



COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE:	Tuesday, 22 November 2022
TIME:	6.00 pm
VENUE:	Committee Room - Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Chittock (Chairman)
**Councillor S Honeywood (Vice-
Chairman)**
Councillor Clifton
Councillor Codling
Councillor Davidson

Councillor King
Councillor Miles
Councillor Nash
Councillor Steady

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DATE OF PUBLICATION: Monday, 14 November 2022

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

The Committee is asked to note any apologies for absence and substitutions received from Members.

2 Minutes of the Last Meeting (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on Tuesday 28 June 2022.

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillors are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Personal Interest, and the nature of it, in relation to any item on the agenda.

4 Questions on Notice pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 38

Subject to providing two working days' notice, a Member of the Committee may ask the Chairman of the Committee a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties which affect the Tendring District **and** which falls within the terms of reference of the Committee.

5 Confirmation of this Committees Task and Finish Groups For Overview and Scrutiny Enquires in the Remainder of 2022/23 (Pages 7 - 18)

To seek the Committee's formal confirmation of the creation the Task and Finish Groups set out with the terms of reference, scope and membership identified. The terms of reference of two of the Task and Finish Groups were determined by Council (Minute 26 of 12 July 2022 refers). The membership of all four Task and Finish Groups were the subject of consultation and agreement by all Members of this Committee prior to the Officer Decision to approve the formation of those Groups (subject to this meeting of the Committee being invited to endorse that decision).

In this process, further nominations were made and these are identified in the report. The Committee is requested to consider whether the nominee names should be added to the Task and Finish Groups concerned.

Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to be held in the Essex Hall - Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 13 December 2022.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE,
HELD ON TUESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 2022 AT 7.30 PM
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM - TOWN HALL, STATION ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA,
CO15 1SE**

Present:	Councillors Chittock (Chairman), S Honeywood (Vice-Chairman), Codling, Davidson, King, Miles, Nash and Steady
Also Present:	Councillor Paul Honeywood (Portfolio Holder for Housing)
In Attendance:	Keith Simmons (Head of Democratic Services and Elections), William Lodge (Communications Manager), Keith Durran (Committee Services Officer), Hattie Dawson-Dragisic (Performance and Business Support Officer) and Taylor Turner (Apprentice (Democratic Services & Elections))

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

An apology for absence was submitted by Councillor Paul Clifton (no substitution).

7. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Monday 9 May 2022 be approved as a correct record.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Steady declared an interest in relation to the item on the agenda for this meeting in respect of the work programme (Minute 12 refers), as there were suggestions that an enquiry be undertaken in relation to the Council's Beach Hut Strategy, as he owned a Beach Hut and was a member of the Brightlingsea Beach Hut Association.

9. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 38

On this occasion no Councillor had submitted notice of a question.

10. SCRUTINY OF PROPOSED DECISIONS

The Head of Democratic Services and Elections submitted to the Committee the list of forthcoming decisions published since the publication date of the agenda for its last Committee meeting. No Councillor had served notice that they wanted to raise an item in respect of any of those items.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING REPORT

The Committee was informed by the Head of Democratic Services and Elections that the recommendations agreed in their meeting on 21 March 2022 (Minute 53 refers), on

Children Missing from Education, had been submitted to Cabinet on 17 June 2022. The decision Cabinet made in response to the recommendations had been recorded in the report to this Committee. The Committee was also advised that the recommendations that were agreed in its meeting on 9 May 2022 in respect of Freeport East were also set out in the report together with the decision made by Cabinet on 17 June 2022 in response.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the report.

12. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022/23 AND REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021/22

The Committee had before it a report of the Head of Democratic Services and Elections, which invited Members to consider a draft Work Programme for 2022/23 for recommendation to Council on 12 July 2022 and a review of the work that had been carried out in the Year 2021/22 in respect of Overview and Scrutiny.

The Committee was advised that, following Publication of the meeting's agenda and reports, an email had been received from Cllr Davidson, in respect of potential Work Programme Items. This had been circulated at the meeting. Councillor Davidson wished to add the following items for consideration for Work Programme items in 2022/23:

- *“Revisit home education. What progress has been made as to the governing and safeguarding?”*
- *Revisit climate change and progress made.*
- *Revisit Monitoring child poverty, deprivation and child life expectancy. What progress and policies have been put into place?*
- *Tending Homeless and the progress made.*
- *Housing stock/ social housing for larger families.”*

The Committee was further provided with a draft Annual Report in respect of the scrutiny function in 2022/23. This was circulated to the Committee at the meeting. It had been prepared in conjunction with the Chairmen of the two Overview and Scrutiny Committees of the Council. The Committee was advised that this report was a reflection of the last year of Scrutiny within this Committee and the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee was invited to comment on what it wanted to see reflected in the Annual Report and that this report would go to Full Council on 12 July 2022 (with the Work Programme).

In respect of the Work Programme 2022/23, the Head of Democratic Services and Elections advised the Committee that it had before them comments and suggestions by the public and various other stakeholders on what they would like to enquire into. Some of those thoughts included focusing on measure to regenerate Clacton Town Centre and looking back at health and education enquiries.

The process of developing the Work Programme for 2022/23 had involved;

- Requests to all District Councillors for items – dated 3 May 2022
- Requests to Cabinet Members – dated 3 May 2022
- Requests to Parish Town Councils for items – dated 3 May 2022
- A press release and social media posts inviting ideas on 4 May 2022

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- Council staff invited to suggest items on 13 May 2022
 - A meeting between the Leader, Deputy Leader, Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Head of Democratic Services and Elections and the two Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen to explore ideas – held on 17 May 2022
 - Training on 25 May 2022 for Councillors on using approaches such as Task and Finish Groups, briefing papers, enquiry days, standing panels, when undertaking Overview and Scrutiny enquiries and reflecting this in its Work Programme.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the requirements of the Council's constitution in developing, and seeking approval for, its Work Programme proposals.

The Committee was directed to two suggestions for the work programme. The first picked up an enquiry that was set to be undertaken in 2021/22 in respect of the Jaywick Sands-holistic review. The Committee was reminded that this item was not pursued at the time because of the developing Jaywick Sands Place Plan. It was suggested by the Head of Democratic Services and Elections that now that the Place Plan for Jaywick Sands was underway and would be out for consultation, the Committee may wish to revisit this item. The other suggestion was an enquiry into the elements of the Tendring Colchester Border Garden Community. This picked up on concerns previously expressed that this should be scrutinised.

The Committee was advised to take notice to leave space within the Work Programme 2022/23 for any issues that arise during the year and (when setting its work programme) to consider the capacity to undertake a variety of areas for scrutiny in this year.

One option open to the Committee would be to submit to Council on 12 July 2022 initial the areas for scrutiny in 2022/23. Following that Council meeting the Committee could meet again (perhaps informally initially) in order to further identify areas for scrutiny taking into account of the suggestions submitted and others that may be made. The Head of Democratic Services and Elections suggested to the Committee that in order to review the suggestions that had been received there were discussions around creating a small working party in order to achieve this.

When the Committee does further prioritise enquiries for 2022/23, a member made reference to the acronym SWAM which meant that an enquiry should be specific, workable, achievable and meaningful.

The Committee considered the proposals for work programme items from stakeholders.

It was **RESOLVED**;

1. that an informal meeting of the Committee be arranged following the Council meeting on 12 July 2022 to further consider prioritisation of enquiries to be included in the 2022/23 Work Programme taking into account the suggestions of stakeholders including those from Councillor Davidson circulated at this meeting.
2. that the Head of Democratic Services and Elections be authorised, following consultation with the Chairman of this Committee and the Chairman of the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to finalise the Annual Report on the scrutiny function (in time to submit it Full Council on 12 July 2022). Members of the

Committee were invited to pass comments on the draft report to the Head of Democratic Services and Elections over the next few days.

It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** to **FULL COUNCIL** that:

1. The Work Programme set out at Appendix A to these Minutes be approved on the understanding that further enquiries would be added to these following further prioritisation by the Committee subsequent to the meeting of Council on 12 July 2022.
2. That the Annual Report 2021/22 on the scrutiny function, as finalised in accordance with the delegation from this Committee, be approved.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.00 pm

Chairman

**SCOPING DOCUMENT FOR ENQUIRIES BY COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AS PART OF ITS WORK
PROGRAMME 2022/23**

Item	Date of Enquiry	Relevant Corporate Plan Theme/Annual Cabinet Priority	Information to be provided in advance	Those to be invited to attend	Articulated value of undertaking the review
<p>Jaywick, social issues, crime and deprivation, housing.</p> <p>Private Sector Housing and rental build quality. Plus a look at the action to address health inequality through addressing housing conditions.</p>	<p>To be Allocated</p>	<p>Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses</p> <p>Building Sustainable Communities for the Future/B2 Jaywick Sands - more and better housing; supporting the community, B5 - Building and managing our own homes and Effective planning policies</p> <p>Delivering High Quality Services/A6 - Effective Regulation and Enforcement</p>	<p>The emerging Place Plan for Jaywick.</p> <p>Data around the current position as it relates to Jaywick by way of demographics, health inequalities, recorded crime, service provision and plans for the area.</p> <p>The Essex Levelling Up proposals for the area and how they seek to address issues in the locality</p>	<p>Cllr P Honeywood as Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Jaywick</p> <p>Corporate Director, Operations and Delivery, Interim Director for Planning and Assistant Director, Housing and Environment</p> <p>Representatives from Essex County Council, the Environment Agency, the Clinical Commissioning Group/Primary Care Network/ICP</p> <p>Representatives from Community Groups in Jaywick</p>	<p>To look holistically at the issues as they relate to Jaywick Sands and the measures in place to address those issues and encourage further working between partners to collaboratively take opportunities to improve the area for its residents.</p> <p>The enquiry may also be able to inform the emerging Place Plan for Jaywick</p>

Item	Date of Enquiry	Relevant Corporate Plan Theme/Annual Cabinet Priority	Information to be provided in advance	Those to be invited to attend	Articulated value of undertaking the review
<p>Progressing the proposals for development as part of Tendring-Colchester Border Garden Community</p> <p>Considering the emerging Development Plan Document for the Garden Community</p> <p>Opportunities for enhancing the Garden Community through links to the Freeport East project.</p> <p>Examining stewardship/governance of the Garden Community.</p> <p>Assessing risk and challenges for the District as a whole.</p>	<p>September-November 2022</p>	<p>Community Leadership Through Partnerships</p>	<p>The emerging Development Plan Document for the Garden Community.</p> <p>Responses to consultation with the public/stakeholders on the Development Plan Document.</p> <p>The plans of Essex County Council for roads and for the rapid transit arrangements.</p> <p>Relevant plans of the University of Essex.</p> <p>Plans of public service providers such as health, fire and police for provision in respect of the Garden Community.</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance and Governance</p> <p>The Chairman of the Tendring Colchester Borders Joint Committee and the other Members of the Committee.</p> <p>The Planning Portfolio Holder</p> <p>The Deputy Chief Executive, Interim Director for Planning and the Corporate Director for Project Delivery</p> <p>Representatives from Essex County Council (Highways), North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance</p>	<p>Reassurance that the Development Plan Document for the Garden Community (and related plans for the Garden Community) are robust and address the needs for that community.</p> <p>This process can itself inform the full Council's consideration of the Development Plan Document for the Garden Community – scheduled to be considered in January 2023.</p>

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

22 NOVEMBER 2022

REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND ELECTIONS

A.1 CONFIRMATION OF THIS COMMITTEE'S TASK AND FINISH GROUPS FOR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ENQUIRIES IN THE REMAINDER OF 2022/23.

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To seek the Committee's formal confirmation of the creation the Task and Finish Groups set out with the terms of reference, scope and membership identified. The terms of reference of two of the Task and Finish Groups were determined by Council (Minute 26 of 12 July 2022 refers). The membership of all four Task and Finish Groups were the subject of consultation and agreement by all Members of this Committee prior to the Officer Decision to approve the formation of those Groups (subject to this meeting of the Committee being invited to endorse that decision).

In this process, further nominations were made and these are identified in the report. The Committee is requested to consider whether the nominee names should be added to the Task and Finish Groups concerned.

SCOPE - THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE REPORT

The report sets out the Officer decision referred to above in respect of the members of the Task and Finish Groups for the overview and scrutiny enquiries concerned. The Committee is formally requested to endorse that decision. It also invites the Committee to approve the terms of reference/scope for the two of the Task and Finish Groups not previously approved. In these two cases the broad outline of the enquiries was considered and agreed at an informal meeting of the Members of this Committee. However, through this report, the formal scope/terms of reference is submitted for consideration.

In considering the membership of the Task and Finish Groups, the further nominations mentioned above are submitted for consideration by the Committee.

INVITEES

None

BACKGROUND

After an assessment in 2021 by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny, the Council is seeking to develop further its arrangements for overview and scrutiny. There are now four formal meetings of the Committee during 2022/23 with greater use of techniques such as Task & Finish Groups, enquiry days, standing panels, scrutiny workshops and off-agenda briefings. One of the major benefits of this approach is that the pool of Councillors who can undertake overview and scrutiny can be wider than the Committee's own membership. This may mean that those with specialist knowledge, interest and capacity may be able to

contribute to the enquiries. Ultimately, any recommendations would then be for this Committee to consider in a formal meeting.

At an Informal meeting of the Committee on 9 August 2022, the Members of the Committee agreed that a further 2 items be added to the work programme for 2022/23 for enquiry via Task and Finish Groups. These were:

- Provision of education for those on a school roll but educated away from school (APPENDIX C)
- Cost of Living Crisis (APPENDIX D)

An appeal was circulated to all Councillors to volunteer to participate in this Committee's four overview and scrutiny Task and Finish Groups. These were reviewed with the Chairman of the Committee and further steps undertaken with a view of achieving an optimal five Councillors on each Task and Finish Group. The proposed membership of each of the Task and Finish Groups was circulated to Members of the Committee to identify whether there was agreement as to the membership of the Task and Finish Groups. There was unanimous agreement. The Officer Decision of Monday 7 November 2022 then brought those Groups into being. The purpose of this meeting is, in part to confirm that decision. The process of consultation also identified some further nominations which are set out below. The Committee will determine whether to include those nominees as part of the relevant Task and Finish Groups.

RELEVANT CORPORATE PLAN THEME

The relevant Corporate Plan Theme(s) for each of the overview and scrutiny enquiries to be undertaken in the work programme for this Committee in 2022/23 are set out below. Shortened titles for the enquiries are shown. However, the full extent of the enquiry is set out in the Terms of Reference for those enquiries.

Enquiry into Jaywick, social issues, crime and deprivation, housing

- Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses
- Building Sustainable Communities for the Future/B2 Jaywick Sands - more and better housing; supporting the community, B5 - Building and managing our own homes and Effective planning policies
- Delivering High Quality Services/A6 - Effective Regulation and Enforcement

Enquiry into Progressing the proposals for development as part of Tendring-Colchester Border Garden Community

- Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses

Enquiry into •Provision of education for those on a school roll but educated away from

school

- Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses

Enquiry into Cost if living crisis

- Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses

DESIRED OUTCOME OF THE CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM

To confirm the Officer decision in respect of Membership of the Task and Finish Groups for overview and scrutiny enquiries overseen by this Committee, consideration of further nominations to those Task and Finish Groups and to formally adopt the terms of reference/scope of the following two enquiries:

- Provision of education for those on a school roll but educated away from school (APPENDIX C)
- Cost of living crises (APPENDIX D)

DETAILED INFORMATION

Below is a list of the Work programme enquiries for 2022/23:

- **Jaywick Sands** (Appendix A)
- **Colchester Borders Garden Communities** (Appendix B)
- **Provision of education for those on a school roll but educated away from school** (Appendix C)
- **Cost of Living Crisis** (Appendix D)

Through the individual Appendices to this Report, the Committee is invited to consider the arrangements for the above enquiries as referred to here.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Officer decision of Monday, 7 November in respect of the initial memberships of Task and Finish Groups undertaking enquiries to be overseen by this Committee be confirmed:
2. That the further nominations set out in this report to participate as Members of the Task and Finish Groups identified be considered and any changes to the Memberships of those Task and Finish Groups be approved; and
3. That the Terms of Reference/Scope of the enquiries to be undertaken by the following two Task and Finish Groups be approved:
 - Provision of education for those on a school roll but educated away from school (APPENDIX C)
 - Cost of living crises (APPENDIX D)

PREVIOUS RELEVANT DECISIONS

The Officer decision referred to in this report is available at the following link:

[To determine the initial memberships of the following Task and Finish Groups being formed through the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee.](#)

BACKGROUND PAPERS AND PUBLISHED REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

APPENDICES

Scoping document for Jaywick Sands (APPENDIX A)
Scoping document for Colchester Boarders Garden Communities (APPENDIX B)
Scoping document for Provision of education for those on a school roll but educated away from school (APPENDIX C)
Scoping document for The Cost of Living Crisis (APPENDIX D)

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Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Enquiry Task and Finish Group Approach

Enquiry Title	Jaywick, social issues, crime and deprivation, housing. Private Sector Housing and rental build quality. Plus a look at the action to address health inequality through addressing housing conditions.	Date of Enquiry	TBC
Corporate Plan Theme	<p>Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses</p> <p>Building Sustainable Communities for the Future/B2 Jaywick Sands - more and better housing; supporting the community, B5 - Building and managing our own homes and Effective planning policies</p> <p>Delivering High Quality Services/A6 - Effective Regulation and Enforcement</p>		
Invitees	<p>Cllr P Honeywood as Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Jaywick. Corporate Director, Operations and Delivery. Interim Director for Planning. Assistant Director, Housing and Environment</p> <p>Representatives from Essex County Council The Environment Agency, The Clinical Commissioning Group/Primary Care Network/ICP Representatives from Community Groups in Jaywick</p>		
Information to be provided	<p>The emerging Place Plan for Jaywick. Data around the current position as it relates to Jaywick by way of demographics, health inequalities, recorded crime, service provision and plans for the area.</p> <p>The Essex Levelling Up proposals for the area and how they seek to address issues in the locality</p>		
Articulated value of undertaking the review	<p>To look holistically at the issues as they relate to Jaywick Sands and the measures in place to address those issues and encourage further working between partners to collaboratively take opportunities to improve the area for its residents.</p>		

	The enquiry may also be able to inform the emerging Place Plan for Jaywick
Task and Finish group Membership	<u>As approved by Officer Decision on 7 November 2022</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Placey • Councillor Winfield <p>Further nominees to be determined by the Committee</p>

Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Enquiry Task and Finish Group Approach

Enquiry Title	<p>Progressing the proposals for development as part of Tendring-Colchester Border Garden Community</p> <p>Considering the emerging Development Plan Document for the Garden Community</p> <p>Opportunities for enhancing the Garden Community through links to the Freeport East project.</p> <p>Examining stewardship/governance of the Garden Community.</p> <p>Assessing risk and challenges for the District as a whole.</p>	Date of Enquiry	TDC
Corporate Plan Theme	Community Leadership Through Partnerships		
Invitees	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance and Governance The Chairman of the Tendring Colchester Borders Joint Committee and the other Members of the Committee. The Planning Portfolio Holder The Deputy Chief Executive, Interim Director for Planning and the Corporate Director for Project Delivery Representatives from Essex County Council (Highways), North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance</p>		
Information to be provided	<p>The emerging Development Plan Document for the Garden Community. Responses to consultation with the public/stakeholders on the Development Plan Document.</p> <p>The plans of Essex County Council for roads and for the rapid transit arrangements. Relevant plans of the University of Essex.</p> <p>Plans of public service providers such as health, fire and police for provision in respect of the Garden Community.</p>		
Articulated value of undertaking the review	Reassurance that the Development Plan Document for the Garden Community (and related plans for the Garden Community) are robust and address the needs for that community.		

	<p>This process can itself inform the full Council's consideration of the Development Plan Document for the Garden Community – scheduled to be considered in January 2023.</p>
<p>Task and Finish Group Membership</p>	<p><u>As approved by Officer Decision on 7 November 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Skeels • Councillor Barry <p>Further nominees to be determined by the Committee</p>

Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Enquiry Task and Finish Group Approach

Enquiry Title	<p>Out of school out of site, children not in School. Addressing the issues in the Ombudsman's Report of July 2022. - Focus report: Out of school, out of sight? July 2022 (localgov.co.uk)</p> <p><u>This enquiry is not about elective home education</u></p> <p>When a child (of compulsory school age) cannot go to school, the Upper Tier local authority must find out why. If there is a duty for it to act, it must make alternative arrangements to provide suitable education.</p> <p>The key learning point the Ombudsman wants to highlight is that Upper Tier Authorities have the duty to arrange alternative education, not the school a child attends. Councils need some way to identify when their duty has arisen. Councils will be held to account if things go wrong.</p>	Date of Enquiry	TBC
Corporate Plan Theme	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses		
Invitees	<p>Representatives from Essex County Council's Education service with knowledge of this area.</p> <p>Those who undertake assessments</p> <p>Those who are contracted to provide alternative education provision.</p> <p>A sample of the parents of the children who fall into this category</p> <p>A representative from the Ombudsman's Office who can speak on this matter.</p>		
Information to be provided	<p>Essex County Council policies on its duty to children who cannot fully attend a school to access their education.</p> <p>Numbers of children in the County who cannot fully attend school.</p> <p>Arrangements for assessments of children who cannot fully attend a school to access their education.</p> <p>Alternative education provision providers and oversight of those arrangements.</p>		

	<p>Timescales for assessments and alternative provision, learning from complaints about the service.</p>
<p>Articulated value of undertaking the review</p>	<p>To respond to the Ombudsman’s Focus Report of July 2022 on this matter.</p> <p>To be reassured on the provision for children in Tendring who struggle to cope with full-time education. This can be because they have health problems.</p> <p>Helping to ensuring that local services do not exacerbate mental health issues for children in this category. The Ombudsman reports seeing increasing numbers of cases where children are unable to attend school because of anxiety. Often, these cases involve children with special educational needs which have yet to be fully understood. There may be little, or even conflicting, evidence about the child’s needs. Nevertheless, councils must assess the available evidence and decide for themselves whether they have a statutory duty to make other arrangements for the child’s education. They should take action without delay.</p>
<p>Task and Finish Group Membership</p>	<p><u>As approved by Officer Decision on 7 November 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Miles • Councillor Knowles • Councillor Winfield <p>Further nominees to be determined by the Committee</p>

Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Enquiry Task and Finish Group Approach

Enquiry Title	Cost of living crisis and the support that can be provided.	Date of Enquiry	TBC
Corporate Plan Theme	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses		
Invitees	Representatives from a range of organisations active in this work area who are able to assist the enquiry.		
Information to be provided	<p>Information on the cost of living crisis, including fuel prices and inflation. Localised data on the numbers of households facing financial crisis, numbers of disabled people who have less than £10 per week for food and essentials and those individuals at risk of homelessness</p> <p>Information on what is being done at a local level to support those being hit hardest by the cost of living crisis. Evidence of coverage of these efforts compared with the numbers likely to be hardest hit locally. How are the financially vulnerable identified and how robust are the partnerships to address this. Support for disabled people to access support.</p> <p>Data sharing between organisations to improve service delivery</p>		
Articulated value of undertaking the review	To best support socio-economic wellbeing at the local level during this crisis time.		
Task and Finish Group Membership	<p><u>As approved by Officer Decision on 7 November 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Chittock • Councillor Casey • Councillor Knowles • Councillor Fairley • Councillor Barry <p>Further nominees to be determined by the Committee</p>		

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