

Corporate Policy and Scrutiny – Outstanding Matters Arising as at 25 May 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Status</u>
27 April 2023	Procurement update	Procurement rules for ECC's Country Parks would be checked as it was suggested that their cafes and gift shops, for example, could only procure from a single source and were unable to supplement that with procurement opportunities with local businesses.	TBC
		In connection with communicating with SMEs through channels such as the Backing Essex Business newsletter, social media and a Social Value Festival, a check would be made as to whether information was also disseminated through Districts.	TBC
		Consideration would be given to establishing a holistic monitoring and mentoring process for unsuccessful tenderers to provide feedback after each tender exercise.	TBC
		The learning and collaborative working opportunities from the Strategic Supplier Collaboration Forum should also be shared with the unsuccessful tenderers as referenced above.	TBC
		A further breakdown be provided on SME spend and trends.	TBC
		Further clarification be provided on how the aspiration that by 2050 Essex as whole county would be net zero was defined in terms of procurement and ECC reach and influence.	TBC
23 March 2023	Estates Transformation programme update	(i) the advice and guidance issued to staff around checking their home insurance cover for home working and personal safety.	TBC
		(ii) levels of funding in the ERIF and specifically commentary on how that fund could be used, possibly in conjunction with Essex Housing, to facilitate repurposing some properties.	TBC
		(iii) Update on how the core estate is meeting climate targets.	TBC
		(iv) ECC approach to embodied carbon in its buildings and ongoing work with the Procurement function on this.	TBC
	Annual Total Facilities Management Review – Mitie Contract	(i) Annual updates be scheduled.	TBC

		(ii) Further information be provided on apprenticeship numbers and perhaps case studies on supporting apprenticeships.	TBC
		(iii) Further information and breakdown of employees, including range, operational, help desk, management and back office.	TBC
13 March 2023	Performance discussion – Quarter 2, 2022-23	That the approach to future scrutiny of devolution proposals be first considered and planned at Scrutiny Board as it may include both cross - committee working and possible joint working with other councils;	Scrutiny Board to consider
		That a specific annual report on the Levelling Up Programme be scheduled into the work programme.	Added to work Programme
		That a specific update be prepared on the 50 most deprived areas in the county and report on what the Levelling Up Programme had changed for those areas.	TBC
26 January 2023	2022/23 Financial Overview as at the Third Quarter and 2023/24 Everyone's Essex Annual Plan and Budget	Further information on how much of the external funding for Climate Actions had been received and distinguish the portion that is guaranteed funding.	Included in financial update presentation on 25 May 2023
		Further information on the impact of Education Health Care Plans and the impact of the significant number of successful appeals at Tribunal.	Included in financial update presentation on 25 May 2023
		That the Committee should be updated regularly on the impact of staffing vacancies and that more detail on the impact of staffing reviews be provided and an indication on what staffing levels would be needed in future and the types of posts that may be deleted with breakdown by department/division.	Included in financial presentation on 25 May 2023
		To provide a breakdown of the £9m savings at risk of non-delivery and provide further information and detail on the weaknesses of savings projections.	Included in financial presentation

			on 25 May 2023
		Further information and a more detailed breakdown of the £63m deficit be provided.	Included in financial presentation on 25 May 2023
		That the Committee should be regularly updated on the amount of reserves being drawn down with cumulative total.	Included in financial presentation on 25 May 2023
		Further information on the cost of claims relating to vehicle damage due to highways defects and how this was tracked. The information should also include any analysis and correlation identified between claims costs and the level of road maintenance and highways improvements. The extra information should include repudiation rates.	Included in financial presentation on 25 May 2023
		Information in the capital programme be further broken down to show developer contributions for each area and by type – for example, Education, Highways etc.	Included in financial presentation on 25 May 2023
8 December 2022	Draft Capital and Treasury Management Strategy	(i) Further information would be provided on the value of loans per head of population as an indicator of indebtedness. (ii) A copy of the Strategy from the previous year would be circulated with an indication as to the differences compared to the current draft. (iii) Financial training from the council's advisers be considered.	TBC