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COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ENQUIRIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN 2026/27

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. [Ongoing from 2025/26]	Through a Task and Finish Group 15 January 2026 – The Committee received a submission from the Task and Finish Group which set out a future proposal to take the enquiry forward. The Group met on 3 June 2026 for initial scoping for their next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 October 2026.	-Pride in our area and services to residents -Working with Partners to improve quality of life	Details of existing area of joint working between the District Council and Town and Parish Councils in the District. Examples of joint working elsewhere in the nation that may be beneficial to consider. As part of the Public Consultation for preparing the 2025/26 Overview and Scrutiny Committees Work Programmes, Officers received a submission from Frating Parish Council, which calls for enhanced scrutiny of the planning process and its determinations on the grounds of perceived inconsistencies in decision-making. The Parish Council asserts that the Tendring District Council Planning Department frequently bases its decisions on outdated or inaccurate information.	Chief Executive Corporate Director (Planning and Community) The Chair/Secretary of TDALC Representatives from the National Association of Local Councils Appropriate Officers/Portfolio Holders for areas of further joint work.	To develop options for the Cabinet/Council to develop collaborative working opportunities that are mutually beneficial.

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Youth Mental Health Following their presence at a previous Committee meeting held on 23 September 2025, to consider the research undertaken by Coastal Communities Unit (CCU) [Ongoing from 2025/26] To look at the mental health research which suggests the position is most pronounced among younger people living in coastal communities.	Through a Task and Finish Group comprising of:- • Councillor Terry Barrett • Councillor Dan Casey • Councillor Bill Davidson • Councillor Carrie Doyle • Councillor Ann Oxley	-Working with Partners to improve quality of life -Raising aspirations and creating opportunities -Pride in our area and services to residents	The published articles and summaries of the research findings produced by the University and its collaboration partners.	Dr Emily Murray, Director of the CCU at the University of Essex	To be able to make recommendations around actions and activities that may have a beneficial impact on health inequalities locally.
To Consider Grant Funding by the Council and Others and its appropriateness given the needs of the District, including where the Grants Policy is at and the progress made with the adoption of the Committee's Recommendations	At a meeting of the Committee due to be held on 14 January 2027.	-Financial sustainability and openness	Cabinet's initial budget proposals for 2027/28.	Portfolio Holder, Partnerships Corporate Director (Finance & IT) Corporate Director (Place & Wellbeing)	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.
To review progress made with the adopted Crime & Disorder Reduction Strategy 2025-28 and the adoption of the Committee's Recommendations	At a meeting of the Committee to be held 22 June 2027.	-Working with Partners to improve quality of life	Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2025 – 2028 Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2026 - 2027	Councillor Peter Kotz – Joint Chair of the Community Safety Partnership Board Councillor Gina Placey - Joint Chair of the Community Safety Partnership Board Corporate Director – Operations and Delivery Chief Inspector Stuart Austin – Essex Police District Inspector Grant Fryatt – Essex Police – CPT and partnership Inspector	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. Look to align Tendring's Strategy with those of Braintree and Colchester Councils.

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				Community Safety & Safeguarding Manager Head of Health and Culture Members of the Community Safety Partnership : -Essex Probation -Essex County Fire & Rescue Service -NHS North Essex ICB -Essex County Council Public Health	
The Women's Safety Charter for the Tendring District is a preventative intervention, created with a community safety focus, aimed at improving feelings of safety for women and girls in public spaces. The Women's Safety Charter for the Tendring District has been developed from the feedback from people in our local area and through partnership with Essex Police to respond to their needs.	At a meeting of the Committee due to be held on 14 January 2027.	-Pride in our area and services to residents -Working with partners to improve quality of life	Women's Safety Charter – Tendring District Tendring Charter – Business Toolkit How many people / businesses/ organisations have signed up to the Charter Data on feelings of safety in the District for Women and Girls.	Councillor Peter Kotz – Joint Chair of the Community Safety Partnership Board Councillor Gina Placey - Joint Chair of the Community Safety Partnership Board Corporate Director – Operations and Delivery Community Safety & Safeguarding Manager Karen Whybrow – Women's Safety Consultant Representative from the YMCA	Examine the extent to which lived experiences of our residents shape community safety projects and the role of community involvement provide a solution to increase perceptions of safety for all.
NHS Dentistry	At a meeting of the Committee due to be held on 9 March 2027	-Pride in our area and services to residents -Working with partners to improve quality of life	Figures on the number of NHS dentists in Tendring, particularly Clacton and Harwich	Key Personnel Essex ICB Relevant individuals from Essex Healthwatch Local NHS Dentistry Providers Corporate Director (Place & Wellbeing)	To look at the provision of NHS dentistry in the district since the new Essex Integrated Care Board took responsibility for its commissioning and consider how the adverse health implications from poor dental health and gum

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				Head of Health and Community	disease in respect of: -Respiratory infections -Diabetic complications -Cardiovascular problems -Kidney disease -Rheumatoid arthritis And thereby seek to ensure that the steps taken by Commissioners of NHS Dentistry are seeking to mitigate against such issues.
School Active / School Sports Premium	Site visits to primary schools in Tendring and a meeting of the Committee to be arranged and determined in due course. This may then lead to a Task and Finish Group looking at the specific evidence gathered.	-Raising aspirations and creating opportunities -Pride in our area and services to residents -Working with partners to improve quality of life	Current use of the School Sports Premium Perceived impact of the realignment of this UK Government funding stream to schools	Relevant Primary School representatives Portfolio Holder, Partnerships Corporate Director (Place & Wellbeing)	To consider the potential impact of the UK Government's realignment of School Sports Premium Funding and the potential for shared approaches to secure successful bids for school-based activity going forward.
The number of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET) The Committee will seek evidence from organisations responsible for delivering employability and skills programmes to understand how new Government employment support initiatives for young people will operate in practice, the support available to employers, and the opportunities for local partnership working within Tendring.	At a meeting of the Committee due to be held on 6 October 2026.	-Raising aspirations and creating opportunities -Pride in our area and services to residents -Working with partners to improve quality of life	Young people and work: interim report – Authored by Alun Milburn Information held by Essex County Council in respect of NEETs within the Tendring District Information on Work Experience opportunities amongst local employers	Relevant individuals involved in work experience placements in the District Portfolio Holder, Partnerships Corporate Director (Place & Wellbeing) Representative(s) from Essex County Council	To understand how proposed Government employment initiatives for young people, including supported job placements and employer incentive schemes, may operate locally, and to identify opportunities for Tendring District Council, local businesses, education providers and employment support organisations to facilitate access to those opportunities.
Essex ICB to look at measures to address the wider determinants of health (including fuel poverty).	Off-Agenda Briefing Note.	-Pride in our area and services to residents -Working with partners to	An evaluation of the benefit of the Healthy Homes Initiative and fuel poverty interventions	Collated information from: Essex ICB Portfolio Holder, Partnerships	To better understand the contribution of the ICB to address key elements in

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Identify progress against the Committee's recommendation of 10 February 2026 in respect of waiting times for ADHD and Autism Assessments.		improve quality of life	funded by the then ICB for Tendring. Data surrounding current and previous waiting times for ADHD and autism assessments for adults and children.	Corporate Director (Place & Wellbeing) Head of Health and Community Lauretta Wright – Happy Energy Solutions Geoffery Joy – previous Housing Manager at Dorset Council Jack Head – Researcher at Essex County Council	respect of wider health matters.
Drowning – a public health crisis	Off-Agenda Briefing	-Pride in our area and services to residents -Working with partners to improve quality of life -Raising aspirations and creating opportunities	Water safety statistics for Tendring Data on swimming provision through schools in the district of Tendring The level of provision for learning to swim in the sea All Council Policy or Procedure around public water safety	Collated information from: Essex County Council - Education Portfolio Holder, Partnerships Corporate Director (Place & Wellbeing) Head of Health and Community	The review will consider whether the Council's current approach to water safety and drowning prevention reflects emerging national good practice, including targeted public awareness campaigns, partnership working, preventative education, seasonal and heatwave communications, identification of high-risk locations, and the provision of appropriate physical safety measures at Council-managed waterfront locations.
Joint Working with scrutiny counterparts at Colchester City Council and Braintree District Council will continue throughout the 2026/27 scrutiny year to develop a joined-up system of scrutiny in preparation for LGR. The next meeting is due to be held in the coming months where Braintree District Council will take the administrative lead.					
The Committee will continue its ongoing recognition of the Council's LGR work and its implications, and through actively considering its work programme at each meeting, it will adjust its work programme and meeting schedule accordingly, to include LGR scrutiny, as it may deem necessary.					