

Report title: Grass Verge Maintenance		AGENDA ITEM 5 (PSEG/16/19)
Report to: Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee		
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County Divisions affected: All Essex		

1. Purpose of report

This report is designed to inform members of current grass verge maintenance arrangements, with a view to exploring how these could be altered to create more ecologically friendly wildflower patches.

2. Background

A number of authorities across the country and in Essex have been experimenting with alternative methods of green space and grass verge maintenance to provide more safe and sustainable ecological wildlife habitats.

Attached (Appendix A) is a letter received by Gavin Jones, Chief Executive ECC, following a full council meeting at Braintree District Council on the 22 July 2019.

Appendix B is a presentation provided by ECC officers to be discussed during the meeting.

3. Session aims

Members are asked to engage with the appendices listed below, discuss the evidence provided with officers and make recommendations.

4. List of Appendices

Appendix A – Letter received by Gavin Jones (dated 21.01.19).
Appendix B – ECC officer presentation on wildflower verges.