

Report title: Estates Transformation Programme update (May 2024)	
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County Divisions affected: All Essex	

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Following the presentation to Scrutiny Committee in March 23 on the establishment of the Estates Transformation Programme, this report provides an update on:
 - 1.1.1 The latest scope of the Estates Transformation Programme;
 - 1.1.2 The work undertaken on the programme over the last year; and
 - 1.1.3 The next steps to the programme to be delivered in the coming years.

2 Action required

- 2.1 To note the objectives and ambition set out in the approved Property Strategy and the resulting scope of the Estates Transformation Programme.
- 2.2 To review the output of the Estates Transformation Programme since the previous report in March 23.
- 2.3 To provide comment and feedback on any projects of particular interest.
- 2.4 To provide comment and feedback on the future programme of work proposed to be delivered in the coming years.
- 2.5 To note the report and annexes and determine how the Scrutiny Committee should be engaged through the delivery of the programme.

3 Background

- 3.1 ECC's Property Strategy was endorsed by the Political Leadership Team (PLT) in October 2022.
- 3.2 The Property Strategy responds to how the use of our buildings and the way we work has changed over time and has been accelerated by the covid pandemic. It sets out the ambition for change, moving to a smaller, better and greener estate for ECC.
- 3.3 The Estates Transformation Programme has been created to deliver the ambition of the Property Strategy within a clear governance structure. The

programme has been resourced to deliver, working with service areas to establish property needs as well as One Public Estate Partners to ensure the best solutions for Essex.

- 3.4 The ETP has now been running for a little over 1.5 years and is making good progress against its objectives of delivering a smaller, better and greener estate for ECC.

The latest scope of the programme, the work undertaken to date and the next steps are all set out in this update presentation.

- 3.4 Alongside standard approval routes, regular Member oversight is now provided by the Portfolio Holder for Property (Cllr Chris Whitbread) alongside the Deputy to the Leader (Cllr Derrick Louis). One element of the programme (Operational Estate Review) also provides a quarterly update to the Transformation Oversight Board.

4. Update

See Appendix for update.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 Estates Transformation Programme Slide Pack (*PowerPoint file*)

Appendix 2 ECC Property Strategy 2022 – 2025 (Endorsed October 2022)