

**Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC)**

**Work Programme 2021/2022**

**SCRUTINY PROPOSALS FOR THE REMAINDER OF NEXT MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Article 6.01 of the Council's Articles and Rule 7 of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules both require each OSC to submit a work programme for the year ahead and a review of the previous year's activities to the Annual Meeting of the Council for approval.

The Committee will need to determine its programme for scrutiny in 2021/22; including items covered, the scope of the programmed reviews and whether Portfolio Holders or others are to be invited to present to them. Specific information requirements of Councillors to undertake the programmed reviews should also be identified as should any Councillor development needs.

The following have been identified to this point:

<b>Date of Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Broad topic for examination</b>	<b>Matter to be examined and the purpose of the examination</b>	<b>Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)/Outside bod(y)(ies)</b>	<b>Relevant TDC Officer</b>
10 May 2021	Education	Update on the work of the Tendring Education Strategic Board.	Philippa Holliday, Assistant Director of Education	Anastasia Simpson
	Health	Health provision and care response update	Pam Green	Anastasia Simpson

### SCRUTINY TO BE PROGRAMMED

Topic	Detail and Comments	Lead Officer(s)
Education	<p>It was moved by Cllr Miles</p> <p>A report on pupil participation within the District and to that end requests that Officers invite the Assistant Director of Education at Essex County Council to attend a future meeting of the Committee in order to discuss this matter with Members.</p>	Anastasia Simpson
Private Rented Sector – conditions and improvements to conditions	<p>The use of the £100K grant funding received from the Government for a housing conditions survey in Jaywick Sands to help shape how the Council engages with landlords and improves conditions for anyone living in substandard accommodation.</p> <p><b>As identified by this Committee at its meeting on 13 January 2020 (Minute 87 refers)</b></p> <p>This item had been scheduled to be considered by the Committee at its 8</p>	Tim R Clarke

	<p>February 2021 meeting. However, a briefing paper circulated to Members of the Committee confirmed that there was no further action to be scrutinised due to the implications of the Covid-19 restrictions in 2020/21. With the agreement of the Chairman of the Committee the item was to be rescheduled in the Committee's work programme.</p>	
<p>Tackling Homelessness</p>	<p>That the Community Leadership OSC be requested to consider adding the following to its work programme:</p> <p>b) A review of the Spendells proposed capital scheme and the contribution the scheme is intended to make to address homelessness.”</p> <p>As referred by the Resources and Services OSC on 8 January 2020 and accepted by this Committee on 13 January 2020 (Minute 87 refers).</p> <p>This item had been scheduled to be considered by the Committee at its 8 February 2021 meeting. However, a briefing paper circulated to Members of the Committee confirmed that there was no further action to be scrutinised due to the implications of the Covid-19 restrictions in 2020/21. With the agreement of the Chairman</p>	<p>Tim R Clarke</p>

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Mental Health	That the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee be invited to consider the mental health support to residents" in view of the request to the Cabinet that it "...identify whether existing funding in the revenue budget and reserves, provisions and one-off sums enables the Council to support measures adequately to address the mental health needs of the local population as we ultimately come out of covid-19 pandemic restrictions and if this is found to be insufficient to look to providing funding to achieve this."	Anastasia Simpson

#### SCRUTINY UNDERTAKEN TO THIS POINT IN THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

28 September 2020	Community Safety	Considered elements of the work of statutory bodies and others to make communities safer and to ensure that the voices of local people are heard on policing and measure to detect and detect anti-social behaviour. Given the previous financial support of this Council for Operation Spider activity to provide a more visible police presence in Clacton town centre over the summer, the Committee is interested to look at the experience in 2020 where no identical Operation was jointly funded by this Council.	Cllr Lynda McWilliams  Essex Police  Homewatch/Community Safety Forums – representatives to be invited	28 September 2020

		<p>The Committee will also look at the instances of fly tipping over recent time and the extent to which occurrences are increasing or not, measures to deter fly tipping and detection and action against those who do fly tip. The Committee will look at the speed of response to fly tipping on public land.</p> <p>Within this work stream, the Committee will examine the extent of noise nuisance reports and whether or not these are increasing, the response to such reports and the outcomes in the forms of advice, seizure of equipment, reviews of licences, enforcement notices and prosecution of offenders</p> <p><i>In addition, the Committee will look at enforcement in respect of alcohol licensed premises including under age sales, proxy sales, fire safety, right to work and compliance with conditions. The extent to which advice is given, closure notices issued, reviews undertaken and prosecution of offenders will be considered by the Committee.</i></p> <p>The extent to which Homewatch (or other Watch) groups exist across the District, the information flow to and from them and the support they require will be examined.</p>	<p>)  ) This element is  ) deferred to the  ) meeting on 30  ) November 2020  )  )</p>	
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		<p>To enable the Committee to scrutinise the work of the new/revived Multi-Agency Coordination Panel (MACP);</p>	<p>Cllr Lynda McWilliams</p>	<p>Anastasia Simpson/Carol Magnus</p>
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		<p>that has the remit of examining enforcement powers and protocols between various agencies locally to ensure that the most effective response possible is put in place to a range of criminal and anti-social behaviour. The Committee envisages receiving a written report setting out the work of the MACP over the 6 or more months since it was (re-) established and the intentions for the following year. Indicators for success of the MCAP should be included with a commentary on progress towards those.</p> <p><b>As identified by this Committee at its meeting on 7 October 2019 (Minute 78 refers)</b></p>	Essex Police	
	Education of children	<p>Solely for information, the Committee will look at information by school as to whether (at the start of the autumn term) it is fully open to teach the full range of year groups or whether restrictions are in place that mean this is not the case.</p> <p>The information received may contribute to the debate on the other items at this meeting/the next meeting of the Committee.</p>	<p>Cllr Lynda McWilliams</p> <p>Essex County Council Education/Individual Schools and Academy Trusts</p>	Anastasia Simpson/Carol Magnus
	Mitigation Measures for Impact of Public Firework Displays	<p>Councillor Sue Honeywood's Motion To Council on 21 January 2020:</p> <p>"Fireworks are used by many people throughout the year to mark different events. While they can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can also cause significant problems and fear for other people and animals.</p>	Essex County Council Trading Standards	Tim R Clarke

		<p>This Council therefore resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people;</li> <li>• to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people — including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks; and</li> <li>• to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock “quieter” fireworks for public display.”</li> </ul>		
30 November 2020	Health and Wellbeing in the District	<p>In early 2021, an update in terms of the progress made to reduce deprivation locally, to address key health measures including through the intended integrated neighbourhood team for Tendring South. The update should also include the position on funding for primary care provision from the Clacton Hospital site and the operation of the reconfigured GP services from Kennedy House, Kennedy Way, Clacton-on-Sea. <b>As identified by this Committee at its meeting on 13 January 2020 (Minute 84 refers)</b></p>	<p>Cllr Lynda McWilliams</p> <p>Health Alliance, Clinical Commissioning Group</p>	John Fox
		<p>The Committee looked at the Covid-19 measures to control the spread of the virus, identify and ensure those exposed to it are isolated, to protect the most at risk. This work stream will look at plans to respond locally to a second wave of the virus and the overlapping considerations of preparations and precautions associated with seasonal flu.</p>	<p>Cllr Lynda McWilliams</p> <p>Health Alliance, Clinical Commissioning Group/ECC Public Health</p>	John Fox

		<p>The extent to which Community Groups and volunteers are able to support the most vulnerable across the District during the Covid-19 pandemic, the information flow to and from those groups and the support they require will be examined.</p>	<p>Community Groups providing support to those shielding/most vulnerable during the pandemic – representatives to be invited</p>	
		<p>That the Community Leadership OSC be requested to consider adding the following to its work programme:</p> <p>a) The funding and outcomes of the Mental Health Hub; and  <b>As referred by the Resources and Services OSC on 8 January 2020 and accepted by this Committee on 13 January 2020 (Minute 87 refers).</b></p>	<p>Cllr Lynda McWilliams</p> <p>Melanie Hammond, chief executive of The Mental Health Hub</p>	<p>Anastasia Simpson/Carol Magnus</p>
		<p>The Committee also looked at the deferred element from the Community Safety Theme (on Alcohol Licensing) identified above for the 29 September meeting.</p>		<p>Karen Townsend</p>
8 February 2021	Mitigation Measures	<p>Impact of Public Firework Displays.</p> <p>This meeting was rearranged from 18 January 2021 with the agreement of the Committee's Chairman</p>	<p>Essex County Council Trading Standards</p>	<p>Tim R Clarke</p>
	Social Isolation and Mental Health	<p>The Committee heard how the impact of social isolation and loneliness on an individual's physical and mental wellbeing were well known. Social isolation had been recognised as a risk factor for suicide with an increased risk of depression, low self-esteem, reported sleep problems and increased stress response. Loneliness was</p>	<p>Kirsty O'Callaghan (Head of Strengthening Communities at Essex County Council)</p>	

		considered to have an adverse impact on the condition of the heart and was a strong predictor of premature death, with people who were lonely more likely to be readmitted to hospital, had longer stays and more visits to GPs or A&E.		
	Priority for Actions	The Committee heard how the Council had previously approved a Corporate Plan for 2020/24 and that it had established Council's strategic direction for those four years. That strategic direction itself sought to reflect the issues that mattered most to local people, the national requirements from Government and the challenges that faced the District over that time period. The Corporate Plan had been adopted unanimously at the Council meeting held on 21 January 2020 (Minute 78 referred).	The Leader	Lisa Hastings/Keith Simmons
	Protocol for Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Roles	It was reported to the Committee that, in May 2019, Statutory Guidance had been published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities. This Council, in operating a Leader and Executive Governance Model must have regard to it when exercising its functions and it should be followed unless there was a good reason not to in a particular case.	Cllr C Guiglielmi	Keith Simmons
1 March 2021	NEGC and Council controlled companies.	It was reported to Members that the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at their respective meetings held on 29 July 2019 (Minute 15 referred) and 5 August 2019 had both approved that a joint scrutiny panel be established in order to scrutinise the work of the North Essex Garden	Cllr C Guiglielmi	Keith Simmons

		Communities Limited (NEGC) and, in particular, its interim business plan and future business plans. This decision recognised that elements of the scrutiny process concerning the work of NEGC Ltd were within the terms of reference of both Committee and therefore a joint scrutiny panel provided an effective use of capacity and resources.		
22 March 2021	Tendring4Growth (originally programmed for scrutiny at the 2 December 2019 Committee meeting)	To enable the Committee to consider the Tendring4Growth underpinning theme in the new Corporate Plan. A report to Cabinet on this matter was submitted to its meeting on 24 January 2020 (item 8 in the agenda for that meeting). <b>As identified in the 2019/20 work programme as needing to be arranged</b>	Cllr Mary Newton  Chamber of Commerce/ Tendring Business Leaders Assoc./ Clacton Women in Business and others – representatives to be invited	Michael Carran
	Rail Fares – the economic and social impact of increases	Rail Fares – the annual increase in fares and the impact on residents and the affordability of commuting from the area. <b>As identified by this Committee at its meeting on 13 January 2020 (Minute 87 refers)</b>	Cllr Mary Newton  TDC Transport Liaison Group  Greater Anglia – representatives to be invited  Ontrack Rail Users' Association – representatives to be invited	

