



REPORT of CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**to
COUNCIL
7 SEPTEMBER 2017**

ESSEX VISION

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on work that has been underway to develop a vision for Essex and to present the vision adopted by Essex Partners in June of this year.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Members note the content of the report.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Essex Partners recognised that Essex faces many future challenges that will affect us all and that no single organisation can tackle them on its own. Work was commenced in 2016 to develop an Essex Vision with the purpose of giving the different communities, groups and businesses of Essex a way to collaborate in planning their future, recognising the collective power of Essex as a whole.
- 3.2 The content of the vision has come from across Essex: local people of all ages and backgrounds, community groups and schools; and public, voluntary and private sector leaders. Contribution has been through interviews, surveys, engagement sessions, conversations and activities.
- 3.3 The Future of Essex vision (**APPENDIX 1**) sets out seven long-term ambitions for Essex, with a number of priorities for each. These have been developed through the engagement phase, with the key themes narrowed down at the Essex Assembly and workshops around each to develop and refine the ambitions. The seven ambitions are to:
1. unite behind a sense of identity.
 2. enjoy life long into old age.
 3. provide an equal foundation for every child.
 4. strengthen communities through participation.
 5. develop our county sustainably.
 6. connect us to each other and the world.
 7. share prosperity with everyone.

- 3.4 Further work is now underway to improve upon the collaborative system in Essex required to deliver the vision. An initial road map has been prepared to start discussion around this (**APPENDIX 2**).

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Future of Essex is a high level document, with the purpose of uniting partners around a number of key ambitions and priorities developed through extensive and wide ranging consultation. The vision provides a starting point to channel our collective ability to achieve those ambitions.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE GOALS

- 5.1 Many of the ambitions and priorities set out in the Future of Essex document are consistent with the Council's Goals.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – The ambitions set out in the vision have been derived from feedback and aspirations of a broad cross section of the Essex community.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – None.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.

Background Papers: None.

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