

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION (THE DECISIONS LIST)

Date:	Decision Maker:	Subject to Call-in*
24 April 2026	Cabinet	No

SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Assets and Community Safety Portfolio Holder - A.1
- Proposed new Procurement Procedure Rules developed through the Essex Procurement Partnership

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet -

- (a) approves in principle, the draft Procurement Procedure Rules, as set out in Appendix A to report A.1, as developed by the Essex Procurement Partnership, of which Tendring District Council is an active Member Authority, for recommendation onto Full Council for adoption;
- (b) authorises the Corporate Director (Law & Governance), being the responsible Officer for the Council's corporate procurement function and the Council's statutory Monitoring Officer, to make any necessary minor amendments and to produce a final draft of the Procurement Procedure Rules, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Assets and Community Safety, for Full Council to consider;
- (c) recommends to Council that the final draft Procurement Procedures Rules be adopted, replacing the Council's current Procurement Procedure Rules, as contained with the Rules of Procedure set out in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution;
- (d) endorses the review to be undertaken by both Internal Audit and the Audit Committee to ensure the Council's corporate governance requirements continue to be maintained through the new Rules and lessons learnt have been captured;
- (e) notes the update of the activity within the Essex Procurement Partnership and the Local Government Reorganisation for Greater Essex, Procurement and Contracts System Working Group; and
- (f) notes Officers will present the outcome of the detailed analysis of the Council's Contracts Register in due course in readiness for the transition phases of LGR.

Reasons for Decision:

To reduce duplication and to ensure that the Council had up to date, appropriate and proportionate controls, systems and standards to manage procurement risk and to comply with legal requirements.

Alternative Options Considered:

Not agreeing the EPP Procurement Procedure Rules for adoption by the Council, with the Council either continuing with its current Rules or creating a revised version.

Disbenefits – The Council did agree through adoption of the Procurement Strategy in 2025, it would work towards a common set of Procurement Procedure Rules, which the Council's own officers have been involved with. Resources would have been wasted, and it would be against the principles of the Collaboration Agreement the Council has signed up to.

**Conflicts of Interest Declared
(and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)**

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

N/A

Contact Officer:

Lisa Hastings, Corporate Director (Law & Governance) & Monitoring Officer

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SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Corporate Finance & Governance Portfolio Holder - A.2 - Financial Performance Report 2025/26 - General Update at the end of December 2025

Decision:

RESOLVED that -

- (a) the Council's in-year financial position as at the end of December 2025 along with the latest financial forecast update be noted;
- (b) the proposed adjustments to the budget as set out in Appendix 1H be approved;
- (c) the most up to date CRP budgets as set out within Appendix 1D(i) be agreed;
- (d) the views of the Resources and Service Overview and Scrutiny Committee be invited on the information set out in this report along with the Council's wider financial position as part of its work programme for the year;
- (e) in respect of the cost pressure of £0.427m in 2026/27 relating to the Investment in Assets (General R&R Priority Items), as set out within Appendix 1H, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance and Governance, be authorised to allocate this funding across the various associated schemes;

- (f) subject to an associated agreement with Essex Police, the transfer to them of the previously agreed annual contributions for the Harwich PCSO for the period covering 2025/26 to 2027/28 be approved; and
- (g) Pride In Place external grant funding of £0.360m (capital) and £0.232m (revenue), along with associated additional capacity funding of £0.150m to support the delivery of the programme, be accepted ahead of a future separate report that will include further details / associated governance arrangements as necessary.

Reasons for Decision:

To set out the financial position for the Council and to respond to emerging issues in 2025/26 and across the two-year financial plan period.

Alternative Options Considered:

These were broadly covered in the main body of the Portfolio Holder's report.

**Conflicts of Interest Declared
(and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)**

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

N/A

Contact Officer:

Richard Barrett, Corporate Director (Finance and IT) & Section 151 Officer

* The call-in procedure will not apply to a decision where the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's agreement has been obtained that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest, or any decision made where such decision is to be referred to the Council or one of the overview and scrutiny committees for their consideration.