

To: Air Quality Task and Finish Group

Date: 15th May 2019

Dear Members of the Air Quality Task and Finish Group,

I am writing to thank you for your exceptional work in the recently produced Task and Finish Review into Air Quality.

The importance of good air quality for the residents of Essex cannot be overstated – as you note in your report, air pollution is the biggest environmental risk to health in the world and in the UK is linked to 50,000 deaths per year.


It's vital therefore that Essex County Council is on the front foot to tackle this issue and lead the way for Local Authorities across the country.

The report you have produced is an excellent first step towards achieving this, and I very much appreciate all the time and effort that went into the research and investigation that underpins the report.

I look forward to working closely with you all in implementing the recommendations, especially through the work of my Cabinet colleague Cllr Simon Walsh as the Clean Air Champion for the Council.

I'd like to take the opportunity to reiterate my thanks for the hard work of officers and members throughout the process of producing the report.

Yours Sincerely,



Councillor David Finch
Leader, Essex County Council