

**Forward Plan reference number: N/A**

<b>Report title:</b> Application to withdraw from membership of IESE Ltd from Companies House	
<b>Report to:</b> Councillor David Finch, Leader of the Council	
<b>Report author:</b> Mark Carroll, Executive Director for Place and Public Health	
<b>Date:</b> 17th July 2019	<b>For:</b> Decision
<b>Enquiries to:</b> Mark Carroll, Executive Director for Place and Public Health	
<b>County Divisions affected:</b> 'All Essex'	

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Shareholder Board with an update on the performance of iESE Ltd (the Company) and to consider whether there is merit in ECC continuing as a partner and to agree that ECC cease to be a member on this Company.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 ECC are not using this company nor engaging with it. It is therefore recommended ECC cease to be a member, and remove its nominated director.

**3. Summary of issue**

- 3.1 The Company was incorporated on 25 July 2011 as a private company limited by guarantee without share capital. Essex County Council (ECC) is a member of the Company. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, ECC's nominated Director of the Company is Cllr Simon Walsh. The Company is currently trading.
- 3.2 The Company is up to date with its reporting requirements as required by Companies House. The Company's Annual Accounts are made up to April 2017, and have been filed, and appear on company's filing history on the Companies House website and are attached as Appendix A.
- 3.3 The Company was established to provide consultancy services that help public bodies throughout the United Kingdom to deliver improved services at a lower cost. The Company is the public sectors transformation partner and is owned and controlled by its member authorities.
- 3.4 The Company's audit arrangements are that it is audited by Kreston Reeves LLP. The last audit did not raise any concerns to be addressed.
- 3.5 ECC has carried out a review of ECC's involvement with the Company. Discussions with relevant directors including Place Directors, DASS, Director for Strategy and Integration and DCS suggest no recent or ongoing involvement with the company and no desire to maintain links.

- 3.6 Accordingly it is recommended that ECC take steps to remove itself as a member of this company and remove its nominated Director.

#### **4. Next steps**

- 4.1 It is recommended that ECC cease involvement with this company

### **5 Consideration of Issues**

#### **5.1 Financial considerations**

- 5.1.1 There are no financial implications arising out of the decision set out in this report..

#### **5.2 Legal Implications**

- 5.2.1 ECC will need to ensure that it formally removes itself as a member of this Company in accordance with the provisions set out within the Articles of Association.

### **6 Appendices**

- 6.1 **Appendix A** – Company Accounts for period up to April 2017

<b>I approve the above recommendations set out above for the reasons set out in the report.</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Councillor David Finch, Lead of the Council</b>	<b>17.03.20</b>

#### **In consultation with:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Date</b>
Mark Carroll, Executive Director, Economy, Localities and Public Health	
<b>Director of Finance (Deputy S151 Officer), Stephanie Mitchener on behalf of Nicole Wood (S151 Officer)</b>	26.01.20
<b>Margaret Lee</b>	
<b>Director, Legal and Assurance (Monitoring Officer) Kim Cole on behalf of Paul Turner</b>	24.06.19