



NON-STATUTORY MEETING OF THE PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 17 JUNE 2021 AT 10:30AM

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MEMBERSHIP - Councillors Johanna Howell (Chair) Sam Adeniji, Charles Clark, Penny di Cara, Chris Dowling, Kathryn Field, Nuala Geary, Wendy Maples, Stephen Shing, John Ungar (Vice Chair) and Trevor Webb

Mr Trevor Cristin, Diocese of Chichester Representative
Mr Simon Parr, Roman Catholic Diocese Representative
Ms Nicola Boulter, Parent Governor Representative
Mr Matthew Jones, Parent Governor Representative

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2021 (*Pages 3 - 12*)
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Disclosures by all members present of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.
- 4 Urgent items
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- 5 Covid-19 Response and Implications (*Pages 13 - 22*)
Report by the Director of Adult Social Care
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Report by the Director of Public Health
- 7 People Scrutiny Committee Work programme (*Pages 37 - 52*)
- 8 Any other items previously notified under agenda item 4

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PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the People Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes on 11 March 2021.

PRESENT: Councillors Charles Clark, Angharad Davies (Chair), Michael Ensor, Roy Galley, John Ungar (Vice Chair), Trevor Webb, Francis Whetstone, Alan Shuttleworth (substituting for Councillor Field), Barry Taylor (substituting for Councillor Liddiard) and Mr Trevor Cristin.

LEAD MEMBERS: Councillor Bob Standley, Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability
Councillor Sylvia Tidy, Lead Member for Children and Families.

ALSO PRESENT: Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services
Mark Stainton, Director of Adult Social Care
Liz Rugg, Assistant Director, Early Help and Social Care
Tom Hook, Assistant Director for Planning, Performance and Engagement
Elizabeth Funge, Head of Education Improvement
Sara Lewis, Adult Social Care Training Manager
Douglas Sinclair, Head of Children's Safeguards & Quality Assurance
Reg Hooke, Independent Chair of the East Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership
Stuart McKeown, Senior Democratic Services Adviser

82 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 19 NOVEMBER 2020

82.1 RESOLVED to agree the minutes as a correct record.

83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

83.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tom Liddiard, Councillor Kathryn Field, Councillor Bill Bentley, Councillor Carl Maynard, Simon Parr, Catholic Diocese Representative, Nicola Boulter, Parent Governor Representative and Matthew Jones, Parent Governor Representative.

84 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

84.1 Councillor Michael Ensor declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as the landlord to Victoria Hall, which is the Bexhill, East Sussex, site for the Sabden Multi Academy Trust school, College Central.

85 URGENT ITEMS

85.1 There were none.

86 EAST SUSSEX SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP (ESSCP) ANNUAL REPORT

86.1 Following changes introduced by the Children and Social Care Act (2017), the East Sussex Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) was replaced in October 2019 by the East Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership (ESSCP). Reg Hooke, Independent Chair of the ESSCP, therefore highlighted to the Committee that the Annual Report covers a period of transition. Mr Hooke then provided an overview of some of the key learning and achievements that have occurred as part of the transition process. For example, the embedding of arrangements relating to a new national panel that oversees case reviews and the movement of the Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) to a new Pan-Sussex CDOP led by Public Health and local NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups.

86.2 Mr Hooke also highlighted to the Committee the East Sussex Joint Targeted Area Inspection which took place in February 2020 (on the theme of children's mental health). The subsequent Inspection Letter noted the well-established and effective partnership arrangements in East Sussex.

86.3 Another key area of activity for the ESSCP has been the development of the following priorities for the next three-year period: education safeguarding, child exploitation, embedding a learning culture, and safeguarding the under 5s. With regard to safeguarding under 5s, Members heard that this priority was developed partly in response to an increase during the pandemic in the number of reports of injuries and neglect to children in this age group.

86.4 Mr Hooke also set out some of the challenges the pandemic has presented to the ESSCP. For example, the difficulties associated with having face-to-face meetings with children. In conclusion, Mr Hooke is satisfied that the closer alignment of the agencies under the new arrangements has helped deliver an effective response to the challenges presented by the pandemic, with the agencies working together effectively.

86.5 The Committee welcomed the detailed report before it and discussed a range of issues, with the key items set out below:

- The Committee noted that the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) referred to above identified multi-agency information sharing as an area which could be further strengthened and asked for more detail about this issue. In response, Mr Hooke informed the Committee that each JTAI results in an Action Plan which is overseen the ESSCP. The Plan is broken down into three elements relating to Police, Health and Social Care. With regard to the issue of multi-agency information sharing, Members were assured that the response to the finding is being actioned. Although Mr Hooke also clarified that any subsequent adjustments should be seen as 'fine tuning'.
- Mr Hooke also commented that issues relating to communication will always need to be kept under review. For example, the ESSCP is exploring whether communications between agencies could be improved with regard to electively home-educated children, a cohort which includes potentially vulnerable children.
- With regard to enhancing communication between agencies and professionals, the Director of Children's Services, Stuart Gallimore, also confirmed that the Council's Single Point of Advice (SPoA) page on the Council's website has recently incorporated CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services). This means that the SPoA site has now become the contact point for such

referrals, along with other safeguarding referrals. This will help deliver further improvements with regard to supporting communications between agencies.

- Members discussed the reported rise in safeguarding incidents involving children under the age of 5 and sought clarification as to what had caused the increase. In response the Director of Children's Services commented that the rise in reports was an issue nationally and related to the impact of lockdowns and restrictions on services caused by the pandemic. For example, health visitors during the first wave were re-deployed to hospitals. In response to the national restrictions the Council developed an effective virtual response which has provided vital support to many families. However, whilst the virtual offer has been well-supported, it is the case that home visits being stopped or significantly reduced, together with new parents being unable to turn to their normal social support systems of families and friends has unfortunately contributed to the national rise in reports. Whilst the rise is a concern both locally and nationally, East Sussex has not suffered a high rate of incidents. A number of local initiatives may have helped in this respect. This includes, for example, the introduction of virtual home visits and other creative solutions developed by the Department and schools to help deliver support in different ways to those who most need it.
- Members discussed the negative impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on children and young people's mental health. The Committee asked whether the ESSCP believed CAMHS would be able to manage an increased demand for its services. In response, Mr Hooke confirmed to Members that for the last two years mental health has been a priority area for ESSCP and that the partnership has undertaken a number of audits. These audits have shown a positive trend in terms of waiting lists for CAMHS services, but Mr Hooke agreed with Members that more work is required. In particular in support of individuals who have developed mental health issues due to the impacts of Covid-19. Stuart Gallimore also informed the Committee of the Sussex-wide review of Emotional Health and Wellbeing Support report. The report, called 'Foundations For Our Future' is set to be considered by the Council in summer 2021 and will have a focus on mental health support for children and young people.
- In response to a query about support with 'lower level' mental health issues, Mr Gallimore commented that the best way to address these issues was for children to be back in school. Individuals would then have access not only the support of their friends, but also the professional support that schools can call on. Whilst initial reports indicate that the full return to school has gone well, Mr Gallimore is aware that some children will be anxious. It is also a factor which schools are aware of and have worked hard to prepare for ahead of the full reopening of schools. Mr Gallimore also encouraged all parties to not unintentionally put pressure on children and young people by focusing on the 'loss of learning' issue. Whilst there is a significant issue, schools are again prepared for the challenge and will work hard to assess the learning needs of individual children in the coming months and identify the best ways to support them.
- Members sought assurance that the structure of the ESSCP was manageable, given its complexity. Mr Hooke informed the Committee that despite appearing complex from the outside the Partnership works smoothly. For example, and so

as to ensure proper oversight, the ESSCP sub-groups report to the Panel's steering group on a quarterly basis.

- Members discussed the impact that Covid-19 restrictions has had on new parents accessing support, such as post-natal services and parent and baby classes. In response Mr Hooke confirmed that whilst many services have successfully moved online, the lack of in-person interaction may be a factor that impacts negatively on the mental health of new parents. As these services are vital for both parents and for infant development, the ESSCP have identified this an issue it will consider further.

86.6 The Committee RESOLVED to note the report.

87 SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SUPPORT FOR UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN (UASC) - 12 MONTH PROGRESS REPORT

87.1 Liz Rugg (Assistant Director for Early Help and Social Care) introduced the report and provided the Committee with an update on progress with implementing the recommendations set out in the People Scrutiny Committee's 'Support for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children' report. The Committee were also provided with an update on developments relating to the recently created specialist UASC team within the Children's Services Department and how the Department have responded to the challenges presented by the pandemic. With regard to Recommendation Six of the scrutiny review report, the Committee were also informed that work on the UASC guidance document for Members (referred to as a toolkit) was progressing and that a draft for comment would be circulated to relevant members.

87.2 Set out below is a summary of the key points discussed by the Committee:

- Members sought clarification about the impact of Covid-19 restrictions on access for UASC to social and religious activities. Members were especially concerned about this specific issue given the restrictions may have a more pronounced impact on the wellbeing of individual UASC. In response Members were informed that outside of the pandemic this is an area where positive progress is being made, although Covid-19 restrictions have had some impact. So as to reduce feelings of isolation therefore, UASC were provided with online platforms which helped individuals maintain effective contact with their peers. Looking forward, Members were also informed that initial discussions are taking place about how physical spaces can be safely re-opened so UASC can start to meet in person again.
- In response to a query about the number of UASC who are missing and the risks of exploitation this may expose them to, Members were informed that East Sussex does not have high numbers of absconion. Nonetheless Liz Rugg agreed that 'even one child missing, is one child too many'. With that in mind, the Department have, for example, developed even closer working relationships with the Police and other agencies to help reduce the risk of an individual absconding. In practice this means officers are now able to speak to new arrivals quickly and reassure them about the support East Sussex County Council will provide, and it appears this is having a positive impact. It is also the case that spontaneous arrivals now have their fingerprints and biometric details

recorded soon after they are discovered. Whilst this does not stop absconding behaviour, it does mean individuals are easier to locate should they go missing.

- In response to a query about the rate of spontaneous arrivals, Members heard that there have been 29 cases in East Sussex in the latest period (the term spontaneous arrival is used to describe children who have arrived in the UK illegally and who are usually discovered by the Police or the Border Force). In addition to spontaneous arrivals, UASC have also come into the care of East Sussex County Council via the National Transfer Scheme.

87.3 The Committee RESOLVED to note the report and welcomed the progress being made by the Children's Services Department with regard to its recommendations.

88 STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

88.1 Councillor Roy Galley, as Chair of the Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE), introduced the report and highlighted to Members a number of key developments. These include:

- **Impact of Covid-19:** due to Covid-19 related restrictions some activities of the committee have either not been possible or have had to be adjusted. For example, it had not been possible for SACRE to visit schools. Furthermore, and also as a result of Covid-19 related requirements, no Religious Education (RE) exams have been allowed to take place. However, positive progress has still been made. For example, effective primary and secondary school networks have been developed and this has allowed for increased direct contact with teachers. Another innovation has been the deployment of online training courses for education professionals, which have been well-received.
- **Schools Working Group:** a working group of teachers and head teachers has been formed to advise and assist SACRE with its work. The Group is currently focused on the task of revising the Locally Agreed Syllabus (see also next bullet point).
- **Locally Agreed Syllabus:** Religious Education is a statutory element of the curriculum for all pupils, which is determined locally. As a result, one of the key duties of SACRE is to review once every five years the Locally Agreed Syllabus. The next review is due in 2022 and with that in mind, Councillor Galley informed the Committee that SACRE have developed a plan to take this task forward. The plan will involve full engagement with teachers and religious representatives and will be informed by national guidance and resources on the provision of Religious Education. The revised Syllabus will be agreed by the end of 2021 and will be implemented in schools starting in September 2022.

88.2 The Committee discussed the importance of having a range of representatives on SACRE. In response, Councillor Roy Galley informed the Committee that SACRE aims to have as wide as possible representation from the faith groups in East Sussex. However, there have been challenges with appointing representatives from some faith communities. In order to help maintain a balanced view, SACRE have also appointed a Humanist observer.

88.3 The Committee RESOLVED to note the report.

89 RECONCILING POLICY, PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES (RPPR)

89.1 The Committee discussed its input into the Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources process and possible future improvements. Set out below is a summary of the key discussion points:

- Members discussed the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on how the Council works and delivers services to the public. In particular, some Members expressed the expectation that next year's RPPR process will provide further insights into new working practices which the response to the pandemic has brought about. In response Members were informed by Mark Stainton that the Adult Social Care Department has, for example, developed a programme which seeks to capture and help embed new ways of working that going forward will help deliver efficiencies and improvements in customer service. It is anticipated therefore that changes relating to how Departments operate will be discussed in the coming year.
- Members heard that a major piece of work for the Adult Social Care and Health Department in the coming year will be its response to the Health and Social Care Bill. This will require detailed planning in support of working towards delivering an integrated care system for April 2022.
- Stuart Gallimore confirmed to the Committee that it will receive an update report on the impact of savings relating to Early Help services (with regard to the decisions taken in October 2019 by Councillor Tidy as Lead Member for Children and Families). With regard to a specific query relating to Key Workers, Mr Gallimore confirmed savings relating to this area of activity had been deferred for the past two years.
- In response to a request made by the Committee, Mark Stainton undertook to provide Members with a briefing on developments relating to the Better Care Fund. The timescale for producing the briefing will be confirmed at a later date as the Department are yet to receive updated guidance from central government for the 2021/22 financial year.

89.2 The Committee RESOLVED to note the report.

90 PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

90.1 The Committee discussed its Work Programme which is comprised of a number of ongoing scrutiny reviews, reference groups and planned reports. Set out below is an overview of the key items discussed.

Current Scrutiny Reviews

School Exclusions

90.2 The Committee heard that because of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on the ability of schools to participate, it continued to be necessary to pause work on the

scrutiny review of issues relating to the high rate of school exclusion in East Sussex. The Committee anticipate that work will be able to recommence in autumn 2021.

Initial Scoping Reviews

Loneliness and Resilience Initial Scrutiny Scoping Board

90.3 In response to the extensive evidence available about the negative impact of loneliness on local communities, the Committee appointed a Loneliness and Resilience Initial Scrutiny Scoping Board in November 2019. The Board comprised: Councillors Clark, Galley, Ungar (Chair) and Whetstone. Following delays caused by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board met in February 2021. Councillor Ungar, as Chair of the Board, informed the Committee that its key finding was to recommend the establishment of a loneliness scrutiny reference group. The Board reached this conclusion following a briefing provided by the Adult Social Care and Health Department regarding a new loneliness-focused project it intends to take forward in summer 2021. The Board heard that the project will first seek to develop an improved understanding of the nature and impact of loneliness on East Sussex residents, before then seeking to identify opportunities and approaches to mitigate its worst effects. The Board were also informed that the Department intend to engage with a wide range of partners and residents throughout the project. With this in mind and given their unique insights into the communities they represent, the Department are particularly keen to work with elected members on this project.

90.4 On the evidence presented to it, the Committee agreed with the Board's recommendation that a scrutiny reference group should be appointed for the following reasons:

- the Department's project will seek to develop practical, evidence-based and community focused responses to the negative impacts of loneliness;
- that a reference group will provide members with an effective opportunity to help shape new initiatives; and
- that a separate scrutiny review would represent a duplication of effort.

90.5 The Committee therefore RESOLVED to establish a Loneliness and Resilience Scrutiny Reference Group, with the membership of the group to be reviewed at the next meeting of the People Scrutiny Committee in June 2021.

Suggested Potential Future Scrutiny Review Topics

Elective Home Education

90.6 The Committee agreed to continue to pause activity on the potential scrutiny review of issues relating to the increase in the numbers of children being electively home educated. Whilst there is not a clear date for activity to resume, there is an expectation that the government will issue national guidance. The Committee therefore agreed it would be prudent to revisit this subject once the new guidance becomes available.

Developing Care Markets/Bedded Care Strategy

90.7 The Committee had previously decided to postpone further scrutiny activity on this area until mid-2021. However, and given the impact of the pandemic, the Committee agreed that it would be helpful to receive an update report from the Department in the autumn (2021). The report would include, for example, detail regarding the number of beds available and information about care home closures. This will then allow the Committee to make an informed decision about how to proceed.

90.8 The Committee RESOLVED to receive an update report on developments relating to Bedded Care. The date the report will be considered is to be confirmed, subject to further advice from the Director of Adult Social Care.

Future Committee Agenda Items

Public Health Update

90.9 The Committee discussed receiving an update on developments relating to the activities of Public Health, including planning, resources and working with others, for its next meeting in June 2021.

90.10 In addition the Director of Adult Social Care undertook to provide summary comments on, but not limited to, the other activities already listed in the Committee's Work Programme. This would then allow the Committee to identify if there are any issues it would like to explore in more detail. The current items listed on the Work Programme are:

- The work of care staff during the pandemic and impact on recruitment and retention, including the use of agency staff and experiences of BAME care workers.
- Support to care homes, including health service input.
- The experience of carers during the pandemic.
- The impact of Covid-19 on Departments and the services they provide.

90.11 The Committee RESOLVED to request an update on developments relating to Public Health and other elements of the Work Programme for the next meeting of the People Scrutiny Committee in June 2021.

Scrutiny Reference Groups

Educational Attainment and Performance Scrutiny Reference Group

90.12 Councillor Roy Galley informed the Committee that the reference group met in February 2021 and were provided with an excellent briefing which led to informative discussions on how school performance is measured and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on education in East Sussex. This included a discussion about different methods of delivering teaching via remote methods. The Committee agreed that the reference group provides an important forum for members to be briefed on key issues relating to educational attainment and school performance and therefore that the group should continue.

Health and Social Care Integration Programme Reference Group

90.13 Councillor Davies informed the Committee that the Director of Adult Social Care had undertaken to provide a further briefing for the Reference Group in July 2021.

Strategic Commissioning Review of Early Help - Scrutiny Reference Group

90.14 The Committee agreed to retain the Early Help Scrutiny Reference Group on the Scrutiny Work programme.

The Committee RESOLVED to amend the work programme in line with the items agreed in paragraphs 90.5, 90.8, 90.11 and 90.13 above.

91 SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE CHANGING CARE MARKET: ADULT SOCIAL CARE WORKFORCE - 12 MONTH PROGRESS REPORT

91.1 Tom Hook, Assistant Director for Planning, Performance and Engagement introduced the report by saying that good progress has been made with implementing the Committee's recommendations, although the Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on some areas. Key developments include:

- Improved levels of joint working between Adult Social Care and the Employment and Skills team.
- The online offer for the independent care sector has also been enhanced as there now a dedicated web page on East Sussex County Council's website which is used for recruitment.
- In terms of other workforce support for the independent care sector during the pandemic, the Department provided a range of resources which included training and recruitment advice and regular email bulletins. The Department also helped the sector access various government support such as the £1.3m Work Force Capacity Fund.

91.2 Sara Lewis, Adult Social Care Training Manager, briefed the Committee on the national 'Call to Care Campaign' (which ran between 1 February and 31 March 2021). The campaign was launched in response to an urgent need to boost the numbers of short-term staff available during the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result of the campaign, the Department received once a week a list of contact details for individuals who had registered an interest in working in the care sector. At the time of the meeting there had been 69 applicants, 21 of which have been screened and forwarded on to interested provider services. It is hoped that a significant number of the individuals recruited as a result of the campaign will value their new roles and want to stay within the sector.

91.3 Councillor Trevor Webb, as Chair of the Adult Social Care Workforce Scrutiny Review Board welcomed the report and the progress being made with implementing the Committee's recommendations. Although he also noted that the workforce environment has been subject to considerable change since the report was published given the impact of the pandemic. The Committee then discussed the report in detail. Set out below is a summary of the key issues discussed:

- In response to a query about what would happen after the Call to Care Campaign ended, Members were informed that the Department will follow-up with every individual who has registered an interest. Other work includes, for example, exploring opportunities with the job centre service and the provision of regular

workshops with provider services where workforce issues and challenges can be discussed.

- The Committee noted that the details of individuals who had indicated they were not prepared to deliver personal care (in response to the Call to Care Campaign) were not forwarded on to service providers. However, some Members also noted that there are roles where this may not be a requirement and asked for clarification as to whether these individuals could be considered for such vacancies. In response, Mark Stainton informed Members that older people services have a high number of clients who require support with personal care. As a result, a willingness to provide personal care was a crucial factor for the Department when assessing expressions of interest. Although going forward the Department will explore if there are suitable vacancies within the working age range of services.
- The Committee discussed the impact of Covid-19 and sought clarification about rates of workforce turnover in the sector. In response Members were informed that sadly due to the number of excess deaths, some care homes have furloughed staff and temporarily closed down units. As a result, rates of turnover have remained relatively stable in recent months. Although it is anticipated that demand for staff is likely to increase as the demand for care services picks-up as the national emergency eases. With regard to potential workforce challenges relating to Brexit, Members were informed that the full impact was not yet clear. Although to help mitigate its potential impact the Department are, via providers, encouraging relevant staff to complete by the government deadline documentation which will enable them to remain in the United Kingdom. In conclusion therefore, Mr Stainton stated that the current level of vacancies is not representative of the normal situation or of his future expectations.
- The Committee asked for clarification from the Department about the promotion of a career in adult social care to young people. In response Members were informed that this is an area of ongoing work with the Employment and Skills Group and that the Department will continue to engage with young people and promote the benefits of a career in adult social care.

91.4 The Committee RESOLVED to note the report, and welcome the progress being made implementing the People Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

Report to: People Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 17 June 2021

By: Director of Adult Social Care

Title: Covid-19 Response and Implications

Purpose: To inform the People Scrutiny Committee as to the impact of COVID-19 within adult social care

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The People Scrutiny Committee is recommended to comment on and note the contents of the report.

1 Background and supporting information

1.2 The COVID-19 pandemic represented an unprecedented challenge for the adult social care sector, which supports some of the most vulnerable residents in East Sussex.

1.3 This report sets out the impact of COVID-19 on adult social care and the response from the Adult Social Care & Health Department and the wider care sector in the following five key areas:

- The work of care staff during the pandemic and impact on recruitment and retention including the use of agency staff
- Experiences of minority ethnic care workers
- Support to Care Homes including health service input
- The experience of informal carers during the pandemic
- The impact of COVID-19 on services including the response to shielding residents

2 The work of care staff during the pandemic and impact on recruitment and retention, including the use of agency staff

2.1 The local care sector has reported positive outcomes from recent recruitment campaigns during the pandemic, as a result of furlough and unemployment in other sectors. For example, Adult Social Care (ASC) has commissioned 15% more homecare placements during the twelve months of COVID-19. The home care market has been able to meet the increased demand, largely due to their ability to recruit new staff. It is unclear at this stage whether these new recruits will continue working in the care sector or will return to their previous roles as other sectors, such as hospitality, reopen.

2.2 Care providers are required to adhere to strict infection, prevention, and control measures, both before and during the pandemic, and reducing the movement of staff between settings has been a key enabler to minimise the transfer of infections. In order to minimise the risk of transferring infections, staff in many care homes in East Sussex temporarily lived in the care home during the height of the pandemic, resulting in the separation from their own families for extended periods of time. This illustrates the outstanding care and commitment that many care staff showed in order to minimise the spread of infection and protect the residents that they support.

2.3 The use of agency staff has continued throughout the pandemic. With significant numbers of care staff, working within care homes and home care, becoming infected with COVID-19 or having to self-isolate over the last twelve months, agency staff have been an essential source of staffing both in terms of care staff and qualified nursing staff (e.g. for medication administration).

2.4 In January 2021, the weekly *East Sussex Incident Management Team* meeting would regularly consider as many as 35 care homes reporting COVID-19 outbreaks, all of which would have varying numbers of staff in self-isolation. It would not have been possible for many of these homes to maintain safe service provision without the use of agency staff.

2.5 To minimise the use of staff across multiple homes payments from the Infection Control Fund made to Care Homes had criteria attached that specifically address this point.

2.6 Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and testing regimes have been in place to minimise infections. There have also been occasions where Adult Social Care has facilitated the placement of temporary managers from agencies, to ensure Care Homes have had sufficient managerial oversight to continue operating.

2.7 In order to maintain and improve the quality of care throughout the pandemic, the Adult Social Care training team has delivered a 'Well-led' training programme for care home managers and staff. The content of each workshop was designed to reflect:

- [CQC Well-led domain](#);
- [Skills for Care Leadership Qualities Framework](#);
- knowledge of the care home sector and issues raised by colleagues in a range of forums; and
- the need for a response to COVID-19 and day to day difficulties relating to the workforce.

3. Experiences of minority ethnic care workers

3.1 In May 2020, the Sussex Health and Care Partnership (SHCP) established the Sussex Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Disparity Programme in response to the evidence emerging from the Office for National Statistics around the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities. A key part of the Programme has been the development of the Sussex Care Homes BAME (Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic) Staff Network.

Sussex Care Homes BAME Staff Network

This network is supported by the Sussex Health and Care Partnership which includes all Sussex NHS Organisations and the three Local Authorities. The purpose of the network is to provide a place for care home staff to bring new perspectives and fresh ideas that helps drive change and progress. In this space, staff are able to:

- Celebrate a range of diversity through social events and activities;
- Facilitate informal relationships with other BAME care home workers in Sussex;
- Reflect on the last few months and how the pandemic has made an impact on BAME lives and communities; and
- Access peer support through discussions about lived experiences.
- Receive guidance and signposting to appropriate services, if desired; and
- Work with employers to ensure that BAME staff have a consistent and positive experience in the home(s) they work in.

The first virtual network meeting was held in March 2021. Posters promoting the network are about to be printed and issued to all Care Homes across Sussex.

Adult Social Care departments from across Sussex are meeting with the BAME Disparity Programme leads next month to discuss what more can be done to support the development of network. It is important that the network is run and developed in accordance with the needs and issues identified by the network members.

4. Support to care homes, including health service input

4.1 The challenges faced by care homes have been significant and varied, ranging from the access to PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) during the first wave of the pandemic; managing significant outbreaks of COVID-19 amongst residents and staff; management of the rigorous COVID-19 testing regime on vulnerable people; maintaining all the necessary infection prevention and control measures with depleted staffing numbers and supporting residents and their families through the most difficult of times.

4.2 Adult Social Care and Health have supported a range of care homes with the provision of temporary staff; meals; cleaning; infection prevention and control guidance; psychological wellbeing support for staff; regular information bulletins; weekly virtual huddles where current issues are discussed with local clinicians.

4.3 Included below are two examples of the value placed on the 'huddles' by independent sector care home providers:

"As a care home manager during the COVID pandemic, the East Sussex huddles have been absolutely invaluable in assisting us to survive! The weekly meetings throughout the pandemic have helped us to understand and respond to the ever changing guidance, stay abreast of sector changes, as well as being a forum to share our difficulties and reach out for support, which has really boosted my confidence. I have made some new contacts (and friends) who continue to be a great source of support and advice. Finding the time to attend has been challenging at times but is really worthwhile if you have burning issues to raise, but the recorded sessions are helpful resources to go back over if needed. I really think these huddles have helped pull the local social care sector together which has been long overdue".

"The regular huddle organised by East Sussex County Council and Sussex CCG has been invaluable along with the email bulletin throughout the pandemic for providers. The huddle in particular has enabled providers to get updated information from both a national and local level about the virus and its impact. We've had national guidance interpreted for us and experts have been able to answer questions or queries about how this works in practice. The huddle has also enabled us to share concerns that have been fed back by ESCC and Sussex CCG to national bodies. Providers are able to support one another at the huddle through the chat function and by sharing best practice through direct presentation. I'd like to thank ESCC and Sussex CCG for supporting us through the pandemic".

4.4 In addition to the generic support described above, throughout the pandemic, the Adult Social Care Market Support Team has contacted services identified on the Public Health *Outbreak List* to offer support. At the peak of the second wave, this support ranged from practical support such as the provision of temporary staff to cover shifts, through to advice on staff rostering and delivery of emergency PPE to care homes by Local Authority staff.

4.5 The East Sussex Care Homes Resilience Plan, published in May 2020, has been reviewed and refreshed. It is being delivered by the East Sussex Care Homes Group which has representation from all key stakeholders including the East Sussex Registered Care Association and Healthwatch.

4.6 The group has overseen the development of the weekly care home huddle webinars; co-ordinated communications to providers and had oversight of the local support arrangements for residential and nursing care providers. The membership of this group includes Local Authority, Public Health, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Primary Care. The GP lead from the group has also been supporting GP cover arrangements for care homes and providing clinical input to weekly care home huddles.

4.8 The *Enhanced Health in Care Homes Programme* is now central to the work of the East Sussex Care Homes Group and Adult Social Care sit on the Pan-Sussex Steering Group. This comprehensive programme of work covers a range of areas including the development of Multi-Disciplinary Teams (NHS employed) to work directly with care homes to enhance links with, and support from, primary care.

4.9 The weekly *Care Home Incident Management Group* ensures that an appropriate system response (PH; ASC; CCG) is provided to care homes reporting a COVID-19 outbreak. This may include advice and guidance about infection prevention and control; testing and (virtual) tailored sessions with care home staff to discuss any concerns and issues with vaccinations.

4.10 Local authority support to Care Homes has been positively acknowledged by key partners including The Care Quality Commission.

5. The experiences of carers during the pandemic

5.1 The impact of lockdown, lack of access to face-to-face and respite support and the general diminished availability of networks such as support from other family members (outside of the household) will inevitably have had a significant impact on carers physical, emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

5.2 The Carers UK report published in October 2020 '*Caring behind closed doors: six months on*' (https://www.carersuk.org/images/News_and_campaigns/Caring_Behind_Closed_Doors_Oct20.pdf) reported that:

- Almost two thirds of carers (64%) have not been able to take any breaks from their caring role during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- 8 out of 10 (78%) carers reported that the needs of the person they care for have increased since the COVID-19 pandemic.

5.5 Locally, the three Carers Centres in East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove worked with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and local authorities to enable carers to be vaccinated.

5.6 In East Sussex, the carers' services commissioned by Adult Social Care have gone to great lengths to maintain support for informal carers during COVID-19. There has necessarily been greater reliance on digital solutions, which can be a barrier to access for some carers, however phone-based options have been developed wherever possible and practicable.

5.7 Feedback from *Care for the Carers* suggests that many carers were under increased strain due to lockdown, social isolation, stress and anxiety, closure of day services, no access to residential respite and many chose to reduce or stop home care services in order to protect the vulnerable cared for person.

5.8 Support provided to informal carers in East Sussex throughout the pandemic is summarised below:

Carers' Service	COVID-19 Offer
Care for the Carers	Care for the Carers experienced increase in levels of requests for support needed by carers already known to the

	<p>service and a decrease in “new” carers accessing their services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and advice available via ‘phone and email • Virtual Support groups established, enabling carers to ‘phone in. Care for the Carers intend to continue with this ‘blended approach,’ recognising meets needs of e.g. working carers/those unable to leave the home. • Virtual annual conference • Telephone counselling services • Actively involved in recent work to identify carers for vaccination
Association of Carers Volunteer Respite service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to deliver home-based respite so developed online sessions including yoga, quizzes, etc. to develop virtual wellbeing • Garden visits facilitated
Association of Carers Computer Help at Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided service virtually to support carers to get online and access online shopping, prescriptions, contact with family
Coastal Wellbeing WRAP courses	Moved online and will continue with blended offer to carers
DISC dementia training	Moved online and will continue with blended offer to carers
Alzheimer’s Society	Moved online and will continue with blended offer to carers
Culture Shift	Online creative support sessions for carers
Motor Neurone Disease Association	Virtual support to carers. Developing digital offer to offer blended model of support ongoing
British Red Cross Carers Crisis Support	Virtual and garden visits facilitated
St Michael’s Hospice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved support online/remotely will develop carers course online to ensure legacy support for carers • Will maintain blended offer of support
St Wilfrid’s Hospice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved counselling to phone and online • Expanded Bereavement Support Offer to wider community in response to COVID-19
St Peter & St James Hospice	Moved support online/remotely via phone

6. The impact of COVID-19 on Adult Social Care (ASC) services

6.1 ASC’s response to the Government’s COVID-19 ASC Winter Plan was submitted to the Minister for Care on 30 October, to provide assurance that we had plans in place for the winter covering all the required elements. This included the testing, local contact tracing and outbreak control, flu vaccinations, care homes support (including capacity and workforce), IPC, the Infection Control Fund and shielding and Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) people. Core business such as social work and social care practice including safeguarding, the ethical framework for social care and our ongoing integration and partnership work with NHS partners in respect of timely hospital discharge was also included within the Plan alongside support to care homes, linking with our joint Winter Plan with the NHS, which also took account of the impact of the pandemic in respect of levels of activity and demand.

6.2 The Government also requested all councils complete a care market sustainability self-assessment to provide the Minister for Care with assurance that care markets were sustainable through the winter period. Alongside this, the County Council has continued to engage and emphasise the need for a sustainable funding settlement for social care.

6.3 Work has also taken place to ensure assessment and appropriate care to support those people moving on from the initial COVID-19 Hospital Discharge Scheme 1. Close system working between Adult Social Care and the CCG Continuing Healthcare Team has meant that over 1,000 patients discharged from hospital between March and September 2020, have been appropriately assessed and reviewed, and placed onto their long-term pathways and funding streams. Alongside this, the Government has announced funding to continue the Hospital Discharge Scheme so that patients can continue to leave hospital as quickly and as safely as possible, with the right community or at-home support, releasing acute capacity to deliver the restoration and recovery phase of the pandemic. Hospital Discharge Scheme 3 will fund up to the first six weeks of care after discharge from an NHS setting from April to June 2021 and up to the first four weeks from July to September 2021.

6.4 Many community-based local care providers, such as day services, continue to operate with reduced capacity but continue to deliver support in different ways due to social distancing requirements.

6.5 ASC continues to work in close partnership with East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT), and the other acute trusts that support East Sussex residents, to ensure the timely discharge of patients from hospital into care homes and community settings. The following measures were introduced within the department's Directly Provided Services for Older People to support patient flow across the wider system:

- Milton Grange Intermediate Care unit in Eastbourne, provided a dedicated red unit for COVID-positive and COVID-exposed patients from hospital;
- Firwood House, also in Eastbourne, was also temporarily reopened and staffed by the NHS to provide an additional step-down facility for and COVID-positive and COVID-exposed patients;
- The Joint Community Rehab Team (JCR) flexed their eligibility criteria by reducing the offer of lower level rehabilitation and increasing capacity to provide direct support to adults at home who were discharged from hospital as COVID-positive;
- The department's Hospital Social Work Team continued to work alongside our ESHT colleagues, both within the Hospital Discharge Hub or joining virtual ward rounds to help facilitate hospital timely discharge of patients who were 'medically ready;' and
- Directly Provided Day Services for both Older People and Learning Disabilities adapted their offer to vulnerable adults in the community by providing outreach support whilst day services were closed.

6.7 Throughout the pandemic, the department has also continued to provide support to keep vulnerable adults safe within our communities. Many staff have, by necessity, continued to work in offices and operational buildings, others have continued to provide support remotely and face-to-face safeguarding, Care Act and Mental Health Act Assessments have continued within our communities, using appropriate infection control measures.

6.8 Despite there being an initial reduction in contact with the department at the start of the initial lockdown in March 2020, there is now an increasing number of contacts being received through Health and Social Care Connect (HSCC) for both general enquiries and the reporting of Safeguarding. In total, this has increased by 15.8% from December 2020 to January 2021. Whilst overall contact levels remain lower than in previous years, the introduction of vaccinations, community testing and an overall increase in public confidence as we gradually ease out of lockdown is being demonstrated through increase of contact into HSCC.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

6.9 The Department has issued 3,337,743 items in total since the 7th of April 2020. Of these 1.1 million items were issued across internal and external teams, including domiciliary and care home providers, GPs and pharmacists between April – September 2020 in advance of the national portal going live. In addition since September 2020 2,237,743 items have been issued to internal and external teams unable to access the portal.

6.10 Free Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) continues to be available for COVID-19 needs in line with current national guidance, to care homes and domiciliary care providers via the national PPE portal until the end of June 2021; and

6.11 The Department continues to ensure provision of free PPE to care providers ineligible for the PPE portal (supplied by Department of Health and Social Care [DHSC]) when required (including for personal assistants) directly until the end of June 2021.

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable Residents and Community Hubs

6.13 During the pandemic, the County Council assisted Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) people to shield safely, in line with the Government's Shielding Framework. This included ensuring all CEV people were contacted, their support needs identified, and direction to local support networks to meet those needs. There were 38,169 residents identified as CEV by the time shielding ended on 31st March 2021.

6.14 The five Community Hubs set up at the start of the pandemic continue to offer a local point of contact and support for all vulnerable people struggling to cope with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Contact arrangements are still in place in each District and Borough Council and have been absorbed into existing contact centres.

6.15 The County Council have worked well with District and Borough Councils and the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector to ensure comprehensive and localised support for residents. In order to ensure we retain and build on these positive, valuable relationships, the multi-agency CEV Working Group are set to continue collaboration as well as completing a piece of work to scope community assets and resources, so ongoing support and signposting may continue on an ongoing basis.

ASC Contact Strategy

6.17 In addition to support offered to CEV and other vulnerable people, a contact strategy specific to ASC clients and carers has been devised to collect email addresses for future contacts and offer reassurance and signposting to local support. This has allowed for an effectual method of proactively contacting clients at scale so messages can be cascaded promptly and securely.

Self-isolation

6.18 Although shielding has formally ended, ASC & Public Health have implemented support to residents required to self-isolate in East Sussex. The *Government Framework for Isolation Support* document is similar in scope to the one produced for shielding support and covers areas such as contact strategy; the basic support offer; communications; and data returns. The basic support offer is broadly similar to that which is currently offered to CEV individuals (albeit shorter term and potentially more urgent) and covers:

- assisting people with access to food;
- befriending and wellbeing services;

- mental health support; and
- delivery of prescriptions.

6.19 Our local arrangements to support people required to self-isolate will align our Local Tracing Partnership (LTP) with the existing well-developed support offer in place to meet people's support needs.

6.20 An infographic summary of the response to CEV, self-isolation and PPE is attached as **Appendix 1**.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 This report summarises the identified immediate impact of COVID-19 on five key areas of adult social care within East Sussex and outlines the responses made by the department and wider health and social care system. Whilst we continue on the Government's roadmap out of lockdown, the long-term impact of the pandemic is, at this stage, unknown in respect of:

- The viability of care homes, particularly those that provide care and support to older people.
- The delay in people accessing routine healthcare and the impact of 'long Covid' on people's ongoing health and care needs.
- The effect that three lockdowns and associated loneliness and social isolation on people's mental health and emotional wellbeing.

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Adult Social Care – COVID-19 in figures

NUMBER OF CLINICALLY
EXTREMELY VULNERABLE
(CEV) RESIDENTS



38,104

NUMBER OF COMMUNITY
HUB CONTACTS



7,270 as at 25 April

NUMBER OF CLIENTS
CONTACTED (PHONE CALLS,
LETTERS AND EMAILS)



12,636 between 8
February and 16 April

TOTAL NUMBER OF CEVS
CONTACTED (PHONE CALLS,
LETTERS AND EMAILS)



29,134 between 20
December and 26 March

VALUE OF GRANTS GIVEN
OUT TO THIRD SECTOR
ORGANISATIONS



c.£2 million

NUMBER OF ITEMS OF
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE
EQUIPMENT ISSUED



3.3 million items

East Sussex
County Council



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Report to: People Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 17 June 2021

By: Director of Public Health

Title: Public Health Update

Purpose: To provide an overview of the recent Review process in Public Health, including some detail on the core areas of work. The report also provides an overview of the work associated with Covid-19, which has temporarily displaced some of the usual planned work.

RECOMMENDATION

The People Scrutiny Committee is recommended to comment on and note the report.

1. Background

1.1 Local authorities have, since 1 April 2013, been responsible for improving the health of the local population and for public health services. The Secretary of State has overall responsibility for improving health – with national public health functions delegated to Public Health England (PHE). Last year it was announced that PHE will be merged into a new body, the UK Health Security Agency from Spring 2021. It is not yet fully understood where non health protection functions will finally sit.

1.2 Public Health have significant expertise in identifying and reducing health inequalities. Recent NHS Planning guidance has made reducing health inequalities a key aim of NHS commissioners and providers; and the public health department are supporting the Sussex Health and Care Partnership in these endeavours.

1.3 This report provides a brief overview of the recent Public Health Review to set out the core areas of work. It also provides a very brief overview of the work associated with COVID which has temporarily displaced much usual public health work.

2. The Public Health (PH) Review

2.1 The Public Health Review began in the summer of 2019. The review aimed to align public health services fully with Council Priorities via a series of workshops guided by a Public Health England prioritisation framework. The Framework took account of the statutory and mandated responsibilities of Public Health, analysis of need and value for money.

2.2 The review also aimed to reframe the annual budget against an expected decrease of the ring-fenced Public Health Grant. An analysis of the budget estimated that from April 2021 all financial reserves would be exhausted with a likely overspend of £1.7m. The review was reaching the stage of consultation planning in line with the Reconciling Performance, Policy and Resources (RPPR) process when the COVID pandemic began (March 2020). From that point on, disruption caused by the pandemic began to cause an underspend in some areas of work that were either paused or scaled back and overspends in other new and scaled up areas of work. There is still some uncertainty about planned spend and budget and the use of COVID related grants given

evolving areas of responsibility.

2.3 Having paused aspects of the review; its next step is now to embed the work back into the annual RPPR process so that, as with all Council departments, available budget is used to deliver services which, line with the Council's priorities, address new/changing statutory responsibilities, poor performance and need.

3. The Public Health Grant and budget allocations

3.1 The graphs at **Appendix 1** set out the budget for 2021/22 to show key areas of spend and the smaller workstreams.

3.2 The key areas include:

a) Health Visiting & School Nursing

Public Health are lead commissioners for the Healthy Child Programme, which includes the provision of the School Health Service and Early Help Integrated Service (Health Visiting/ Children's Centres). Other work includes:

- School Health Service mental health and PSHE offer;
- East Sussex-wide expansion of the successful Hastings Antenatal Project;
- Developing and strengthening offer to young parents and provision of a perinatal counselling project for parents that was a partnership approach to reducing Sudden Infant Death and childhood injuries;
- Re-commissioning of the East Sussex Child Home Safety Advice and Equipment Service; and
- Initiatives to support peri-natal mental health and new fathers.

b) Alcohol and Drug Treatment and Prevention

The adult drug and alcohol services were re-procured in 2019 and the contract with Change, Grow, Live (CGL) has now been in place for two years. There are three major new initiatives:

- Dependence Forming Medication Service – to explore improvements in health and quality of life as a platform for medicine reductions;
- Recovery Initiatives - three contracts were recently awarded to support those in recovery from drug and alcohol disorders:
 - East Sussex Veterans Hub provide non-clinical support for veterans of HM Forces, specifically addressing PTSD and/or mental ill-health;
 - Oasis Women's Recovery Service provides support for women experiencing problems with alcohol or drugs including those who are abstinent and in recovery; and
 - Adfam – a national charity which supports families affected by drugs/alcohol;
- Alcohol Harm and Misuse – to increase availability and successful completion of alcohol treatment services. Increased marketing of support for alcohol misuse targeted at those less likely to seek support; and
- Project Adder - the Home Office and Public Health England (PHE) identified £28 million nationally to help join up agencies to break up serious and organised crime gangs whilst tackling addictions due to a focus on drug misuse. The Home Office will work with the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) and Public Health England (PHE) to pilot an intensive whole system approach to tackling drug misuse in select locations worst affected by drug misuse, alongside national activity to disrupt the supply of drugs. Hastings was identified as one of four pilot locations that share this funding due to high rates of drug deaths and high rates of heroin and crack cocaine use.

c) Sexual Health services

The existing specialist sexual health services contract ends in September 2022. The re-procurement will consist of two contracts:

- Online provision of Genito Urinary triage, assessment and STI and HIV testing via competitive open tender; and
- Face to face specialist Genito urinary medicine and complex contraception services via the Public Health England digital services framework.

A key change for the service is the shift to online assessment and this has been accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Face-to-face services will focus only on those with complex needs, those considered to be vulnerable and/or those unable or unwilling to access online services. A public consultation may be necessary, and this will be confirmed shortly.

d) Integrated Lifestyle Service

OneYou East Sussex (OYES) are commissioned to deliver the Integrated Lifestyle contract which brings together support to improve physical activity and eating well plus smoking cessation and alcohol reduction services under one virtual roof. OYES also help to deliver NHS Health Check services. OYES have very successfully adapted from face to face to online delivery during lockdown and some clients have preferred this approach.

e) Central Support and Staffing

Public Health largely commissions its services although some areas, particularly the smaller areas of spend, are delivered and managed by Public Health staff. For example, NHS Health Checks are part of the service we commission from OYES. We also manage and co-ordinate the service that we commission with GP Practices. This area of spend also covers our Health Intelligence functions which produces our Joint Strategic Needs and Assets Assessment. This is a process that identifies both the health and well-being needs (i.e. problems) and assets (i.e. strengths) of the people, communities, and populations in East Sussex. The ethos of Public Health is that the department is a learning centre, and thus we support Foundation Year 2 Doctors and Specialty Registrars through placements in rotation to develop their public health knowledge and experience.

4. Budget reporting

4.1 Council budget monitoring reports present the Public Health budget against the four Public Health Consultant Portfolios. Table 1 of Appendix 1 shows the area of spend in each Consultant Portfolio.

4.2 The Public Health ring fenced grant for 2021/22 is £28,073,573. The budget set out in Appendix 1; Table 1 totals £29,357,000. This report does not provide detail on carried over reserves, COVID grants or other sources of income to support specific key areas. This report seeks to provide the reader with a sense of the work covered by Public Health and the proportion of spend allocated to each area of work.

5. Covid Related work

5.1 The following paragraphs provide an update on the key areas of work related to the pandemic.

a) Testing programme

Supporting the establishment of symptomatic and asymptomatic testing services for the East Sussex population. Central Government have developed the testing policy in an organic way to

limit the spread of COVID. The demands on Councils to support testing programmes have grown considerably.

b) Local Tracing Partnership (LTP)

Our LTP covers East and West Sussex County Council and District and Borough Councils. The LTP has responsibility for 'tracing' individuals who have tested COVID positive (defined as a 'case') which the National Tracing Team have failed to contact. The work involves advising traced individuals of their results, self-isolation requirements and offering additional support to self-isolate to prevent onward transmission of the virus. Inadequate contact details are followed up using local databases and in some cases a house call carried out by Environmental health officers (EHO). House calls have proved helpful in reaching residents who unaware of their positive test results. The service also provides cases with advice on isolation and assessment of needs and follow up requirements. This can include a referral to a community hub.

5.2 The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), and National NHS test and trace have recently invited Local Authorities to submit an expression of interest (EOI) to take on duties from the national NHS test and trace. There are several different pilots and approaches to case and contact tracing operating across the country. The effectiveness and success of these different approaches are being evaluated and considered nationally. Information is not yet available about funding to support this function. The future role and responsibilities of LTPs within the new Public Health System is not yet clear.

c) Vaccination uptake programme

Both a Sussex-wide Board and an East Sussex-based working group have been set up with the aim of increasing vaccine uptake. Following a review of the data across the County, Hastings was identified as an area that was below the Sussex average across all age groups and this area was the starting point for the programme. We have identified that one of the main barriers to vaccine uptake in Hastings is access. In response to this we are working with partners to put in place pop-up centres so that residents can easily walk to their job. Free travel is also in place and publicised with a leaflet drop across Hastings. Eastbourne is now set to be reviewed to identify what factors might have led to a reduced uptake.

d) Infection and Outbreak Control

We have delivered two successful bespoke training sessions:

- Essential Infection Prevention & Control Training; and
- Nobody's Left Out for Drugs & Alcohol team, Domestic Violence and a Rough sleepers Initiative.

Our Infection Control and Prevention (IPC) Advisors have provided targeted support and advice to managers at care homes with less than 70% vaccination uptake and more general vaccine Q&A sessions in residential care home settings. IPC Advisors assist homes that have had an outbreak and provide support and advice to help contain the outbreak. IPC Advisors also support staff with guidance and queries.

The Local Outbreak Control Plan was reviewed by Public Health England and DHSC and considered to have met or fully met all of the required criteria. Further updates are underway to reflect peer review work and latest developments. The latest update will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting in July.

e) Advice and guidance

Public Health staff have provided professional and clinical advice and guidance to support many frontline Council services; residents and Councillors, and to locally interpret central Government guidance. This work increases every time that national measures change, e.g. lockdown changes; and when new guidance emerges.

f) One-off COVID projects

Appendix 2 sets out a brief overview of a series of projects developed by the Public Health Department in Summer 2020 to move towards recovery. A total of £1 million was set aside last year for this work. The current total of work is £792,000, and given the rapid nature of the work, some projects have been merged and altered to avoid duplication. The projects set out to boost and complement existing work rather than starting initiatives anew.

6. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

6.1 This report gives an overview of public health functions to assist Scrutiny members with a better understanding of the work of the department. Scrutiny Committee Members are invited to ask questions or request further information where more detail is required.

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Appendix 1 – Public Health Allocated Budget

M = Mandatory Functions

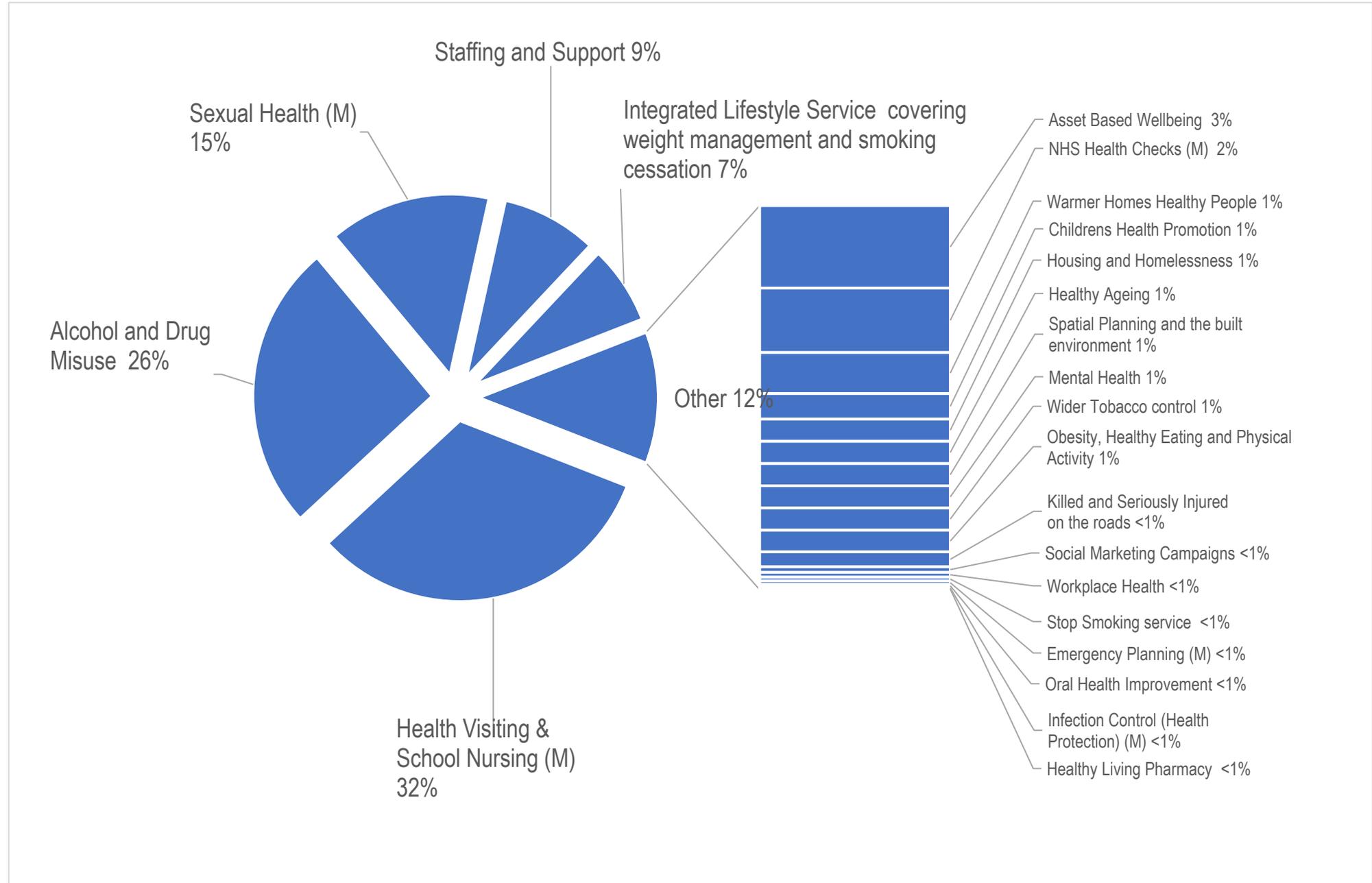


Table 1 - Public Health Budget

M = Mandatory Functions

Functions	£000s
Health Visiting & School Nursing (M)	9,474
Alcohol and Drug Misuse	7,556
Sexual Health (M)	4,283
Staffing and Support	2,520
Integrated Lifestyle Service	2,066
Asset Based Wellbeing	743
NHS Health Checks (M)	580
Warmer Homes Healthy People	370
Children's Health Promotion	230
Housing and Homelessness	200
Healthy Ageing	200
Spatial Planning and the built environment	200
Mental Health	200
Wider Tobacco control	200

Obesity, Healthy Eating and Physical Activity	195
Killed and Seriously Injured on the roads	135
Social Marketing Campaigns	50
Workplace Health	43
Stop Smoking service	35
Emergency Planning (M)	30
Oral Health Improvement	25
Infection Control (Health Protection) (M)	13
Healthy Living Pharmacy	10

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Appendix 2 - Public Health Covid Recovery Projects

	Project Cost
a. Active Travel - This project will support the work of the existing DfT funded programme Active Access for Growth and the East Sussex Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan and the governance structures that support these. Importantly, it supports the East Sussex Healthy Weight Partnership and the work within the public health department to increase physical activity and improve workplace health.	£85,000
b. Alcohol & Tobacco Social Marketing - This project aims to provide support to those drinking above 14 units per week via a media campaign and uses a new East Sussex Illegal tobacco social marketing toolkit to increase both discomfort levels with illegal tobacco and reporting to local trading standards service.	£34,000
c. Isolation & Loneliness - The COVID-19 response, including the development of Community Hubs has helped some previously marginalised groups, but other aspects such as the move to online service provision may have created new problems. This project seeks to understand the nature and impact of loneliness on East Sussex residents and identify future opportunities and projects to mitigate its worst effects.	£80,000
d. Capturing population COVID-19 stories - There is a need for a greater understanding of the impact that COVID-19 has had and continues to have on individuals and families. This project will focus on a pre-determined sample of our population, chosen in order to provide the greatest variety in circumstances and monitor impacts over the coming years.	£20,000
e. Men and Mental Health - There are existing Public Health projects for men operating in East Sussex, although the access is not uniform. This project aims to understand where there are gaps and complement and enhance current provision to improve the mental health of men through the life course and reduce the suicide rate in East Sussex, particularly amongst middle-aged men.	£70,000
f. Infection Control Support for the Homeless Community - This project will promote the best practice standards around infection prevention and control, with a focus on the current measures for people experiencing homelessness that are at risk for infection during sustained transmission of COVID-19.	£5,000
g. Volunteering App - The NHS Volunteer Responders scheme was developed at pace to deliver a suite of 'micro-volunteering' (task based) roles to provide support to people who are vulnerable to Covid-19. This project seeks to explore and test the use of a Digital App as a legacy to continue to support informal task-based volunteering.	£15,000
h. Everyday Creativity for the whole population (Cultural Capital) - Working with CultureShift, a Lewes-based arts charity, the programme has commissioned local creatives to work with five population groups most affected by COVID-19: Young people; Unemployed and furloughed; Personal Assistants; Homeless people; and Care Home residents, staff and families. The aim is to develop everyday creative activities with the aim of promoting well-being, connection and opportunities to learn new skills.	£125,000

	Project Cost
i. Place-based approach to Physical Activity - This project accelerates plans within the public health review to bring the Lewes and Wealden Districts into alignment with the rest of the county e.g. Active Hastings/Rother Partnership agreements and contract with Wave Leisure for Eastbourne. The proposed project is aligned to the work of the East Sussex Healthy Weight Partnership and the developing East Sussex physical activity network co-ordinated by Active Sussex and chaired by the East Sussex Director of Public Health.	£60,000
j. Research into low rates of COVID-19 in Hastings during wave one of the pandemic - East Sussex has had lower rates of COVID-19 infections and deaths compared to the south east and England, and within East Sussex, Hastings was in wave one, the most protected from the impact of COVID-19. It is unusual for economically deprived Hastings to have better health outcomes than the rest of the county and South-East, and this project sought to understand if particular protective factors were at play, e.g. geographical isolation, work practices, cultural practices, low levels of population movement, and also explore whether these same factors may hamper or support the area through reset and recovery.	£10,000
k. Maximising the public health impact of Sussex Integrated Dataset (SID) - Joint work with Sussex public health colleagues and NHS to accelerate practical benefits of a Sussex Integrated Dataset, build a community of practice across local authorities, the NHS and academia, and agree ethical frameworks for research and engagement with the public.	£50,000
l. Food security and sustainability - This project will develop and strengthen the role of food partnerships across East Sussex in building food security and sustainability and reducing food waste. A whole-system approach will be used to identify how food security and sustainability can be incorporated within the Healthy Weight Partnership plan.	£75,000
m. Micro-grant funding - Making it Happen (MiH) is about discovering, celebrating and building on the positive things in local neighbourhoods. During the COVID-19 outbreak, the programme has continued to build links to support and encourage civic and civil action for people in communities. The programme has continued to develop capacity in the selected areas, but also in other areas across East Sussex where there has been need to encourage community support.	£35,000
n. Emotional Based School Avoidance (ESBA) and anxiety - Young people already displaying or considered to be at risk of EBSA will have been greatly affected by COVID-19, schools closing and the ensuing lock-down. In East Sussex, low levels of attendance and high numbers of children deemed 'too ill' to attend school due to anxiety related issues, suggest EBSA, even before COVID-19, was a complex problem that needed creative partnership solutions. This project will support children, young people, their families and the professionals who work with them both in and out of school.	£15,000
o. Wellbeing and natural capital - This project will work with existing partners to sustain changes in attitudes and behaviours relating to the natural environment following the experience of the COVID 19 lockdown.	£35,000
p. Trauma informed care - This is an evidence-based approach to working with people who have been rough sleepers. The approach takes the premise that all people who have been rough sleepers have experienced some level of trauma in their lives and that to best engage with them, a trauma informed care approach yields the best results.	£157,000

	Project Cost
q. Housing link worker - A holistic link worker service (called Well-being Co-ordinators) to assess people living in temporary accommodation for health (access to a GP, dentist, screening tests, vaccination), care, lifestyle advice (via Making Every Contact Count and referral to OneYou East Sussex), and support into skills, voluntary work and employment. Three staff are in place in a co-location arrangement with the Housing Options teams across the boroughs and districts.	£50,000
r. Employment co-ordinator - Two specialist broker posts for advice and support into skills, voluntary work and employment. These posts sit with Skills East Sussex and ensure that people are appropriately referred into existing resource. The new service is called the ESTAR service	£55,000
s. Supporting homeless & vulnerable people into skills, voluntary work & employment - An evidence-based approach to engaging with people who had been rough sleepers, that enables them to take up offers of training, voluntary work etc. Measures of success will include the number of ex-rough sleepers who are supported to take up training, skills development and volunteer opportunities	£60,000
t. Rough Sleeper Transition Support - There is a strong evidence base that links diversionary activity with reduced rates of substance use and relapse. This project aims to provide a programme of diversionary activities to reduce risk of relapse/increase in alcohol misuse and/or illicit drug use through diversionary activities. Staff capacity increased at Merrick House to provide transition support to Rough Sleepers in temporary accommodation to enable them to remain in stable housing post COVID-19.	£78,000
Total	£792,000

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Report to:	People Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting:	17 June 2021
By:	Assistant Chief Executive
Title:	People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
Purpose:	To review and discuss the People Scrutiny Committee's future work programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Committee is recommended to:

- 1) review and discuss agenda items for future Committee meetings, including items listed in the work programme set out at Appendix 1;**
 - 2) discuss topics for Scrutiny Reviews to be included in the Committee's future work programme; and**
 - 3) review upcoming items on East Sussex County Council's Forward Plan as set out at Appendix 2 and to identify any issues that may require more detailed scrutiny.**
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1 Background

1.1 The work programme is an important tool in ensuring the correct focus and best use of the Committee's time in scrutinising topics that are of importance to the residents of East Sussex, and the efficient and effective working of the Council. It also provides clarity for those who may be requested to give evidence to the Committee on the issues under review, and the questions the Committee requires answers to.

1.2 Discussion of the work programme provides the Committee with the opportunity to consider topics that it may be of value to scrutinise, and to decide whether further scoping work is required. This provides a basis for deciding the best way of scrutinising a topic, the timescale, and who from the Committee will be involved in carrying out the review work. If there are a number of potential topics for review, Members can determine the priority of the work within the resources available to the Committee.

2 Supporting information

Work programme and future scrutiny reviews

2.1 The Committee is asked to review and discuss any amendments to the items set out in its work programme (attached at Appendix 1). This includes reviewing the Committee's future agenda items, its list of potential future Scrutiny Reviews, the work of its Reference Groups and the subject matter for any reports for information. Any provisional actions discussed at the meeting will be formally considered by the committee at its next meeting in September.

2.2 When considering potential topics for inclusion in the work programme, the Committee is asked to consider a range of questions. These include:

- Is the topic relevant to the Council's Corporate Priorities?
- Is the issue of concern or of relevance to East Sussex residents?
- Can Scrutiny have an impact and add value by scrutinising this issue, service or policy?
- Is the issue one that the Committee can realistically influence?
- Are the resources needed to undertake the review available?

2.3 Any suggestions for potential Scrutiny Review topics should be discussed with the Chair, or the relevant Senior Democratic Services Adviser, in advance of the Committee meetings.

Forward Plan

2.4 A copy of the Council's Forward Plan of executive decisions for the period 1 June 2021 to 30 September 2021 is included at Appendix 2. The Committee is requested to review the forthcoming items on the Forward Plan to identify any issues within the remit of this Committee that may require more detailed scrutiny. The Forward Plan is revised and published on a monthly basis and Committee members should regularly review the Forward Plan.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 An important part of managing the work of the People Scrutiny Committee is regularly reviewing its future work programme. This involves the Committee assessing its priorities, ensuring its ongoing reviews are completed in a timely fashion and identifying new areas for scrutiny.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – People Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme

Appendix 2 – Council's Forward Plan of executive decisions 1 June 2021 – 30 September 2021

People Scrutiny Committee - Work Programme

Current Scrutiny Reviews		
Title of Review	Detail	Proposed Completion Date
School Exclusions	<p>The Committee agreed in March 2020 to undertake a Scrutiny Review of issues relating to school exclusions. The Committee also agreed the Terms of Reference proposed by the Scoping Board and appointed a Review Board to undertake the review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of the Review Board: Cllrs Field, Liddiard, Loe and Mr Matthew Jones (Parent Governor Representative) (Chair) and Mrs Nicola Boulter (Parent Governor Representative). • In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on the availability of schools to contribute to further work on this review, it has been paused with the intention to recommence it at a suitable future date. 	Review currently on hold due to pressures arising from COVID-19.
Initial Scoping Reviews		
Subject area for initial scoping	Detail	Proposed Dates
To be agreed.		
Suggested Potential Future Scrutiny Review Topics		
Suggested Topic	Detail	
Developing Care Markets/Bedded Care Strategy	<p>Following an initial scoping exercise of issues relating to the developing care market and the Council's bedded care strategy, the Committee agreed on 14 November 2019 to postpone further scrutiny activity on this area for 18 months (to mid-2021). This will allow the Adult Social Care department to continue to develop its workstreams in relation to this area of work.</p> <p>The Committee requested at its meeting in March 2021 an update report on developments relating to Bedded Care. It is anticipated that the report will be considered by the Committee at its meeting in September 2021.</p>	
Elective Home Education	The Committee noted issues relating to an increase in the numbers of children being home educated and that this has increased in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee understand that a relevant Private Member's Bill has not yet completed its progress through Parliament. The	

	expectation is that national guidance will follow in due course (although there is not a clear date for this). The Committee therefore agreed to revisit this subject once the Government has published its guidance.	
COVID-19 response and implications	<p>A range of topics related to COVID-19 have been suggested for future scrutiny by Committee Members, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health role – e.g. planning, resources, working with others. • The work of care staff during the pandemic and impact on recruitment and retention, including use of agency staff and experiences of BAME care workers. • Support to care homes, including health service input. • The experience of carers during the pandemic. • The impact of Covid-19 on Departments and the services they provide. <p>The Committee will consider whether to undertake work on these topics at the appropriate time when capacity allows.</p>	
Scrutiny Reference Groups		
Reference Group Title	Subject area	Meeting Dates
Health and Social Care Integration Programme (HASCIP) Reference Group	<p>The Committee agreed to establish a Reference Group to monitor progress of the East Sussex Health and Social Care Integration Programme (HASCIP) and identify areas for future scrutiny. It will review HASCIP progress reports provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and meet on an ad hoc basis as required to consider issues arising in more detail.</p> <p>Relevant Health and Wellbeing Board reports to be circulated to the group as they become available.</p> <p>The Reference Group last met on 28 October 2020, with a further meeting proposed for July 2021.</p> <p>Membership of the group: Cllrs Ungar (lead), Davies, Webb, Ensor and Clark.</p>	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>Proposed date for July 2021</p>
Loneliness and Resilience Scrutiny Reference Group	<p>The Committee agreed to establish a Loneliness and Resilience Scrutiny Reference Group at its meeting in March 2021. The purpose of the group will be to provide scrutiny input into a loneliness project being undertaken by the Adult Social Care and Health Department. The project will aim to develop practical solutions that will help address some of the key negative impacts of loneliness on local communities in East Sussex.</p>	<p>First meeting:</p> <p>Summer 2021</p>

Strategic Commissioning Review of Early Help Scrutiny Reference Group	<p>The purpose of this Reference Group is to provide scrutiny input into the Children's Services Department review of Early Help services.</p> <p>It was agreed by the Committee on 25 June 2018 that following Members would sit on this group: Cllrs Davies, Galley, Field and Whetstone.</p> <p>The Reference Group requested an opportunity to review progress with the implementation of the revised Early Help strategy in spring 2021, but as some changes were postponed this may be subject to review.</p>	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>Further meeting TBC if appropriate</p>
Educational Attainment and Performance Scrutiny Reference Group	<p>The Committee agreed in June 2018 to establish a Reference Group to focus on reviewing data on educational attainment in East Sussex and related issues. The group meets on an annual basis.</p> <p>Membership: Cllrs Davies, Field, Galley and Cllr Whetstone and Matthew Jones and Nicola Boulter (Parent Governor Representatives).</p>	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>Early 2022</p>
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	RPPR Board meeting to agree detailed comments and any recommendations on the emerging portfolio plans and savings proposals to be put to Cabinet on behalf of the scrutiny committee.	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>December 2021</p>
Reports for Information		
Subject Area	Detail	Proposed Date
Better Care Fund	Following a request made by the Committee at its meeting in March 2021, the Director of Adult Social Care undertook to provide Members with a briefing on developments relating to the Better Care Fund. As the Department are yet to receive updated guidance from central government for the 2021/22 financial year, the timescale for producing the briefing is still to be confirmed.	To be confirmed.
Training and Development		
Title of Training/Briefing	Detail	Proposed Date
Briefing on ASC Green Paper	To gain a better understanding of the potential implications of the Government's Green Paper/Adult Social Care reforms once published.	Dependent on publication by Government
Scrutiny Committee Induction	Provision of induction training session for new and returning scrutiny committee members to cover scrutiny committee meeting arrangements; scrutiny powers; scrutiny remit and work planning	June 2021

Future Committee Agenda Items		Author
17 June 2021		
Committee Work Programme	To manage the committee's programme of work including matters relating to ongoing reviews, initial scoping reviews, future scrutiny topics, reference groups, training and development matters and reports for information.	Senior Democratic Services Adviser
Public Health Update	To update the Committee on developments relating to the activities of Public Health in East Sussex, including planning, resources and work working with others.	Director of Public Health
Covid-19 Response and Implications	To provide the Committee with a briefing on key issues relating to impact of Covid-19, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work of care staff during the pandemic and impact on recruitment and retention, including use of agency staff and experiences of BAME care workers. • Support to care homes, including health service input. • The experience of carers during the pandemic. • The impact of Covid-19 on Departments and the services they provide. 	Director of Adult Social Care
16 September 2021		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) 2022/23	The Committee will begin the process of examining the Departmental Portfolio Plans and budget for the 2021/22 financial year.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive
Committee Work Programme	To manage the committee's programme of work including matters relating to ongoing reviews, initial scoping reviews, future scrutiny topics, reference groups, training and development matters and reports for information.	Senior Democratic Services Adviser
East Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership (ESSCP)	Presentation of the annual report of the East Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership.	Independent Chair, East Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership

Safeguarding Adults Board - Annual Report	The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) Annual Report outlines the safeguarding activity and performance in East Sussex during the previous financial year, as well as some of the main developments in place to prevent abuse from occurring.	Chair, Safeguarding Adults Board
Annual Review of Safer Communities Performance, Priorities and Issues	To update the Committee on performance in relation to Safer Communities in 2020/21 and the priorities and issues for 2021/22 that will be highlighted in the Partnership Business Plan.	Tom Hook, Assistant Director - Planning, Performance and Engagement
Developing Care Markets/Bedded Care Strategy	To update the Committee on developments relating to the Council's Bedded Care Strategy.	Director of Adult Social Care
18 November 2021		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) 2022/23	The Committee will continue the process of examining the Departmental Portfolio Plans and budget for the 2022/23 financial year.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive
Committee Work Programme	To manage the committee's programme of work including matters relating to ongoing reviews, initial scoping reviews, future scrutiny topics, reference groups, training and development matters and reports for information.	Senior Democratic Services Adviser
March 2022		
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) 2021/22	To provide the Committee with an opportunity to review its input into the RPPR process for 2022/23.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) Annual Report	To update the Committee on the work of SACRE, with the report to include a further update on secondary school performance in relation to the requirements of the National Curriculum and Religious Education.	Roy Galley, Chairman of SACRE / Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services
Committee Work Programme	To manage the committee's programme of work including matters relating to ongoing reviews, initial scoping reviews, future scrutiny topics, reference groups, training and development matters and reports for information.	Senior Democratic Services Adviser

June 2022

Committee Work Programme	To manage the committee's programme of work including matters relating to ongoing reviews, initial scoping reviews, future scrutiny topics, reference groups, training and development matters and reports for information.	Senior Democratic Services Adviser

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN

The Leader of the County Council is required to publish a forward plan setting out matters which the Leader believes will be the subject of a key decision by the Cabinet, individual Cabinet member or officer in the period covered by the Plan (the subsequent four months). The Council's Constitution states that a key decision is one that involves

- (a) expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the expenditure of the County Council's budget, namely above £500,000 per annum; or
- (b) is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions.

As a matter of good practice, the Council's Forward Plan includes other items in addition to key decisions that are to be considered by the Cabinet/individual members. This additional information is provided to inform local residents of all matters to be considered, with the exception of issues which are dealt with under the urgency provisions. Only key decisions to be taken by officers are included.

For each decision included on the Plan the following information is provided:

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- the name of the individual or body that is to make the decision and the date of the meeting or relevant time period for an officer decision
 - the title of the report and decision to be considered
 - groups that will be consulted prior to the decision being taken
 - a list of documents that will be considered when making the decision
 - the name and telephone number of the contact officer for each item.

The Plan is updated and published every month on the Council's website two weeks before the start of the period to be covered.

Meetings of the Cabinet/individual members are open to the public (with the exception of discussion regarding reports which contain exempt/confidential information). Copies of agenda and reports for meetings are available on the website in advance of meetings. Key decisions taken by officers will not be taken at a meeting – documents listed can be made available on request to the contact officer, with the exception of those which contain exempt/confidential information.

For further details on the time of meetings and general information about the Plan please contact Andy Cottell at County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE, or telephone 01273 481955 or send an e-mail to andy.cottell@eastsussex.gov.uk. For further detailed information regarding specific issues to be considered by the Cabinet, individual Member or officer please contact the named contact officer for the item concerned.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE

For copies of reports or other documents please contact the officer listed on the Plan or phone 01273 335274.

FORWARD PLAN – EXECUTIVE DECISIONS (including Key Decisions) –1 June 2021 TO 30 September 2021

Additional notices in relation to Key Decisions and/or private decisions are available on the [Council's website](#).

Cabinet membership:

Councillor Keith Glazier - Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development

Councillor Nick Bennett – Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change

Councillor Rupert Simmons – Lead Member for Economy

Councillor Claire Dowling – Lead Member for Transport and Environment

Councillor Carl Maynard – Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health

Councillor Bob Bowdler – Lead Member for Children and Families

Councillor Bob Standley – Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability

Date for Decision	Decision Taker	Decision/Key Issue	Decision to be taken wholly or partly in private (P) or Key Decision (KD)	Consultation	List of Documents to be submitted to decision maker	Contact Officer
8 Jun 2021	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	East Sussex County Council corporate office requirement - Hastings office To seek approval for signing of leases for office accommodation in Hastings	P		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Nigel Brown 07394 410630
8 Jun 2021	Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change	Modernising Back Office Systems (MBOS) - Preferred Solution Provider To approve the engagement of the preferred implementation and technical solution provider.	P KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Phil Hall 078576555532
8 Jun 2021	Lead Member for	Wadhurst former Household Waste	P		Report, other	Peter Smith

	Resources and Climate Change	Recycling Centre - disposal			documents may also be submitted	01273 337647
11 Jun 2021	Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health	<p>Supported Apprenticeships for residents in supported accommodation The decision being made is whether to approve Contain Outbreak Management Funding (COMF) for £645 000 to provide a one-off programme of work to support people who are living in supported accommodation into apprenticeships.</p> <p>People living in supported accommodation (as well as those in temporary accommodation and those at risk of becoming homeless) are often not in work or training. They may require additional support to take up an apprentice scheme or a programme to see if they would be interested/ appropriate to take on an apprentice (Sector Based Work Academy Programme - SWAP).</p> <p>The funding would enable up to 150 SWAPs and 50 supported apprenticeships in key sectors including health, care, construction and the visitor economy.</p>	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Darrell Gale 01273 336032
21 Jun 2021	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	<p>ESCC response to Government Bus Strategy To decide whether ESCC will indicate to government its notice of intent to prepare an Enhanced Partnership Plan and accompanying Enhanced Partnership</p>	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Carl Valentine 01273 336199

		Scheme, as required and set out in section 138F of the Transport Act 2000.				
21 Jun 2021	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Notice of Motion: To request the Cabinet set an authority-wide default 20mph limit for urban and village roads			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Brian Banks 01424 724558
21 Jun 2021	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Petition to improve road safety on the B2116 near Plumpton Lane To consider the petition calling on the County Council to improve road safety on the B2116		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Michael Higgs 01273 482106
24 Jun 2021 Page 48	Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health	Extra Care Contract Awards To seek approval from the Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health to award Extra Care contracts, prior to a competitive tender for new contract awards in January 2023.	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Angela Yphantides 01273 336599
29 Jun 2021	Cabinet	Council Monitoring: Quarter 4 2020/21 - Year End To consider the Council Monitoring report for the fourth quarter of the financial year 2020/21 as part of the Council's Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) budget monitoring process.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Victoria Beard 07894 708914
29 Jun 2021	Cabinet	Ashdown Forest Trust Fund 2020/21 To consider the Ashdown Forest Trust Income and Expenditure Account and Balance sheet for 2020/21.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Jill Fisher 01273 482542

29 Jun 2021	Cabinet	NHS White Paper - Integration and Innovation To inform Cabinet of the potential implications for the County Council in respect of the White Paper "Integration and Innovation - working together to improve health and social care for all", ahead of the anticipated Health and Care Bill later in the year.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Mark Stainton 01273 481238
13 Jul 2021	Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development	Growing Places Fund round 3 Loan Funding Agreement - The Observer Building Hastings (Phase 2) To approve the loan funding from the South East Local Enterprise Partnership's Growing Places Fund Round 3 to The Observer Building Hastings (Phase 2) project			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Marwa Al-Qadi 01273 336439
13 Jul 2021	Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development	LEP Funded Capital Programme Financial Statement - Confirmed Spend for 2020/21 and Forecast for 2021/22 Agree and approve the Local Growth Fund, Growing Places fund and Getting Building Fund spend for 2020/21 and the forecast for 2021/22			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Marwa Al-Qadi 01273 336439
13 Jul 2021	Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development	UK Community Renewal Fund - Grant Agreements To approve East Sussex County Council (ESCC) as local lead authority, entering into a grant agreement with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Marwa Al-Qadi 01273 336439

		Government for the UK Community Renewal Fund (CRF), and to enter into back to back grant agreements with successful CRF bid applicants in East Sussex to manage and transfer the CRF monies to individual projects				
13 Jul 2021	Cabinet	Highways Contract Re-procurement Project (DBC) To present the outcomes and recommendations from the Detailed Business Case for the Highway Contract Re-procurement Project (HCRP) for review and approval by Cabinet.	<i>P</i> <i>KD</i>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Phil McCorry 01273 335993
13 Jul 2021	Cabinet	Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion 2020/21			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Russell Banks 01273 481447
13 Jul 2021	Cabinet	Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) - State of the County 2021 To consider the State of the County report and begin the Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) process for 2022/23 and beyond.	<i>KD</i>		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Claire Lee 07523 930526
19 Jul 2021	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Eastbourne Town Centre Improvement Scheme Phase 2a (Terminus Road: Bankers Corner to Langney Road) To consider the final design of the Eastbourne Town Centre Improvement Scheme Phase 2a ahead of advertisement of the associated Traffic Regulation Orders and construction	<i>KD</i>	Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Rebecca Newby 01273 336434

22 Jul 2021	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	Lowering the age range at Cradle Hill Community Primary School To seek Lead Member approval to publish statutory notices in respect of a proposal to lower the age range at Cradle Hill Community Primary School to enable the governing body to provide early years provision on the school site.		Local Members Parents School	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Jane Spice 01323 747425
22 Jul 2021	Lead Member for Education and Inclusion, Special Educational Needs and Disability	Proposed re-designation of Special Educational Needs facility at Wallands Community Primary School. To seek Lead Member approval to publish a statutory proposal to re-designate the SEN facility at Wallands Community Primary School from 1 September 2022, to also include pupils with a primary need of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).	KD	Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Gary Langford 07584 262521
30 Sep 2021	Cabinet	East Sussex – Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan Endorsement of the plan to enable ESCC & their partners to utilise the document to secure funding.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Lisa Simmonds 01273 336515
30 Sep 2021	Cabinet	East Sussex, Brighton & Hove and the South Downs NPA Waste and Minerals Plan Review To recommend to Full Council that; the Proposed Submission of the Plan is published for statutory public consultation; that authorisation is given to subsequently submit the Plan to the Secretary of State for	KD		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Olu Abiwon

		Examination, and; to provide authorisation to the Director of CET to agree to any draft modifications to the Plan in order to make it sound and for these modifications to be published for consultation.				
30 Sep 2021	Cabinet	Home care and extra care contract re-tender To consider proposals in relation to the re-tendering of home care and extra care service provision from January 2023 when the current contracts end.	<i>KD</i>	Home care provision is Countywide. We have already consulted with a range of internal and external stakeholders including home care providers, care workers, clients and carers.	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Sarah Crouch <i>01273 481110</i>