



Essex County Council

## Summons

To all Members of Essex County Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the County Council to be held as shown below to deal with the business set out in the Agenda.

10:00	Tuesday, 13 February 2024	Council Chamber, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH
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Gavin Jones  
Chief Executive

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**Prayers** The meeting will be preceded by Prayers led by Reverend Zena Smith, Minister at the Benfleet Methodist Church.

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## **Essex County Council and Committees Information**

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The agenda is available on the [Essex County Council website](#) and by then following the links from [Running the Council](#) or you can go directly to the [Meetings Calendar](#) to see what is happening this month.

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