

**EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL,  
SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL AND  
BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**



**ORBIS JOINT COMMITTEE**

**DATE: 6 JULY 2018**

**LEAD OFFICER: JOHN STEBBINGS, CHIEF PROPERTY OFFICER**

**SUBJECT: PROPERTY SERVICE UPDATE**

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The Orbis Property Function is progressing its integration journey required to deliver the efficiencies identified in the original Orbis Business plan.

This report provides an update of the progresses made to-date and an outline of the key outcomes expected for the Financial year 2018/19.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that:

1. The Joint Committee notes the progress made
2. The Joint Committee is sighted of the Property plans to reach full integration by April 2019.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

To ensure the Joint Committee is kept informed about the progress to-date and understands the approach being taken for the Property Services Function with regards to their Orbis aspirations to integrate.

**DETAILS:**

**Service Update for the Property Services Function.**

1. The Property Development Function started the Orbis journey towards full of integration soon after Brighton & Hove City Council formally joined the Partnership.
2. Due to the challenging aspirations to achieve significant efficiencies during 2018/19 and set a sustainable platform for the future, the Senior Management Team agreed that a transformation journey was required.

3. The journey started in May 2015 and since then has been led by the Property Services Chief Property Officer and his Senior Leadership Team.
4. A simple framework based on key principles was adopted:
  - Deliver against savings
  - Everything is integrated
  - Focus on enabling and adding value to the Customer
  - Increase standardisation and reduce duplication
  - Future proof the Partnership
  - Maximise organisational self-sufficiency
  - Exploit technology and all enabling resources
  - Enable decision making to take place closest to the issue
  - Operate with a commercial mindset
5. The attached Appendix 1 captures the progresses made so far and key achievements and projects as well as the timeline of achievements of integration so far.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:**

6. The plans for 2018/19 will identify the financial and non-financial risks along with proposed treatments.

#### **Financial and Value for Money Implications**

7. The cost of the proposed next steps required to achieve the new Property Integrated model and consequent funding are incorporated in the Orbis Business Plan.

#### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

8. Detailed plans focused primarily on the Property service and the development of staff skills will be produced / co-created in collaboration with Staff, Stakeholders, Orbis IT&D, Procurement, Finance and Business Operation Colleagues.

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**Appendices:**

Appendix 1 - Service Update slides.

**Sources/background papers:**

None

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