

# **PAF Scrutiny Committee**

## **ACL Draft Strategy**

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Excellence, Lifelong Learning and  
Employability**

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# PORTFOLIO VISION STATEMENT

**WE WILL HELP SET THE AGENDA FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS IN ESSEX, ENABLING SCHOOLS, PROVIDERS AND BUSINESSES TO UNDERSTAND KEY SKILLS PRIORITIES AND TRANSLATE THEM INTO DELIVERING RELEVANT AND JOINED UP PROVISION**



Lifelong learning is about the people of Essex having equal access to excellent learning and training opportunities throughout their life-course. Opportunities that are clearly aligned to future need and relevant to local areas; levelling up success, driving down inequalities, and providing the means for success in achieving each person's ambitions



**Shaping** - the education and skills eco-system to provide clear pathways for these opportunities throughout people's lives



**Influencing** - taking the strategic lead in lobbying the government and influencing partners, so that we create the right conditions and structure for success



**Re-imagining** - the mechanisms the Council can use to effect meaningful and lasting change



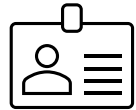
**Overcoming** – removing as many barriers as possible to excellent learning and training opportunities through the effective use of funding and investment



**Inspiring** – joining up the journey from early years to further years so that there is a coherent trajectory, and where parents aspire and also inspire subsequent generations

# ACL Essex – one of the largest adult learning providers in the country

The majority of ACL's funding comes from the ESFA (Education and Skills Funding Agency)



9k enrolments (76% female)



22% have a disclosed disability or learning disability (in line with national figures)



79% are white British/21% other ethnic backgrounds and nationalities



Average age for an accredited course is 40 years old and non-accredited course is 49 years old



45% of learners complete qualification courses and 55% undertake community learning courses

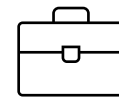
## As a result of an ACL course\*...



62% stated they are more confident helping their children with English and maths



52% will help their children to lead healthier lifestyles



68% said they are more confident of improving their job prospects



69% said their health and wellbeing had improved



73% said they had made new friends

\* Survey results – where applicable



# Key Points – Ofsted 3 I's

- Today we are asking whether you are happy to indicate your support for this strategy - as it sets out our high level ***intent***.
- Its ***implementation*** drives curriculum planning that is ambitious, innovative and addresses local community needs contributing to levelling up.
- Monitoring of progress against the clear outcomes will show our ***impact***.



# Key Points – delivery model

This strategy sits alongside an ongoing property review ensuring we offer learning spaces which are safe, inclusive, accessible, welcoming and sustainable.

- Supported by flexible hybrid and online delivery
- Outreach locations to widen participation and meet local needs
- In person delivery supports social capital and promotes community cohesion and interaction. It plays a role in supporting integration and community engagement, thus making places safer and more cohesive.
- Bring together people of different backgrounds in a friendly, supportive local space, also providing a place in which different services can address the multiple needs of learners at a neighbourhood level adding value to other services, such as those relating to health and wellbeing. E.g shared space with libraries

# Key Points – Our reach

- Enrolment numbers are increasing post pandemic
  - 274 Apprentices
  - 3958 learners on accredited qualifications
    - 438 of which progressed from community learning in 2021

	Start Year			
Delivery type	2019	2020	2021	2022
Classroom Based	22953	3910	5311	7241
Online Live	0	697	1595	1468
Online Self Study	0	1446	464	647
Hybrid	0	0	0	294
Total	22953	6053	7370	9305

# Key Points – What the Portfolio delivers for other portfolios – Examples

Project Name	Service Areas/Partner
<b>Parent Ambassadors</b>	Education Libraries
<b>Family and Community Learning - Year of Reading</b>	Education Libraries
<b>Digital Champions</b>	EWS Developing Communities

Project Name	Service Areas
<b>Mental Health Recovery</b>	Public Health
<b>Circular Economy</b>	ARU BLUEPRINT Waste
<b>Nightingale Bursary</b>	ASC Public Health

Project Name	Service Areas
<b>Retrofit Academy</b>	Economic Development – skills for Sector Development BEIS Homes Decarbonisation
<b>Multiply Scheme</b>	Skills Team



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# LEARNING

## IS ITS OWN REWARD



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## OUR CENTRES

### ACL Basildon

Churchill Avenue, Broadmayne,  
Basildon, SS14 3SG

### ACL Brentwood

Bishops Hill, Rayleigh Road,  
Brentwood, CM13 1BD

### ACL Chelmsford

Beeches Close,  
Chelmsford, CM1 2SB

### ACL Clacton

St. Osyth Road,  
Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 3BN

### ACL Colchester

Wilson Marriage, Barrack Street,  
Colchester, CO1 2LR

### ACL Harlow

The library & Adult Community  
Learning Centre, The High,  
Harlow, CM20 1HA

### ACL Maldon

White Horse Lane, Maldon, CM9  
5FW

### ACL Rayleigh

132/4 High Street, Rayleigh, SS6  
7BX

### ACL Witham

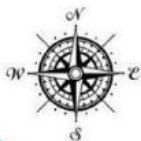
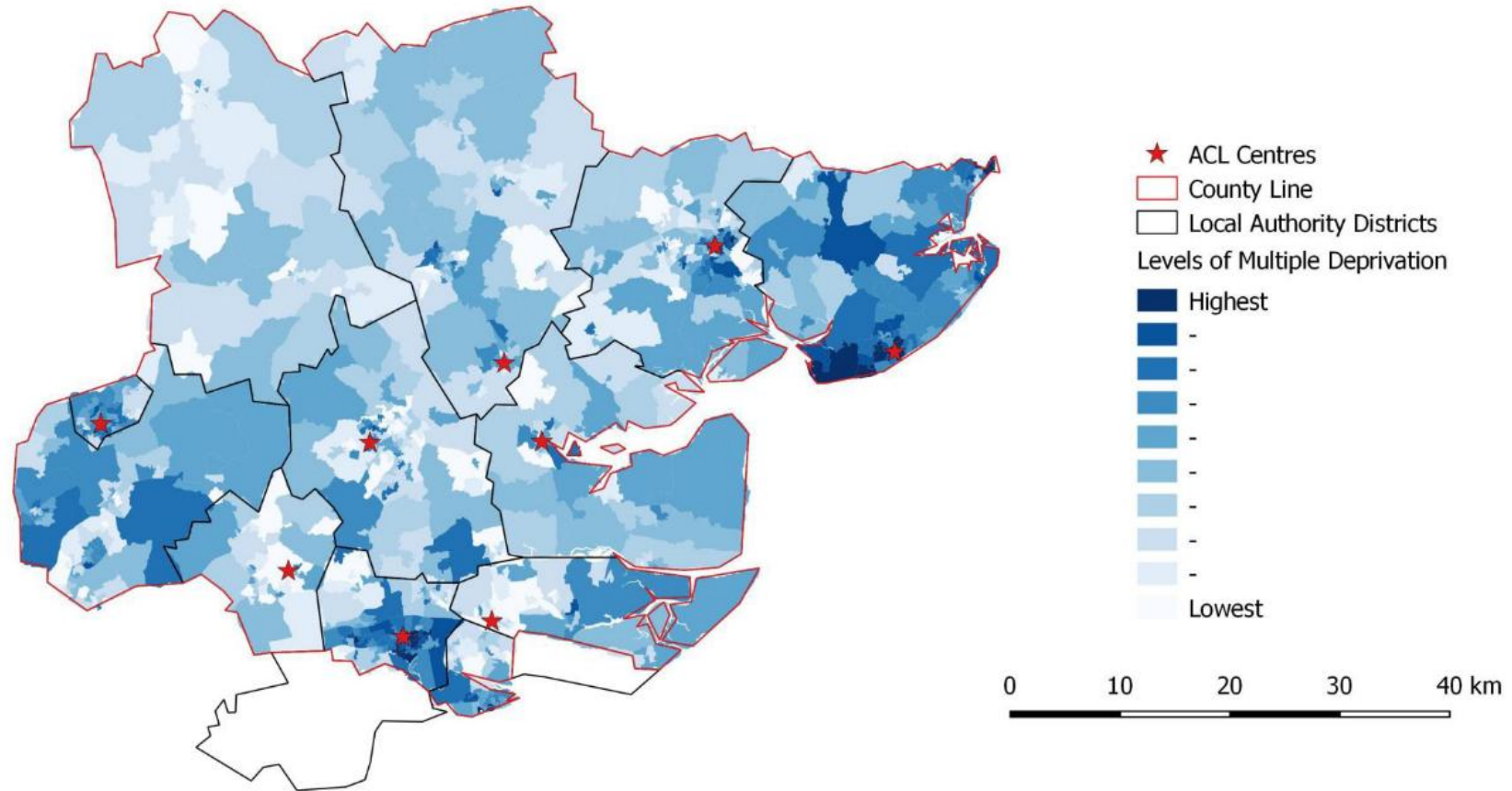
Spinks Lane, Witham, CM8 1EP

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COURSES  
ON OFFER IN  
2022/2023!



ACL centres are broadly situated in the areas of greatest need

ACL Centre Locations and Indices of Multiple Deprivation  
(2019)



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# Some of the good work from ACL

Ukrainian Refugee Support

<https://aclessex.com/news-release-acl-essex-here-to-support-refugees-across-essex/>

Cost of Living

<https://aclessex.com/news-release-adult-community-learning-essex-offers-support-with-cost-of-living-crisis/>

Apprenticeship

<https://aclessex.com/apprenticeship-stories-rubie/>

Accreditation

<https://aclessex.com/are-you-ready-to-lead-ilm-success-story-rhos/>

Thank you



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