
LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks Members' views on which priorities the County Council should take forward in its discussions with Central Government around the second generation of Local Public Service Agreements (LPSA) which will run from 2005 to 2008. It also seeks Members' views on which particular priorities the District might wish to express an interest in joining with the County to secure their delivery.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Under the current Local Public Service Agreement Arrangement, this Council, through a number of activities, has agreed to help the County in achieving a range of outcomes. The current agreement lapses next year. Work is now underway to enable the County to commence negotiation on the second generation agreement with Central Government. Following initial consultation, the County have produced a draft outlining those priorities being considered for the new agreement.

3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

New Priority Themes

- 3.1 A copy of the County's consultation draft is attached as Appendix 1. A response to its content has been requested by the County by 7th May.

4 OFFICER RESPONSE

- 4.1 The County's suggested priorities for the new LPSA, fall under four themes – preparing Young Essex for the Future; Keeping Traffic moving on Essex's Roads; Clean, Green Essex and Independence and involvement for Essex's Older People.
- 4.2 In indicating any preference, it would seem sensible to identify those most closely associated with our own ambitions in terms of our Corporate Plan, 5 year Budget Strategy and the District's Community Strategy. As to indicating a willingness to help deliver, again it would

appear sensible to identify those most closely aligned with our own ambitions, although it is felt we should condition our confirmation to any actual commitment to the targets eventually set and the likely resources required.

- 4.2 Those priorities which most closely fit with our own ambitions are asterisked in Appendix 1.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** to endorse the officer comments outlined above as the Council's response to the County's Consultation Document.

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