

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2018 / 19 Programme of Work

Scrutiny topic	Member Sponsor	Lead Officer	Scope of Scrutiny
Monitoring of the Organisational Change Programme	(New sponsor to be decided) Councillor R P F Dewick	Director of Resources	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The updated provided at the April 2019 meeting provided the following information was provided in response to Members questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration would be given to holding training sessions with Members within business hours. • Agile working was to be encouraged throughout the authority and would be complimented by systems such as Skype. It was noted that work is an activity and not a place. • The Council would do as much as is reasonably practicable to ensure the safe agile working of staff, however staff were equally responsible for their individual safety. • Concerns over staff welfare and the creation of an impersonal workforce were raised. The Director of Service Delivery confirmed that a culture project was looking into addressing these issues. <p>A further update will be provided at the July 2019 meeting of this Committee.</p>
Provision of Car Parking	Councillor M W Helm	Director of Service Delivery	<p>A meeting took place between the Director of Service Deliver and Councillor S J Savage to discuss enforcement issues near to prom Park during events.</p> <p>The Director of Service Delivery called a meeting with the South Parking Essex Partnership on 17 April. In attendance Councillor S J Savage and The Senior Community Protection Officer. It was agreed to review parking restrictions in the area which are affected by seasonal parking difficulties. The Council has formally asked the Parking Partnership to undertake the review and carry out all necessary consultation before making a decision on any amendments.</p> <p>The Director of Service Delivery to report back to the July 2019 meeting.</p>

<p>Dealing with Waste Water</p>	<p>Councillor Miss S White</p>	<p>Director of Strategy, Performance and Governance</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Following on from the Committee's request, a meeting was held with Councillor Miss S White which identified two issues and two work streams.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Officers have actioned the above matters as follows:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Coastal and Flooding meeting, on 26th February 2019, noted that the numerous issues raised by Members had been linked to Anglian Water who were not in attendance. A position statement was still outstanding, and discussions were expected to take place with senior contacts at Anglian Water.</p> <p>A separate meeting has taken place with Essex County Council with regards to working in partnership to develop a district wide Water Cycle Study as a future project. In 2010 the Council commissioned a Scoping 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. At the April 2019 meeting the Director of SPG advised that the results will be reported back to a future meeting.</p> <p>The Maldon Harbour Improvement Commissioners (MHIC) had started a water pollution watch group with a number of parties, including Northumbrian Water (Essex & Suffolk). Councillor Miss White requested that Maldon District Council work in partnership with other agencies to prevent pollution and protect the Blackwater.</p> <p>The Director of Strategy, Performance and Governance will provide an update to the July 2019 meeting.</p>
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Provision of Healthcare Services - including the recruitment and retention of GPs	(New sponsor to be decided)	Director of Service Delivery	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Care Foundations Project (Mid Essex); • NHS Long Term Plan; • GP Recruitment. <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 Minute Project; • Neighbourhood Care; <p>An invitation will be sent to the CCG for the August 2019 meeting of the Committee.</p>
Section 106	(New sponsor to be decided)	Director of Strategy, Performance and Governance	<p>It was agreed that the Committee would receive an update on Section 106 Agreements on a six-monthly basis.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Committee was advised that the monitoring and recording of Section 106 Agreements (S106) had significantly improved.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of funds for allotments within the Garden Suburb will be reported back to the Committee. • Clarification on the spending of £12,000.00 to Burnham Town Council to be confirmed and provided to the relevant parties. <p>The next six-monthly report will be submitted to the August 2019 meeting.</p>

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Review of Fire and Rescue Service provision in the Dengie	(New sponsor to be decided)	Director of Service Delivery	<p>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.</p> <p>A public meeting with the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner took place on 8th January 2019. A private briefing for Members took place on 7th February 2019.</p> <p>Further information on the Fire Break Project has been requested and will be shared with Members once received.</p>
Council Tax	(New sponsor to be advised)	Director of Resources	<p>To determine at what point a new build house becomes liable for Council Tax.</p> <p>Previously the Director of Resources had provided the following information on this query:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council offers no relief of empty properties (existing). • When the new build is substantially completed or within 3 months of being substantially complete we service a formal completion notice. This is normally the effective date that a property is entered into the valuation list. The property is reported to the Valuation Office Agency who determine the effective date and relevant banding, and then place the property into the Valuation List.
Business Opportunities within the Council	Councillor M S Heard	Director of Resources	<p>To look at the allocation of space within the foyer and identify business opportunities to generate income for the Council.</p> <p>Councillor M S Heard asked that an area that could be explored was the use by Police of an alcove area for confidential meetings with members of the public.</p> <p>This is to be discussed with the tenant at the next Landlord and Tenant Liaison meeting.</p>