

Procurement update

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County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 An update on Procurement has been requested by the Chairman and Vice Chairmen (see further Background below).

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider this report and the Appendix and identify any follow-up scrutiny actions.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee has not had a specific session on procurement during this current electoral cycle. On 26 January 2023 during discussion on the 2022/23 Financial Overview as at the Third Quarter and 2023/24 Everyone's Essex Annual Plan and Budget the Committee resolved that a specific future update on procurement be scheduled to include analysis of cost pressures, procurement savings, and social value driving benefits. There have also been some references to procurement issues raised during other recent discussions on other items.
- 3.2 During recent Committee discussions on Estate/Property Strategy and Everyone's Essex performance reviews the opportunities for joint procurement and synergies with other public sector partners in particular has been raised. In addition, the Committee's last meeting on 23 March 2023 specifically looked at the Mitie Facilities Management contract - see Minutes elsewhere in the agenda pack or use this link - [CPSC minutes 23 March 2023](#)
- 3.3 The Chairman and Vice Chairman have had a catch-up meeting with the Cabinet Member and Lead Officer to plan what was required for this procurement update. Accordingly, the update in the Appendix covers:
- An overview of the service (including service offer, spend and staff),
 - Leveraging Scale to Support Everyone's Essex (taking in the Supplier

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Sustainability Charter, working with SMEs, the Strategic Supplier Forum and Social Value)

- Climate considerations
- Working with Others (Anchors and the Shared Procurement Service)
- What is Coming (including change to procurement regulation, further supporting corporate priorities and a Peer Review).
- Two appendices within the update paper highlight key Tier 1 contracts/frameworks and Priority projects in procurement respectively.

3.4 The update in the Appendix (in Power Point presentation format) has been provided for the agenda pack. At the meeting a shorter version of the Power Point presentation will be used as an introduction at the beginning of the item.

4. Update and Next Steps

See Appendix.

5. Appendix

- Power Point presentation titled 'Procurement - Corporate Scrutiny – April 2023' (55 slides)