

## **EES Call-In Executive Summary – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

### **EES Services**

EES has been operating as a fully traded service since 1991 and has worked outside of the context of the local authority core services for decades.

EES services include:

- **Software** - Target Tracker, a leading pupil assessment software product used by over 4,500 schools both nationally and internationally
- **Professional Development** - CPD programmes and training for schools staff and in school educational support, including school library services and educational visits
- **Professional Services** - back-office support and outsourcing including finance, HR, and Clerking and Governance services
- Essex Outdoors and Initial Teacher Training, currently managed by EES, will be retained by Essex County Council.

### **ECC Educational Statutory Services**

Separate to this, ECC runs other services which support schools and are a statutory requirement for the local authority. These services are NOT for sale and include:

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| ○ School place planning duties;       | ○ Admissions duties;         |
| ○ Education otherwise than at school; | ○ Curriculum and assessment; |
| ○ Welfare/Inclusion;                  | ○ Religious Education;       |
| ○ Special Educational Needs;          | ○ School Meals;              |
| ○ School transport duties;            | ○ School Finance;            |

*(Please see the appendix document for a full breakdown of ECC Statutory Education Services)*

### **Key Points**

1. EES only offers administrative type support to schools, eg staff training, HR, finance & clerking. These are not services that support children.
2. Our statutory services that support children in schools are done so through our educational statutory services, which have no link to this decision and we have no intention to sell.
3. SEND support for example, which Cllr Baker refers to in his call in, is not provided by EES, but by ECC as one of our key statutory duties.

### **Other Points**

The business has reached a stage where large investment is required for it to continue being competitive in the market.

It would not be in the interest of the taxpayer if ECC invested heavily in these services. As well as the target tracker software, these are non-statutory, administrative services and with dwindling resource it is the right time for these services to be run by someone able to give the investment and resource required.

These are competitive markets and the buyer will need to compete with other businesses to gain contracts. It would be in their interest to maintain links and relationships with the existing EES client base.

The governance and accountability of schools will not change and schools will continue to be able to purchase services from EES or decide to buy services from a competitor.

EES is also committed to not only be based in Essex, but specifically in Chelmsford, ensuring that it remains a “local” service to Essex schools.