

Policy and Scrutiny Scoping Document

Committee	Executive Scrutiny Committee	
Topic	Procurement Strategy	Ref: ES/12/??
Objective	To assess the outcomes and effectiveness of the existing Essex County Council Procurement Strategy and to make recommendations for improvement related to the revised strategy which is to be reviewed from September 2013 where considered necessary. A key focus is the delivery of cost-effective, high quality services as ECC moves to a Commissioning-based organisation.	
Reasons for undertaking review	<p>To ensure the existing strategy is ensuring the procurement of cost-effective, high quality services for the residents of Essex.</p> <p>The 2011/12 – 2013/14 strategy states that it would be subject to regular review to track progress and Members should review the performance of procurement</p> <p>As the strategy will be reviewed and revised in September 2013 the Committee should commence a review of the 2011/12 – 2013/14 strategy</p>	
Method	Full Committee	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Initial briefing to define scope</i> • <i>Task & Finish Group</i> • <i>Commission</i> • <i>Full Committee</i> 		
Membership <i>Only complete if Task and Finish Group or Commission</i>	N/A	

<p>Issues to be addressed</p>	<p>How has the development of a new operating model moving the Council to a customer-first commissioning organisation with procurement at the heart of that model (Procurement Strategy 2011/12 – 2013-14) been in working in practice?</p> <p>The Authority has recently signed high-profile agreements how have these procurements delivered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value for money? • Probity? • Professional management? • A strong Customer focus? <p>Local Purchasing to support local businesses</p> <p>How is procurement of products benchmarked?</p> <p>Consultation and lessons learned prior to and following procurement</p>
<p>Sources of Evidence and witnesses</p>	<p>Deputy Leader Finance & Transformation Programme</p> <p>Chief Procurement Officer</p>
<p>Work Programme</p>	<p>Review to commence October 2012 subject to Committee approval.</p> <p>The Chief Procurement Officer will be invited to attend the Committee's meeting in October, if the scoping document is approved, to provide initial evidence. It is envisaged that the review may need to be conducted over the course of several meetings.</p>
<p>Indicators of Success</p>	<p>The recommendation of improvements to the revised strategy.</p>
<p>Meeting the CfPS Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Critical Friend Challenge to Executive</i> • <i>Reflect Public voice and concerns</i> • <i>Own the scrutiny process</i> • <i>Impact on service delivery</i> 	<p>The Committee will be fulfilling its role as a Champion in the Council's Scrutiny Process.</p> <p>Action taken by the Committee to monitor the performance of the Procurement Strategy will reflect upon both current service delivery and future improvements.</p> <p>The Committee will carry out its role as a critical friend to the Executive.</p>

Diversity and Equality <i>Diversity and Equality issues are to be considered and addressed.</i>	Were EIAs undertaken as part of the existing Procurement Strategy?		
Date agreed by Committee	13 September 2012		
Future Action	To be agreed		
Governance Officer	Robert Fox	Committee Officer	Vivien Door
Service Lead Officer(s)	Anthony Doyle		