

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
2019 / 20 Programme of Work

Scrutiny Topic	Member Sponsor	Lead Officer	Scope of Scrutiny
Conduct Complaints		CLT	Following a number of complaints to the Joint Standards Committee (raised 28 August 2019), the Council needs to demonstrate that they are policing themselves appropriately. A report from the Deputy Monitoring Officer is to be presented at the 2 October meeting of the Committee.
Provision of Car Parking	Councillor M W Helm Councillor R P F Dewick	Director of Service Delivery	<p>Events at Promenade Park The Director of Service Delivery called a meeting with the South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) on 17 April. In attendance was 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. At the June 2019 meeting it was confirmed that SEPP would review parking restrictions within the residential areas around Promenade Park and undertake a safety report as part of this review.</p> <p>Park and Ride Schemes within the District: Members requested that the following points were investigated and fed back to the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of the scheme • Designation of area with the Leisure Quarter. <p>The following points were covered in discussions between Members and Officers at the July 2019 meeting:</p> <p>1. Tesco Park and Ride</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full review of S106 requirements is to be undertaken as a matter of urgency with an action plan progressed & reviewed as required. • Specialist – Area Plan to present to Members at the 2 October 2019 meeting of the committee. <p>2. Identifying a second Park and Ride Service within the district</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider/identify the creation of a second route within the District. • Areas for consideration include Heybridge and the Garden Suburbs. <p>The Director of Service Delivery will report back to the 2 October 2019 meeting.</p>
Section 106	Councillor M S Heard Councillor V Bell	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. 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 in May 2019 that the monitoring and recording of Section 106 Agreements (S106) had significantly improved. 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 presented at the 31 October 2019 meeting.</p> <p>With the commencement of the new committee structure in October 2019, and subsequent to receipt of the report at the 31 October 2019 meeting, it is considered that performance management reports would be more suited going to the Performance, Governance and Audit Committee, therefore, Members are asked to consider the removal of this item from the programme of work.</p>

Business Opportunities for the Council	Councillor M S Heard	Corporate Leadership Team	<p>To look at the allocation of space within the foyer and identify business opportunities across all Council owned properties 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. This was to be discussed with the tenant at the next Landlord and Tenant Liaison meeting.</p> <p>Updates from previous meetings are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 2019 - Officers were already in talks with prospective clients and current tenants. • June 2019 - The item of scrutiny related to all Council owned sites and was not exclusive to the Princes Road offices. • July 2019 – A second Park and Ride scheme will be looked at to mitigate congestion. Areas for consideration will include Heybridge and the Garden Suburbs (please see Provision of Car Parking). <p>With the commencement of the new committee structure in October 2019, it is considered that this item may be more suited for a working group of the Strategy and Resources Committee, therefore Members are asked to consider the removal of this item from the programme of work.</p>
Monitoring of the Organisational Change Programme	Councillor R H Siddall	Corporate Leadership Team	<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 following information has been provided in response to Members concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration would be given to holding training sessions with Members within business hours, a training session for Members would take place with Ignite and Officers in June 2019. • 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 morale, motivation, welfare and the creation of an impersonal workforce were raised. <p>The Director of Service Delivery confirmed that a culture project was looking into addressing these issues. The verbal update provided to Members at the July 2019 meeting of the Committee included the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Font line services were continuing to be delivered, and where necessary contractors had been employed. • The Commercial Plan was expected to be provided to Members and the public in September 2019. • Members could find minutes from meetings of the Transformation Board on the internal iDrive. • Cllr Siddall will meet with the Director of SPG to identify milestones for scrutiny. <p>An update will be provided to a future meeting of this Committee.</p> <p>As the Organisational Change Programme nears completion at the end of October 2019, it should now be within the Committees ability to identify a date to close this item of scrutiny</p>

Waste Water	Councillor C P Morley	Director of Strategy, Performance and Governance	<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. 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 in attendance which identified two key issues and two work streams:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principle of a position statement has been requested from Anglian Water and officers are awaiting confirmation that this approach is feasible. It was confirmed that the scope of such a statement will be agreed directly. • 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>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 and Chelmer rivers.</p> <p>At the July 2019 meeting the Director of SPG advised that Essex County Council had a vested interest in the Water Cycle Study and would be working with MDC in delivering their findings.</p> <p>Anglian Water presented to Members at the 28 August 2019 meeting. Members received a comprehensive report detailing the process followed by AW as consultants, offering advice on capacity and potential network issues at the pre-application stage. It was noted that under legislation they cannot refuse a connection to the network and that a number of issues could be a result of unknown connections to antiquated, unmapped networks.</p> <p>Following receipt of a comprehensive presentation from AW in August 2019, it is considered that this item of work is complete and, unless any further scrutiny can be identified, Members are asked to consider the removal of this item from the programme of work.</p>
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Provision of Healthcare Services - including the recruitment and retention of GP	Councillor E L Bamford	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 work was identified and is 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>At the May 2019 concern over the lack of Surgeries within Southminster was raised and the Director of Resources advised this would be raised in her next communication with the regional Head of Estates for NHS England.</p> <p>At the 28 August meeting, the CCG provided an update to Members which advised of looking towards a holistic way of working, extended access to services and enhanced office hours. It was noted that two practices within the Dengie were identified as outstanding. Members were advised that comments would be fed back to the regional Head of Estates for NHS England with a request for feedback to be provided. It was agreed that the CCG would work with MDC on a flyer for inclusion with the annual billing.</p> <p>With the commencement of the new committee structure in October 2019, unless any further scrutiny can be identified, Members are asked to consider the removal of this item from the programme of work.</p>
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