



Policy Panel

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Wards affected	Not applicable		

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Council is working towards being part of an Essex Procurement Partnership, which aims to bring together services to enable more effective procurement activity, value for money and efficiency and to improve category management.
- 1.2 A joint Procurement Strategy is being developed which will be adopted by all partners.
- 1.3 A PowerPoint Presentation will be given for the panel, including information on the goals of the partnership as well as progress and next steps.

2. Action Required

- 2.1 To review and comment on progress on the Essex Procurement Partnership.

3. Reason for Review

- 3.1 As requested by the Policy Panel

4. Background Information

- 4.1 A significant amount of work has been undertaken to improve procurement processes internally within the Council, not only to help ensure value for money is achieved, but also to maximise the benefit of social value locally.
- 4.2 In early 2023 discussions started with a number of other local authorities to develop the Essex Procurement Partnership, supported by Essex County Council. A presentation has been included to provide more information on the partnership and its overall goals.
- 4.3 Although progress had been made locally to create a new Procurement Strategy, the plan has now moved towards agreeing a joint strategy for partners of the Essex Procurement Partnership.

5. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights implications

- 5.1 Work continues to improve social value within procurement activity for the Council. A full impact assessment will be complete once the new Essex Procurement Partnership Strategy has been finalised.

6. Standard References

- 6.1 There are no particular references to the Strategic Plan; consultation or publicity considerations or financial; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications.

Appendices

Essex Procurement Partnership PowerPoint