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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR ENQUIRIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN 2024/25

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
To examine joint working with Parish & Town Councils in the District and opportunities and for the mutually beneficial collaboration to enhance that joint working.	Through a Task and Finish Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Pride in our area and services to residents <input type="checkbox"/> Working with Partners to improve quality of life	<p>Details of existing area of joint working between the District Council and Town and Parish Councils in the District.</p> <p>Examples of joint working elsewhere in the nation that may be beneficial to consider</p> <p>Oxfordshire Councils Charter (which sets out an accord on joint working between all Councils in that County) would be an item of information to be submitted to the enquiry (and an invitation would be sent to the Officers to address the enquiry).</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Assistant Director, Partnerships</p> <p>The Chair/Secretary TDALC</p> <p>Representatives from the National Association of Local Councils</p> <p>Appropriate Officers/Portfolio Holders for areas of further joint work.</p> <p>Essex Association of Local Councils</p>	To develop options for the Cabinet/Council to develop collaborative working opportunities that are mutually beneficial.
To examine the extent of Youth Provision of	Through a Task and Finish Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Championing our local environment	The extent of Youth Provision outside of	Portfolio Holder, Partnerships	To explore further the benefit for

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School age Children outside of that school/education and the opportunity for that provision to be adjusted/supported with improvements for mental health and reduced prosperity anti-social behaviour.		<input type="checkbox"/> Pride in our area and services to residents <input type="checkbox"/> Working with Partners to improve quality of life <input type="checkbox"/> Raising aspirations and creating opportunities	state education for school age children. The extent of demand for such out of School Activities. The opportunity for groups/individuals	Essex County Councils Portfolio Holder for Children's Services and Early years Assistant Director, Partnerships Essex County Councils Executive Director, Children, Families and Education Representatives of Voluntary Youth Provision in the District.	young people of out of school organised activities and events and provision around this age group.
Improving Access to NHS Dentistry for Residents in Tendring and Specifically Those Who Should Have Such Access Free of Charge.	At Committee on 17 June 2025	<input type="checkbox"/> Working with Partners to improve quality of life <input type="checkbox"/> Raising aspirations and creating opportunities	The number of dentists in the area now compared with 5-10 years ago, reasons for growth/decline. Public versus private. Legislative changes over the last 10 years that	Nicola Brunning, Deputy Director of Commissioning Pharmacy, Optometry, Dentistry and Vaccination	UPDATE To look at the provision of NHS dental provision in the District since the local Integrated care Board took responsibility for its commissioning

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<p>(a) Under 18s and under 19s in full time education</p> <p>(b) Those on Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance and Income related Employment and Support Allowance</p> <p>(c) Those below the income threshold and in receipt of child tax credits, working tax credit (including a disability element)</p> <p>(d) Pregnant women and those who have had a baby in the last 12 months</p> <p>(e) Those in receipt of a war Pension/Armed Forces</p>			<p>affected the service the NHS was obliged to provide, if any.</p> <p>Costs for procedures both public and private, waiting times.</p> <p>How many people are without a dentist in the district?</p> <p>How does Tendring sit against the rest of the UK in relation to the above questions?</p> <p>What steps are being taken to improve things?</p> <p>What sort of numbers are we now been seen by NHS Dentistry compared with previously?</p> <p>How many fast-tracked patients have there been?</p> <p>Evidence/stats/figures to show if service is stabilising.</p> <p>Visit to Essex University with post visit meeting,</p>	<p>The Portfolio Holder for Partnerships</p> <p>Head of Health and Partnership</p>	<p>and consider how the significant adverse health implications from poor dental health and gum disease in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory infections • Diabetic complications • Cardiovascular problems • Kidney disease • Rheumatoid Arthritis <p>And thereby seek to ensure that the steps being taken by commissioners of NHS dentistry are seeking to mitigate against such issues.</p>
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Compensation scheme payments			but prior to the meeting in April		
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<p>To Consider Grant Funding by the Council and Others and its Appropriateness Given the Needs of the District.</p> <p>The enquiry would look at funding streams, processes, the implications of subsidy control, the accessibility of grants funding, the time formal streams of funding had, the extent to which the funded one off or ongoing work, a gap analysis of funding, and the value of funding outcomes.</p>	At a meeting of the Committee in January 2025	<p>□ Financial sustainability and openness</p>	The outcome of the complete review of the grant funding commissioned by Cabinet in 2023 and the progress with that review.	<p>Leader of the Council</p> <p>Portfolio Holder, Partnerships</p> <p>Assistant Director Finance and IT</p> <p>Assistant Director Partnerships</p> <p>Representatives of voluntary organisations in the District.</p>	<p>To consider the Councils approach to grants, the relationship between other grant funding organisations. The extent to which gaps in funding have been identified and addressed.</p>

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<p>Coastal Communities Unit</p> <p>To consider the work of the Coastal Communities Unit (CCU) and how this may help shape public policy.</p>	<p>At a Committee meeting to be determined.</p> <p>[It had been hoped to achieve this on 17 July 2024, but this was not possible].</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Championing our local environment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pride in our area and services to residents.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Working with Partners to improve quality of life.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Raising aspirations and creating opportunities.</p>	<p>The impetus behind the creation of the CCU and its intended working and research to be undertaken.</p>	<p>Dr Emily Murray, Director of the CCU at the University of Essex</p>	<p>To be able to make recommendations around actions and activities that may have a beneficial impact on health inequalities locally.</p>
<p>NHS Dentistry off agenda briefing paper</p>	<p>For September 2024</p>	<p>See above</p>	<p>To update the Committee on the position of the Integrated Care Board's progress with its action plan to improve dentistry provision.</p>	<p>Assistant Director (Partnerships)</p>	<p>To give the Committee an update so as to help it develop its enquiry, set for 15 April 2025.</p>

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<p>To Consider the New District Wide Sports and Activity Strategy and its Related Action Plan and the Extent to Which this Address the Needs of the District.</p>	<p>At Committee meeting on 15 Oct 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pride in our area and services to residents <input type="checkbox"/> Working with Partners to improve quality of life <input type="checkbox"/> Raising aspirations and creating opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Financial sustainability and openness 	<p>Data over a 5 year period on the extent to which residents are inactive, moderately active and very active and the different provisions to support activity among those different sectors of the Community.</p>	<p>The Portfolio Holder for Sports and Leisure</p> <p>Corporate Director, Place and Economy</p> <p>Representatives of organised sports operations in the area.</p> <p>Representatives from Active Essex.</p>	<p>To consider the extent to which the District wide Strategy achieves the following, from national strategy published on 30 August 2023 of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Being ambitious to making the area more active 2. Making sport and physical activity more inclusive and welcoming for also that everyone can have confidence that there is a place in sport for them. 3. Moving towards a more sustainable sector that is more financially resilient and robust. As well as not inadvertently damaging existing
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					opportunities for physical activity.
<p>Crime and Disorder (Familial Violence/Abuse) –</p> <p>To look at all types of familial violence, elder abuse and FGM.</p> <p>What support mechanisms exist locally? Looking at funding for voluntary sector organisations working in this area. What support is there for victims/survivors.</p>	<p>Through a Task and Finish Group</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Working with Partners to improve quality of life</p>	<p>Levels of recorded violence against Women + Girls (and violence of children against parents etc) for Tendring over a 5-year period.</p> <p>Measures being taken by public authorities to address/reduce/eliminate violence and tackle behaviours by perpetrators. What services are available locally by voluntary sector arrangements for victims of violence.</p>	<p>Insp, Wendy Byrne, Essex Police.</p> <p>Portfolio Holder, Partnerships</p> <p>Assistant Director Partnerships Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager.</p> <p>PFCC Essex</p> <p>Representatives of organisations who provide support to victims of violence.</p>	<p>To shine a light on unacceptable behaviours within families and the benefit this created for so many families. It will also look at prevention and support measures to consider strengthening these where possible.</p> <p>UPDATE: The Committee considered the final report of the Task and Finish Group at its meeting held on 15 April 2025. The Committee agreed eight recommendations</p>

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					which will be submitted to Cabinet in due course.
To examine evidence around water quality in the District – including sea water, freshwater courses and drinking water.	At a Committee Meeting on 28 Jan 2025	<input type="checkbox"/> Championing our local environment <input type="checkbox"/> Pride in our area and services to residents <input type="checkbox"/> Working with Partners to improve quality of life <input type="checkbox"/> Promoting our heritage offer, attracting visitors and encouraging them to stay longer	<p>Water quality data over previous 5 years for sea water, fresh water and drinking water.</p> <p>Activities already planned to improve water quality over the next 5 years by organisations responsible for that water quality.</p> <p>The recent article the Portfolio Holder from Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Council on the role of District Councils in championing water quality in coastal areas would be submitted to the enquiry.</p> <p>Case of material from an earlier study by the Council into coastal water quality that should be referenced to the enquiry.</p>	<p>Water and wastewater services in the District.</p> <p>Environmental Agency</p> <p>Maritime Marine Organisation</p> <p>Harwich haven Port Authority</p> <p>Brightlingsea Harbour Commissioners</p> <p>Surfers Against Sewage</p> <p>Portfolio Holder, Environment</p> <p>Corporate Director, Operations and Delivery</p>	To establish information on water quality in different settings and measures to improve water quality with a view to consider the appropriateness of that measure.

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				LGA's special interest group on coastal matters.	
<p>Health and Wellbeing Strategy</p> <p>In accordance with the Cabinet's decision, taken at its meeting held on 21 February 2025 (Minute 134 refers) the Committee were consulted on the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy at its meeting held on 15 April 2025.</p> <p>The Committee decided to support the priorities and practical steps contained within that strategy.</p>					