

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2017 / 18 Programme of Work

Scrutiny topic	Member Sponsor	Lead Officer	Scope of Scrutiny
Provision of Healthcare Services - Maldon Health Hub	Councillor S J Savage Councillor Mrs M E Thompson	Chief Executive	An update report went before the January 2018 Finance and Corporate Services Committee and Community Services Committee meetings and sought confirmation of whether any of the options for future Maldon District Council involvement in the Maldon Health Hub Project are to be ruled out at this stage. Recommendations from both committees will be considered by the Council on 8 February
Provision of Healthcare Services - recruitment and retention of GPs)	Councillor N R Pudney Councillor Mrs M E Thompson	Chief Executive	<p><u>Heybridge Surgery</u> Negotiations are ongoing with the landowner and the NHS re delivery of primary care facilities in the new North Heybridge garden suburb.</p> <p><u>Maldon Surgery</u> This development is to be located within the new Health Hub, so is contingent upon progress of this project.</p> <p><u>Dengie Surgeries</u> A Project Initiation Document for new primary care facilities in Southminster has been submitted to NHS England.</p> <p><u>GP Recruitment</u> Representatives of the Mid Essex CCG and primary care practices attended the January meeting of the Committee and explained the various interventions to seek to address the shortage of GPs in the system and what support the Council could offer to seek to address this.</p>
Section 106	Councillor Mrs M E Thompson	Chief Executive	It was noted that the Committee would receive an update on Section 106 Agreements on a six monthly basis – see report on the agenda (February 2018).
Planning Enforcement	Councillor M W Helm with assistance	Chief Executive	The scope of the review for planning enforcement is a review of the Council's approach to initiating legal action on enforcement cases, sign off of that action and the Council's approach to risk assessment on cases at the outset and as they progress.

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	from Councillor R P F Dewick		This will be reported at the meeting in March 2018 .
Primary school education in the District	Councillor Mrs M E Thompson	Director of Customers and Community	<p>To understand the standards of education being provided in the Maldon District at primary level, the Committee received a report at its meeting in January 2017 and a presentation from education providers including Essex County Council. The Committee agreed at this meeting that the scrutiny should be re-visited at a future date.</p> <p>Following a meeting with the scrutiny sponsor, Councillor Mrs Thompson, it was decided to defer the item until January 2018 as the Revd. Elbourne (Chelmsford Diocese) was unavailable for the October meeting. The delay enabled both the County Council and the Church to update Members on educational performance in the Maldon District during 2017.</p> <p>This item of scrutiny was considered at the January 2018 meeting of the Committee and the officer recommendations were approved. This item of scrutiny is now closed and future updates will be made to the Locality Board</p>
Procurement and Delivery of the 16/17 Capital Programme	Councillor M W Helm	Director of Resources	<p>The Chairman proposed a new item of scrutiny be added to the work programme to incorporate all capital projects to review whether they were being delivered on time and on budget along with any issues regarding procurement.</p> <p>See report on the agenda (January 2018).</p>
Administration of Council River Moorings, Leases and Licenses	Councillor P G L Elliott	Director of Customers and Community	<p>It was requested that a report be brought back to the Committee to show a breakdown in the moorings and berths in the ownership of the Council, fees chargeable for each, whether they have been collected, and whether the vessels had the necessary insurance cover.</p> <p>The report will be prepared for the March 2018 meeting of the Committee.</p>

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Internal and External Communication	Councillor S J Savage Councillor M S Heard	Corporate Leadership Team	<p>It was requested that a report be brought back to the Committee on the Council's approach to internal and external communications. The scrutiny will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the email system; • telephone communication via the Council's contact centre; • how the Council can improve the website; • some examples of other authorities' approach to communication; • the Council's Digital strategy. <p>See report on the agenda (February 2018).</p>
Empty homes returned to use	Councillor P G L Elliott	Strategic Housing Manager	<p>It was requested that a report be brought back to the Committee on the Council's approach to returning empty homes to use.</p> <p>See report on the agenda (February 2018).</p>
Staff Sickness	Councillor N R Pudney Councillor Mrs P A Channer	Director of Resources	<p>Following receipt of the Quarter 2 Performance Report members with particular reference to levels of sickness absence of the Committee requested that this item is looked at again. A meeting has been arranged to discuss this further with Members and Officers.</p>