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<b>Report title:</b> Performance Monitoring falling within Committee's remit, as reported to the Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
<b>Report to:</b> People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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<b>County Divisions affected:</b> Not applicable	

## 1. Introduction

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Chairman and Vice Chairmen to reflect on the latest performance update for the *Everyone's Essex – Our Plan for Levelling Up the County: 2021-2025* strategy which are considered quarterly by the Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee. The Chairman and Vice Chairmen may then wish to highlight any issues arising that may be relevant for the People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee to pursue and scrutinise in further detail. **This item was deferred from the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 meeting of the Committee.**

## 2. Action required

**The Committee is asked to consider:**

- (i) **The attached update; and**
- (ii) **Identify any follow-up scrutiny actions**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The *Everyone's Essex – Our Plan for Levelling Up the County: 2021-2025* strategy was adopted by Full Council on 12 October 2021. The link to the Strategy is [here](#).
- 3.2 Each scrutiny committee has been asked to be mindful of the strategic ambitions (and associated commitments and performance measures) in the Strategy which are most relevant to the work of the Committee when work planning. Every effort is made to align every item on each iteration of the work programme of each scrutiny committee with the relevant ambition in the Strategy.
- 3.3 The Scrutiny Board, which has management oversight of the scrutiny work of

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the four scrutiny committees, determined that the Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee (CPSC) should take the lead on receiving broad quarterly performance updates across the whole Strategy and for all strategic ambitions, which it has done since 2022. To support that process and recognise that the Strategy had cross-committee relevance, the Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the other three scrutiny committees have been invited to attend and participate at all the quarterly performance updates considered by the CPSC. The last update considered by the CPSC was on 4 March 2024.

- 3.4 The Scrutiny Board is keen to further increase the profile and dissemination of these performance reviews with the broader membership of each scrutiny committee and further help facilitate the identification of possible future scrutiny work from that process. Therefore, it has instigated this formal process for feedback and reflection of the CPSC discussions at each of the other scrutiny committees on a regular basis.

#### **4. Update and Next Steps**

A link to the relevant agenda paper updating on Everyone's Essex performance is below. Draft minutes of the discussion will follow.

Next steps are as proposed under Action Required.

It is anticipated that the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman will lead the discussion for this agenda item.

#### **5 Relevant links and Appendix**

Links below to 4 March 2024 CPSC agenda papers updating on Everyone's Essex performance.

[Performance Discussion - covering paper](#)

[Appendix - Quarterly Corporate Performance Report Q2](#)

Appendix – Extract of the minutes of the CPSC meeting held on 4 March 2024