included the following: 15 Minute Project; Neighbourhood Care;
Section 106	Councillor I E Dobson	Director of Strategy, Performance and Governance	 An invitation would be sent to the CCG would be sent for the October 2019 meeting of the Committee. It was agreed that the Committee would receive an update on Section 106 Agreements on a six monthly basis. A detailed report was submitted to the Committee for its February 2019 meeting which set out the progress on Section 106 projects delivered by Maldon District Council, NHS England, and Essex County Council. The Committee was advised that the monitoring and recording of Section 106 Agreements (S106) had significantly improved. It was agreed that: (i) Provision of funds for allotments within the Garden Suburb would be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee. (ii) Clarification on the spending of £12,000.00 to Burnham Town Council to be confirmed and provided to the relevant parties. The next six-monthly report will be submitted to this Committee in August 2019.

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Provision of Car Parking	Councillor M W Helm	Director of Service Delivery	Arrangements are being made for the Director of Service Delivery, Councillor S J Savage, and the operational Manager from the South Essex Parking Partnership to meet to discuss enforcement issues near to prom Park during events. A report will be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee following a meeting between Councillor S J Savage and Director of Service Delivery in April 2019.
Monitoring of the Organisational Change Programme	Councillor P G L Elliott Councillor R P F Dewick	Director of Resources	 Following the decision by Council on 7th June 2018 to progress with Ignite's Future Council model, the Committee will monitor the implementation of this organisational change programme. An update on the implementation was provided to the Committee for its October 2018 meeting when it was agreed that Members will receive regular updates on the progress of the Council Transformation and that minutes of the Transformation Board will be available through the Modern.Gov application. An update for Members is being presented at the April 2019 meeting.
Review of Fire and Rescue Service provision in the Dengie	Councillor P G L Elliott	Director of Service Delivery	Concern was raised that the Fire Authority was looking into closing fire stations within the Maldon District, i.e. Tillingham and Burnham-on-Crouch. It was noted that were this to happen the closest Fire Service to the Dengie would be located at South Woodham Ferrers. A public meeting with the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner took place on 8 th January 2019. A private briefing for Members took place on 7 th February 2019. Director of Service Delivery will provide a verbal update at the April 2019 meeting.
Waste Contract – reliability of the contractor vehicles	Councillor R P F Dewick Councillor M S Heard	Director of Service Delivery	In response to questions raised, Members were advised that the waste contractor was being scrutinised following issues surrounding the reliability of vehicles and the impact on the delivery of service. Members were also seeking clarification/confirmation of where the District's recycling is sent to following processing. A detailed report was provided to the Committee previously (October 2018) which updated Members on the collection of waste within the District and addressed concerns surrounding contractor vehicles and the end destination of recycling. The Recycling and Recovery UK Regional Manager from Suez also attended the meeting. Following discussions at the meeting, the content of the report and actions being undertaken were noted. No further action on this scrutiny topic is required, although a watching brief will be maintained on performance.

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Dealing with Waste Water	Councillor Miss S White	Director of Strategy, Performance and Governance	 The Committee raised concerns over the use of an experimental pumping system for foul water removal at new developments within the district, the lack of capacity at pumping stations, and the liability for any failure of foul water drainage which may occur. Members discussed the responsibility of foul water removal at new developments within the District and voiced frustration over conflicting reports from Anglian Water Authority (AWA). It was requested that Anglian Water attend a future meeting of the Committee and provide a report on the removal of foul water. Following on from the Committee's request, a meeting was held with Cllr. Miss S White which identified two issues and two work streams. 1. The first is the consistency between Anglian Water Authority's consultation responses to planning applications and comments that have been made in meetings about capacity constraints; and 2. the wider issue of the long-term adequacy of the sewerage and surface water drainage systems (combined in many areas) to cope with growth and storms. Officers have actioned the above matters as follows: The principle of a position statement has been requested from Anglian Water and officers are awaiting confirmation that this approach is feasible. The scope of such a statement will be agreed directly this is confirmed. A separate meeting has taken place with Essex County Council with regards to working in partnership to develop a district wide Water Cycle Study for Maldon Town & Heybridge only. Any future Study will extend the area across the whole district and will be aimed at a strategic approach to the management of all water streams alongside any proposed growth for the Maldon district. The issues will be discussed further at the Coastal and Flooding meeting on 26th February 2019. The Director of Strategy, Performance and Governance to provide a verbal update at the April 2019 meeting.