Levelling Up White Paper

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Report to: Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee

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For: Discussion and identifying any follow-up scrutiny actions

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County Divisions affected: Not applicable

1. Introduction

1.1 The Chairman and Vice Chairmen have requested an update on aspirations and ambitions for levelling up and devolution.

2. Action required

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the update in the Appendix and identify further follow-up scrutiny actions.

3. Background

- 3.1 With the White Paper on Levelling Up now published, the Chairman and Vice Chairman have had a preparatory discussion with the Leader and the Director, Policy and agreed to bring this update to this meeting to help identify future scrutiny activity and oversight.
- 3.2 The discussion on this agenda item may also refer to the adoption of the Everyone's Essex – Our Plan for Levelling Up the County: 2021-2025 strategy at Council on 12 October 2021. Everyone's Essex: our plan for levelling up the county 2021 to 2025: Summary - Essex County Council

4. Update and Next Steps

The Leader and the Director, Policy will be attending to support this item. See Appendix for written update.

5. Appendix

Paper dated 24 February 2022 from the Essex County Council Policy Unit titled Levelling Up White Paper.