

**ESSEX POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY**

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

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| Meeting | **Strategic Board** | Agenda Item | 4 |
| Meeting Date | 8th June 2018 | Report Number | **1** |
| Report Author: | Glenn McGuinness – Interim Chief Financial Officer | | |
| Presented By | Glenn McGuinness | | |
| Subject | **2019-20 Budget and Efficiency Plan progress report - timetable.** | | |
| Type of Report: | Decision – | | |

# Recommendations

1. The Board is asked to agree the timetable for the preparation of the medium term efficiency plan (2016 to 2020) update and the approval of the 2019-20 budget.

# BACKGROUND

1. The purpose of this paper is to consider the high-level timetable for the preparation of the 2019-20 budget and the annual progress report against the efficiency plan covering the period to March 2020. The medium term efficiency plan was originally prepared in September 2016 and an annual progress report was presented to members in September 2017, a further update is due in September 2018. During the course of this year there is also a need to prepared a new medium term efficiency plan to cover the period 2020 to 2024, the planning for this will be covered by a separate paper once our approach becomes clearer.

# Options and Analysis

1. The proposed timetable including progress to date is given in the table below.  
     
   

# Benefits and Risk Implications

1. The key risk is that if a formal budget timetable is not agreed there could be a delay in producing and approving the budget and precept for 2019-20.

# Financial Implications

1. As 4. Above.

# Equality and Diversity Implications

1. None.

# Workforce Engagement

1. None.

# Legal Implications

1. None.