Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20

Chairman: Councillor M. Sartin

ITEM	REPORT DEADLINE/PRIORITY	PROGRESS/COMMENTS	FUTURE MEETINGS
(1) Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2019/20	4 June 2019 (first meeting of each municipal year)	COMPLETED Work programmes for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and each of the select committees for 2019/20 agreed on 4 June 2019;	4 June 2019; 16 July 2019; 3 September 2019 (Cancelled); 19 November 2019; 28 January 2020; 17 March 2020.
(2) Corporate Priorities 2019/20	4 June 2019 (first meeting of each municipal year)	COMPLETED Leader of the Council presented the Council's corporate priorities for 2019/20 to the Committee at its meeting on 4 June 2019;	
(3) Cabinet Business	Ongoing	To review the Executive's programme of Key Decisions at each meeting, to identify appropriate matters for the work programme and provide an opportunity for the overview of specific decisions.	
(4) Customer Services	17 March 2020 (Annual Report)	Service Director (Customer Services) to report on customer service initiatives and performance, including compliments and complaints and call- handling;	
(5) Epping Forest Youth Council	17 March 2020	Annual Report from Youth Council on completed and proposed activities;	

(6) Local Mental Health Care Services (Scrutiny of External Organisation)	Carried forward from reserve work programme for 2018/19. 17 March 2020	Approach made to West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group and Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust. To review the provision of local mental health services. Scope/focus of scrutiny activity and appropriate lines of questioning to be agreed; Briefing to be provided to frontline staff on 16 July 2019 by Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust. All members invited to attend briefing. Possibility of further session for members to be investigated.	
(7) Local High Streets - Viability and Regeneration	Carried forward from reserve work programme for 2018/19. Panel to meet for the first time on Monday 24-Feb-20, with further meetings scheduled for: >> Thursday 19-Mar-20; >> Wednesday 15-Apr-20; and >> Thursday 14-May-20. Panel to report back to OS Committee on 4-Jun-20.	Stakeholder conference to consult on the draft Economic Development Strategy to be held during September 2019, to determine priorities (and resources) for action. Service Director (Community and Partnerships) to consider appropriate opportunities for scrutiny activity at that time. Proposed Task and Finish Panel agreed by the Committee on 19 November 2019. Terms of Reference and Work Programme for the Task and Finish Panel to be considered by Committee on 28 January 2020;	

(8) Adult Social Care (Scrutiny of External Organisation)	Carried forward from reserve work programme for 2018/19. 28 January 2020.	 COMPLETED Invitation made to Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care to attend future meeting. Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care has advised that the Director of Adult Social Care will arrange for relevant officers to attend the meeting of the Committee to be held on 28 January 2020. Scope/focus of scrutiny activity and appropriate lines of questioning agreed by Committee on 19 November 2019;
(9) Epping Forest Sixth-Form Consortium (Scrutiny of External Organisation)	Carried forward from reserve work programme for 2017/18 and 2018/19. To be arranged.	(PICK submission) To review the progress of the Sixth Form Consortium established in September 2015. Scope/focus of scrutiny activity and appropriate lines of questioning to be agreed if/when added to ongoing work programme;
(10) Essex Police/Essex Fire & Rescue Service - Joint Governance (Scrutiny of External Organisation)	Carried forward from reserve work programme for 2017/18 and 2018/19. Proposed to be achieved as an all-member briefing. Member briefing to be held on 25 February 2020.	Invitation made to the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner for Essex. To review the local operation of joint governance arrangements for Essex Police and Essex Fire & Rescue Service. The Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner has indicated a willingness to attend an all-member briefing with regard to the local operation of joint governance arrangements for Essex Police and Essex Fire & Rescue Service.

(11) Voluntary Action Epping Forest (Scrutiny of External Organisation)	Added to work programme by joint meeting of O&S Chairmen and Vice- Chairmen (23.9.19).	COMPLETED Review of work programme of VAEF undertaken by Committee on 19 November 2019, in light of the provision of funding support by the Council.
(12) Group Company Structure	Ongoing. Added to work programme by Agenda Planning Group (29.10.19).	To review progress with regard to the establishment and operation of the Council's Group Company Structure at each meeting of the Committee.
(13) Accommodation Strategy	Ongoing. Added to work programme by Agenda Planning Group (29.10.19).	To review progress with regard to the implementation of the Council's Accommodation Strategy at each meeting of the Committee.
(14) People Strategy	Ongoing. Added to work programme by Agenda Planning Group (29.10.19).	To review progress with regard to the implementation of the Council's People Strategy at each meeting of the Committee.

(15) Whipps Cross Hospital - Redevelopment Masterplan (Scrutiny of External Organisation)	Added to work programme in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and the Commercial & Regulatory Services Portfolio Holder. Proposed to be achieved as an all-member briefing. Member briefing to be held on 28 January 2020.	COMPLETED To review proposals of Barts Health NHS Trust for the redevelopment of Whipps Cross Hospital. Invitation made to the Redevelopment Director for Whipps Cross Hospital to provide member briefing or attend future meeting of the Committee.	
(16) Transport for London (Scrutiny of External Organisation)	Added to work programme by Council (5.11.19). Proposed to be achieved as an all-member briefing. Member briefing to be held on 29 January 2020.	COMPLETED To review proposals of Transport for London (TfL) for the reduction of peak time Central Line services from Epping, Theydon Bois and Debden from January 2020. Service Director (Contracts & Technical Services) to arrange member briefing by TfL or attendance at future meeting of the Committee.	

RESERVE PROGRAMME ITEMS			
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 (1) Essex County Council (Children's Services) (Scrutiny of External Organisation) 	Carried forward from reserve work programme for 2017/18 and 2018/19.	Recommendation arising from Children's Services Task and Finish Panel requires the Committee to meet with Essex County Council in respect of children's services on an annual basis. The Director of Children's Commissioning attended the meeting in April 2016. To be considered further at a later date. Scope/focus of scrutiny activity and appropriate lines of questioning to be agreed if/when added to ongoing work programme;	4 June 2019; 16 July 2019; 3 September 2019; 19 November 2019; 28 January 2020; 17 March 2020.