

AGILE OFFICE ESTATE STRATEGY UPDATE REPORT: PART 1

Purpose of report: Update on Surrey County Councils Agile Office Estate strategy, a work stream of the Councils Agile Organisational Programme.

Introduction:

1. In December 2021 Cabinet approved the funding and implementation of the final element of the Agile strategy. The report detailed a recommended programme of activity: defining the size and location of the future office estate designed in such a way as to deliver future flexibility and best value, whilst offsetting upfront costs against long-term annual revenue savings.
2. In January 2022 the Resources & Performance Select Committee reviewed the Surrey County Council - Agile Office Estate (AOE) strategy approved by Cabinet in December 2021. It was agreed that the Committee would have sight of any further proposals in advance of submission to Cabinet, so that it might review / support key recommendations as well as highlighting any areas of concern.

Report details

3. See Part 2 paper (commercially sensitive)

Conclusions:

4. The overall programme **remains on track to deliver the financial benefit of £2.2 million in efficiencies by 2025/26.**

Recommendations:

5. The programme remains on track to deliver the revenue savings targets by financial year (FY) 2025/26 and has mitigated and short-term reductions in revenue efficiencies through alternative cost savings opportunities.

6. The programme continues to engage closely with services to ensure as minimal impact to service operations, while realising programme benefits.
7. It is recognised that the programme of activity is of considerable size and will be appropriately resourced. The current programme has a full funded team costed as part of the financial case. Depending on the outcome of the North-West/South-west (NW/SW) recommendations, additional specialist resources will be costed and procured to ensure delivery.

Next steps:

8. Paper to be issued to Cabinet in late 2022 with respect to the North-west and South-west Quadrants of the AOE.

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Sources/background papers

See Part 2 report