

Corporate Policy and Scrutiny – Outstanding Matters Arising as at 4 March 2024:

APPENDIX 1

Date	Agenda item	Action	Status
25 January 2024	2023/24 Third Quarter Financial Overview and draft 2024/25 Budget	That councillors should be invited to join the Working Group looking at Home to School Transport issues.	TBC
		A private workshop be arranged to help further understand budgetary pressures, especially the component parts of the Home to School Transport budget and the specific pressures.	TBC
		More information be provided on footway maintenance and delays in the start of some projects which was contributing to the overall underspend in highways maintenance.	TBC
	2024/25 Everyone’s Essex Annual Plan and Budget	To detail how the Local Highways Panels budget was split across the 12 areas and whether increases or decreases on previous year.	TBC
		Historical data to support the Draft Revenue Budget (Net) 2024/25 slide.	TBC
		A separate detailed session on the Capital Programme be added to the Committee’s work programme	Completed
		A link to a further breakdown of the categories used in the Revenue Budget and their respective key areas of pressure	TBC
		More information and breakdown on Government grants received which were ‘flow throughs’ and passported onto service providers and to distinguish between ECC net and gross position, particularly to include (i) education and schools and the Dedicated Schools Grant and (ii) in relation to Passenger Transport and the Bus Service Operators Grant.	TBC
		Information on any offset from Insurance claims/receipts for highways damage.	TBC

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25 January 2024 cont.	Essex Renewal Fund update	Officers should consult Essex Pension Fund officers to identify any investment opportunities and synergies	Discussions on synergies are under way
		Circulate the criteria basis for funding projects for each area as there were some differences across the County.	Information attached
		A further update with timing to be confirmed which should include evidence that the Fund had business and outside partner support.	TBC
14 December	2024/25 Budget Setting Process	Further information on the tracker system used to maximise the use of s106 and s278 Developer Contributions collected and manage the financial risks of having to return contributions due to non-delivery of projects.	To be included in next update
		Analysis looking at the growth of Council Tax income from new housing against the increased costs of infrastructure and other support required for new developments.	To be included in next update
		To consider whether some of the financial information that came to Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee should be passported out to relevant service-based scrutiny committees for them to scrutinise instead.	Scrutiny Board to determine
7 November	Performance discussion – April to August 2022-23	Information on ECC's direct GHG emissions to include the extent of using more electric and hybrid vehicles as part of the vehicle fleet. The impact of the roll-out of LED street-lights programme should also be further clarified.	TBC
		The work of the Business Essex Board and support provided especially for apprenticeships and recruitment and where the support activities are based.	TBC
		The numbers waiting for more than 28 days for assessment.	TBC
27 April 2023	Procurement update	To check procurement rules for ECC's Country Parks and whether cafes and gift shops, for example, could only procure from a single source.	TBC
		Check whether information was also disseminated through Districts.	TBC
		Consideration be given to establishing a holistic monitoring and mentoring process for unsuccessful tenderers to provide feedback.	TBC
		Learning and collaborative working opportunities from the Strategic Supplier Collaboration Forum should also be shared with the unsuccessful tenderers.	TBC

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27 April 2023	Procurement update continued..	A further breakdown be provided on SME spend and trends.	TBC
		Clarification on how the aspiration that by 2050 Essex as whole county would be net zero was defined in terms of procurement and 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. (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	TBC