

New Submission for the Forward Plan of Decisions

All proposed Key Decisions must be published on the Forward Plan for 28 days before the decision can be made.

Complete all fields and return to the relevant Cabinet Office for Cabinet Member approval.

Title of Decision	Optimisation of Essex Housing
Brief summary of the issue to be decided	<p>Essex Housing is Essex's in-house public sector developer, based within Essex County Council, but working on behalf of the public sector within Essex. It was established to utilise vacant or underutilised assets and bring them forward for development in order to address general, specialist and affordable housing need; regenerate localities, generate capital receipts and deliver revenue benefits.</p> <p>Essex Housing has successfully delivered a number of housing schemes to date with a growing pipeline. As the programme has grown, there is now an opportunity to deliver greater benefits in a more efficient way through the optimisation of its operating arrangements and the establishment of a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) structure. A report will therefore be brought to seek approval to establish an LLP and establish new governance, procurement and operational processes.</p>
Cabinet Member	Cllr Tony Ball
Lead Officer	Gwyn Owen, Head of Essex Housing
Consultation (who has been or will be consulted, including the public)	Prior to inception, Essex Housing consulted extensively with partner organisations (housing authorities, Police, Fire, health, Probation, Government Property Unit, Local Government Association, National Housing Association, Registered Providers etc) in the development of the model. As this decision relates to optimisation and does not fundamentally change the aims and purpose of the model, no further consultation is necessary.
Who will take the decision	Cabinet Meeting
Date on which or period within which we expect the decision to be taken	Either Cabinet meeting on 16 June 2020 OR no sooner than 28 days after publication

List of documents (submitted to the decision maker for consideration, this must include an Equality Impact Assessment)	Cabinet Report Confidential Appendix Equality Impact Assessment
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