

Commissioning Social Value

A Leading Greater Essex Project



Our Challenge

Challenge 1:

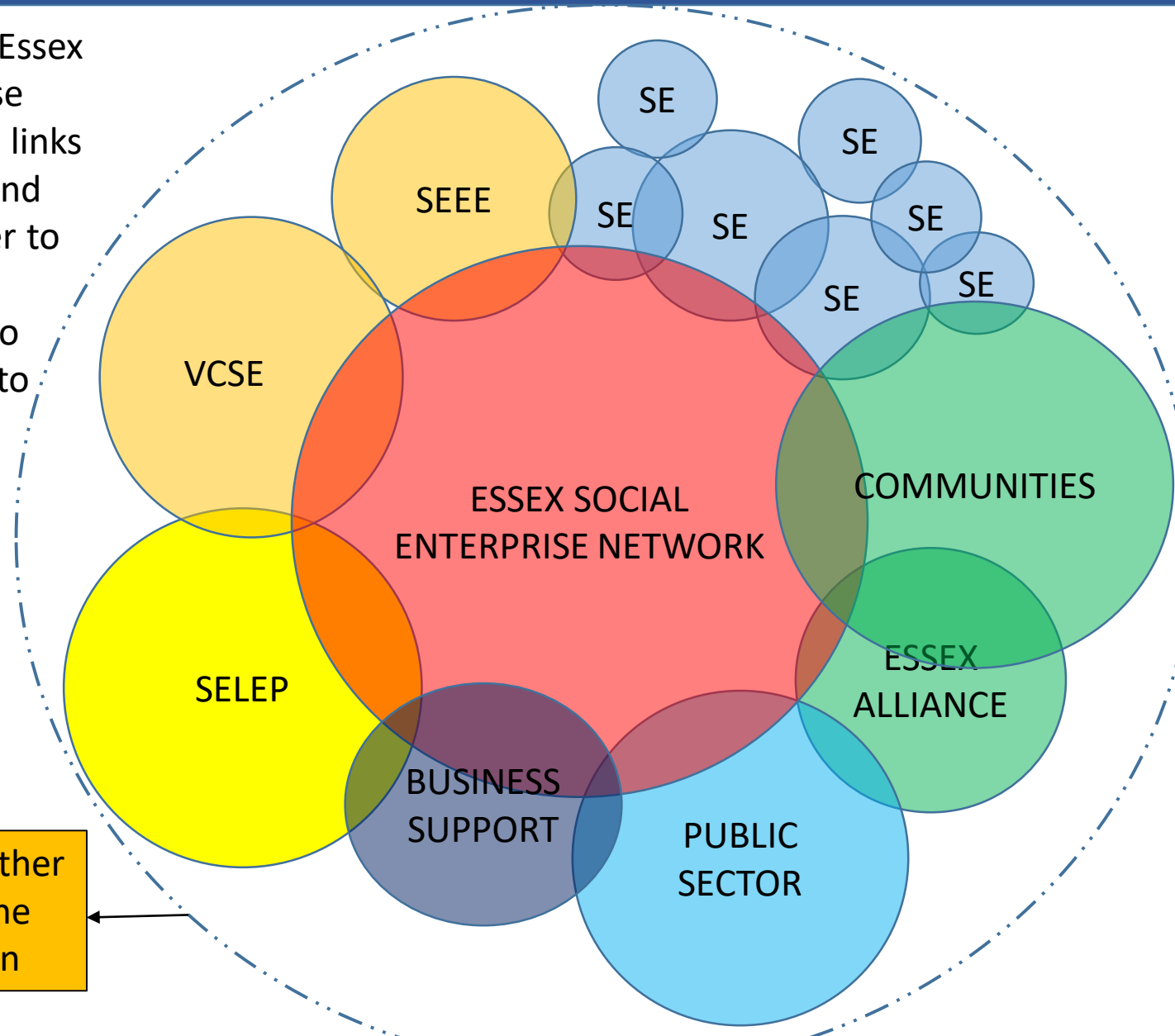
How do we enable commissioners to better link with Social Enterprises ahead of commissioning decisions to develop the best approach to sourcing categories of spend

Challenge 2:

How do we enable commissioners to make decisions based on wider system impact and social value rather than just narrow cost reduction.

Challenge 1 - Connecting

A vision of the Essex Social Enterprise Network which links organisations and people together to identify opportunities to work together to deliver social value for Essex



Key Questions to fulfil this vision

- How do we identify the relationships needed
- How do we identify the 'experts' to build relationships around
- How do we build these relationships
- How do we identify opportunities to deliver social value
- Who can champion this vision from the County's senior leadership
- What will we as the public sector do differently
- How do we evaluate social value and build in to commissioning
- How do we use this network to drive the Essex Vision and ensure the Essex Assembly buys in to this vision

Challenge 2 – Designing It In

1. A cross system group reviewing categories of spend across organisations to consider the wider social value being delivered by the organisations in that market , capturing this, quantifying it and designing it in to the specification and procurement process to enhance social value
2. Ensuring social value is embedded within the governance process. We want decision makers to consider for each procurement:
 - What impact will this commissioning approach have on the supply market for this service after this contract ends
 - Evidence what social impacts/ value this approach will have for the Essex system, where impacts are made what is being done to mitigate these
 - Quantify the social value/ impact of this approach
3. Report to the Essex Assembly on social value within our supply chains, creating a culture shift towards social value being central to decision making