

Report to: East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP)
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Title: Update on SPACES
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Purpose: To update ESSP members on the current work of SPACES

Recommendation:

That the East Sussex Strategic Partnership:

1. Notes the work carried out thus far by SPACES
2. Continues to support the group in achieving its aim of delivering efficiencies across the public sector estate in East Sussex

1. Current Issues

- 1.1. As touched upon in the last update, following a consultation exercise of all principle participating partners of the SPACES project, it is clear that all parties remain very much committed to the SPACES Programme. Therefore, to assist the Chair of SPACES in ensuring that this enthusiasm and commitment is not lost it has been decided to appoint a SPACES Programme Manager initially for a period of 12 months. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting the Board and Local Sub Groups in ensuring their compliance with the SPACES Programme and to help identify opportunities to share property or services to those properties which will help reduce costs and raise capital receipts for participating partners. The advert for this role close on the 14 January and it is hoped that the appointment process will be completed shortly afterwards. Depending upon the success of this role it is possible that further funding from participating partners will be sought to enable the work of this role to continue in future years.
- 1.2. An initial report on the proposed 'agile hub' was presented to the East Sussex Chief Executives' Group on 14 December 2012 and it was agreed that further scoping work should be carried out on the feasibility of this project. Once this work has been completed a further report will be made to Chief Executives to assess whether the project should be progressed to the next stage.
- 1.3. There are a number of projects underway across the county and it is the intention that future updates will have a table appended showing the latest position with respect to each project.

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