

Select Committee Forward Work Programmes 2018/2019

Adults and Lifelong Learning Select Committee (Chairman: Jeff Harris, Democratic Services Officer: Andy Baird)

Date of Meeting	Scrutiny Topic	Description	Outcome	Method
5 June 2019	Surrey County Council Apprenticeship	Members will review Surrey County Council's refreshed Apprenticeship Strategy in light of comments and recommendations made by the Select Committee at its meeting on 11 October 2018.	Members will be given the opportunity to review the Strategy in detail to understand how it will support the Council to improve its use of Apprentices.	Officer report to Committee

5 June 2019	Safeguarding Adults	<p>Ensuring the safety of vulnerable adults in Surrey is a key priority for the Council and its partner organisations. The Council has a duty to ensure that it has appropriate arrangements in place to ensure that it protects and safeguards the population.</p> <p>The Committee will examine how the Council and its partners deliver of their responsibilities to safeguard vulnerable adults in Surrey.</p>	<p>The Committee will understand how the Council performs against its duty to safeguard vulnerable residents, how it embeds learning from safeguarding incidents, how officers keep ahead of potential safeguarding challenges and how safeguarding is embedded as part of Council policies and training.</p> <p>Members will also hear from officers regarding the impact of potential new legislation on Deprivation of Liberties Safeguards and options for the Council in responding to this legislation.</p> <p>This item will involve contributions from both the Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>	Officer Report to Committee
5 June 2019	Adult Social Care Debt	<p>The Select Committee has identified the reduction of debt owed to the Council for the provision of Adult Social Care services as a key priority for the Council.</p> <p>The Adult Social Care Directorate has introduced new processes to improve how it handles and follows up on debt which the Committee will review alongside information on the Council's current debt position.</p>	<p>The Committee will gain an understanding of how the Council manages debt owed to it by residents for the provision of adult social care services and gain an insight into whether new initiatives introduced to expedite debt recovery have been successful.</p>	
Items to be scheduled				

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TBD	Preventing Homelessness	The Committee will consider how public sector organisations in Surrey are working together in order to prevent and alleviate homelessness in response to the requirements of the Homelessness Reduction Act and to ensure that those at risk of homelessness experience better outcomes.	<p>The Committee will develop an understanding of the risk factors that cause homelessness and build a picture of the journey that leads to homelessness for individuals and households. The Committee will then consider these in light of approaches to preventing homelessness that have been implemented across Surrey following introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Bill</p> <p>The Committee will also seek to raise awareness around the issue of homelessness and the damage that it does to individuals, families and communities.</p>	<p>Witness sessions</p> <p>Workshop</p> <p>Site visit (Leatherhead night hospital, Guildford Hostel)</p>
TBD	Implications of the Adult Social Care Green Paper	The Government has committed to publishing a green paper in Autumn 2018 outlining how it proposes to improve care and support for older people and tackle the challenge of an ageing population. The outcomes of the Green Paper could have significant implications for the provision of adult social care impacting on how these services are funded and delivered in the future. This item will look at the implications of the green paper on the delivery of adult social care services in Surrey.	For the Committee to understand the impacts of the Green Paper on the delivery of adult social care services in Surrey and steps that the Council intends to take in order to respond to the proposals outlined within the Green Paper.	Workshop/ informal learning session

TBD	All-Age Learning Strategy	Item to be scoped.		
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Task and Finish Groups

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TBD	Libraries Strategy	<p>The Council is planning to undertake a comprehensive review of its library strategy over the coming months to consider how they can support a wider range of culture and learning opportunities for residents.</p> <p>The Committee will consider how Surrey's library network will look in the future and support SCC in understanding how these community assets can deliver the right skills and learning opportunities.</p>	<p>The Committee will contribute to the production of the Library Strategy while it is being developed to understand the options being considered and ensuring that the expertise of Members are engaged in producing the strategy. The Committee will aim to ensure that its views are incorporated into the strategy as it is being developed but may make recommendations to officers regarding the implementation of the strategy.</p>	Task and Finish Group