



Essex County Council

## Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee

<b>10:30</b>	<b>Thursday, 20 October 2022</b>	<b>Committee Room 1 County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH</b>
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To receive a report (**PSEG/19/22**) and presentation from Councillor Graham Butland, Cabinet Member for Devolution, the Arts, Heritage and Culture.
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To receive a report (**PSEG/20/22**) and presentation from Councillor Lee Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport.
- 7                    Date of Next Meeting**  
To note that the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to take place on Thursday 17 November 2022 at County Hall. Meetings will then take place on the following dates (please note change of date in December):
- 12 December 2022**  
19 January 2023  
16 February 2023  
16 March 2023  
20 April 2023  
(all 10.30am start times)
- 8                    Urgent Business**  
To consider any matter which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

### **Exempt Items**

(During consideration of these items the meeting is not likely to be open to the press and public)

The following items of business have not been published on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Members are asked to consider whether or not the press and public should be excluded during the consideration of these items. If so it will be necessary for the meeting to pass a formal resolution:

**That the press and public are excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the specific paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A engaged being set out in the report or appendix relating to that item of business.**

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**Urgent Exempt Business**

To consider in private any other matter which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

## Agenda item 1

**Committee:** Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee

**Enquiries to:** Justin Long, Senior Democratic Services Officer

### **Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

#### **Recommendations:**

To note

1. Membership as shown below
2. Apologies and substitutions
3. Declarations of interest to be made by Members in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct

#### **Membership**

(Quorum: 5)

Councillor A Goggin	Chairman
Councillor S Barker	
Councillor D Blackwell	Vice-Chairman
Councillor S Crow	
Councillor P Gadd	
Councillor P Honeywood	
Councillor D Land	
Councillor R Moore	
Councillor J Newport	
Councillor L Scordis	
Councillor M Skeels	
Councillor M Steel	Vice-Chairman
Councillor M Vance	
Councillor H Whitbread	

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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee, that was held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Chelmsford on Thursday, 21 July**

[A YouTube recording of the meeting is to be found online.](#)

### **Present:**

#### **Members:**

Councillor A Goggin	Chairman
Councillor S Barker	(from Item 5)
Councillor S Crow	
Councillor P Gadd	
Councillor P Honeywood	
Councillor D Land	
Councillor J Newport	
Councillor L Scordis	
Councillor M Skeels	
Councillor M Steel	Vice-Chairman
Councillor M Vance	

#### **ECC Officers:**

David Forkin	Head of Maintenance and Operations
Justin Long	Senior Democratic Services Officer (clerk to the meeting)
Lisa Siggins	Democratic Services Officer
Jasmin-Harley Carswell	Democratic Services Officer

Councillor L Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport

*Altered Order - In the interests of the efficient conduct of the business, items were considered in a different order from that set out in the agenda. These Minutes represent the order in which they were considered.*

### **Welcome and Introduction**

Councillor Goggin, the Chairman of the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee, welcomed those in attendance.

### **1. Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

The report on Membership, Apologies and Declarations was received, and it was noted that:

1. The membership of the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee was as shown in the report.
2. Apologies had been received from Councillor Blackwell and Whitbread.
3. No Declarations of interests were made.

The Chairman, Councillor Goggin, reminded members that any interests must be declared during the meeting if the need to do so arose.

## **2. Minutes and Matters Arising**

Subject to a clarification to Item 7, the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30 June 2022 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

The 'matters arising' appendix was noted.

## **3. Questions from the Public**

It was noted that no questions had been received from the public.

## **4. Work Programme**

The updated Work Programme was noted.

It was agreed that the Committee would request an update on sustainable transport initiatives particularly on cycling infrastructure as well as e-scooters.

It was noted that items on library statistics and the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) had been added to the Work Programme.

## **5. Highways Maintenance Performance Update**

Councillor Scott reported that there had been only one major incident on the road system during the extreme temperatures experienced on 18 and 19 July. He praised officers for their hard work in difficult conditions.

The Cabinet Member encouraged members to submit requests in a timely manner to the 'member-led pothole scheme'.

Councillor Scott tabled a short-written update which can be found [here](#). Members were invited to ask questions and provide comment. Key points raised during this discussion included:

- Members requested information on how many potholes were being reported, the ratio of these being repaired, and the total defects outstanding. Members further requested annual figures to support the quarterly figures provided and for all information to be broken down by division, where possible.
- The principle behind urgent 'make-safe' interventions was discussed. It was noted that the highest risk problems needed to be dealt with urgently (within 2 hours) for public safety, and there was not normally the time to book a

permit to close the road, order traffic management infrastructure and get together all the equipment and hot asphalt; therefore, issues were fixed temporarily with the cold material the call-out crews carried on their trucks.

- It was suggested that figures on these 'make-safe' repairs could be included in future reports to better reflect the volume of work being undertaken.
- The difference between 'defect' and 'enquiry' was clarified and it was noted that multiple enquiries on the same issue would generate only one 'defect'.
- It was agreed that officers would work to ensure that the 'report it' tool fully links-up with the highways map to ensure all roads in the county are included.
- It was noted that several the 20mph speed limits introduced as a part of the response of the Covid 19 pandemic were now being made permanent.
- It was reported that a series of 'speed surveys' were being conducted across the county and were due to be completed in the autumn. The Cabinet Member outlined that enforcement remained key and he was meeting the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Roger Hurst to discuss the issue.
- It was suggested that the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) could be invited to a future meeting of the Committee to discuss its work and how it coordinates with highways and the police on issues such as enforcement.
- The Cabinet Member reported that there were ongoing challenges around recruitment and retainment of staff, but staff levels were relatively stable.
- It was agreed that the updated Annual Road Condition Survey would be made available for members.
- It was agreed that Councillor Scott would provide further quarterly updates to the Committee.

## **6. LED Streetlight Rollout**

David Forkin gave a presentation on the Phase 4 rollout of the LED streetlights project which can be found [here](#). It was reported that this phase involved the replacement of 85,000 streetlights.

It was noted that supply issues meant key components (telecells) were not currently being delivered. This would affect the rollout of the programme by approximately 4 months. It was anticipated however that this supply issue would be resolved by November and the project would finish on time in 2024.



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Members were invited to ask questions and provide comment. Key points raised during this discussion included:

- It was confirmed that the project was being part funded through an interest-free (non-extendable) loan from Salix Finance, a non-departmental public body owned wholly by the Government.
- It was reported that contingency planning had been put in place for various aspects of the project, but the level of the supply issues being experienced (a 6-month delay to deliveries) had not been anticipated.
- It was confirmed that all LED lights would have the ability to be dimmed (or brightened) and this mechanism would be utilised depending on local circumstances.
- It was noted that all ECC owned lights would be replaced but not all lights in the county were owned by ECC; some were owned privately or by other local authorities (e.g. parish councils).
- Figures for the overall budget for the project and for the return-on-investment date (i.e. when it would break-even) would be reported back to the Committee.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

The Committee noted that the next scheduled meeting would take place on Thursday 15 September, 10:30am at County Hall.

## **8. Urgent Business**

No items were raised.

**Chairman**

**PSEG – Matters Arising from July 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
21 July	Work Programme	Committee requested an update on sustainable transport initiatives particularly on cycling infrastructure as well as e-scooters.	Item added to the Committee's Work Programme for 17 November 2022.
	Highways Maintenance Performance Update	Various requests for additional information including on repairs, annual condition survey, changes to 'report it tool', and work of SERP.	Next Highways Maintenance Performance Update organised for 20 October to report back.
	LED Streetlight Rollout	Figures for the overall budget for the project and for the return-on-investment date (i.e. when it would break-even) to be reported back to the Committee.	Outstanding (at time of publication).

## Work Programme

### Agenda Item 4

Reference Number: PSEG/18/22

<b>Report title:</b> Work Programme	
<b>Report to:</b> Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
<b>Report author:</b> Justin Long, Senior Democratic Services Officer	
<b>Date:</b> 20 October 2022	<b>For:</b> Discussion
<b>Enquiries to:</b> Justin Long, Senior Democratic Services Officer at justin.long@essex.gov.uk.	
<b>County Divisions affected:</b> Not applicable	

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This is a standard agenda item giving members of the Committee an opportunity to consider upcoming scrutiny activity and request items to be added to the work programme.

#### 2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the work programme in the Appendix and suggest any additional items.

#### 3. Background

##### 3.1 Developing a work programme

Work has continued on identifying priorities and future agenda items. This has included discussions with Committee Members, Cabinet Members and Officers as well as the other Policy and Scrutiny Committees via the Scrutiny Board.

This work has reflected the adoption of the *Everyone's Essex – Our Plan for Levelling Up the County: 2021-2025* organisation strategy.

The current work programme is attached in the **Appendix**.

#### 4. Everyone's Essex

The Committee should take account of the *Everyone's Essex – Our Plan for Levelling Up the County: 2021-2025* strategy when considering the work programme and future items.

Particular attention should be paid to the strategic ambitions (and associated commitments and performance measures) most relevant to the work of the Committee: 'Strong, Inclusive and Sustainable Economy', and 'High Quality Environment'.

## **Work Programme**

### **5. Update and Next Steps**

See Appendix.

### **6. Appendix – Current work programme and an outline of the remit of the Committee.**

**Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee (PSEG) Work Programme - October 2022**

<b>Provisional Dates (2022)</b>	<b>Topic Title</b>	<b>Lead Contact / Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Purpose and Target Outcomes</b>	<b>Cross-Committee Work Identified (where applicable)</b>
20 October	Highways Maintenance Update	Councillor Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport	To receive a quarterly performance report on Highways Maintenance including the latest budget situation	Link to the performance/budget monitoring work of the CPSC
20 October	Culture and the Arts	Louise Fitton, Head of Culture, Heritage & Green Space /Councillor Butland, Cabinet Member for Devolution, the Arts, Heritage and Culture	To consider activity in this area including the Arts and Culture Fund and the emerging Cultural Strategy	
17 November	LHP Task and Finish Group	Councillor Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport	To consider emerging policies following response to Task and Finish Group's recommendations	

17 November	Sustainable Transport	Tracey Vickers, Head of Sustainable Transport / Councillor Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport	To receive an update on sustainable transport initiatives and infrastructure	
TBC	Climate Change	Sam Kennedy Director, Environment and Climate Action / Councillor Peter Schwier, Climate Tsar	To receive a presentation on Climate Change work across ECC including the Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Link to the performance/budget monitoring work of the CPSC
February 2023	Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy	Councillor Buckley, Cabinet Member for Waste Reduction and Recycling	To consider the emerging strategy	
TBC	Minerals Local Plan Update	Richard Greaves, Chief Planning Officer/ Cllr Wagland, Cabinet Member for Economic Renewal, Infrastructure and Planning	To consider the latest developments including feedback on the public consultation and 'call for sites' engagement	

TBC	Essex Enhanced Partnership	Councillor Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport, Helen Morris, Head of ITPU	To consider the Essex Enhanced Bus Partnership	Link to the performance monitoring work of the CPSC
TBC	Libraries Update	Councillor McKinlay, Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Community, Equality, Partnerships and Performance	To receive performance information on membership, visitor and circulation statistics (format tbc) as well as plan for library estate	Consider overlap with PAF (People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee) and link to the performance monitoring work of the CPSC

## **Committee Remit**

PSEG is responsible for scrutiny of the following areas of Council activity:

- The economy of Essex
- Economic development and regeneration
- Employment related Skills and apprenticeships
- Strategic Highways and transportation
- Heritage, Culture and the Arts
- Tourism
- Country Parks and other green assets Library services
- Broadband and public communications infrastructure
- Planning
- Environmental services
- Community Safety (not Domestic Violence or Youth Offending Team)
- Emergency Planning
- Waste and recycling
- Energy and emissions reduction
- Trading standards
- Housing
- Gypsies and travellers.



<b>Report title: The Arts, Culture and the Creative Sector</b>	
<b>Report to:</b> Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
<b>Report author:</b> Erica Gilson, Marketing and Business Development Manager	
<b>Date:</b> 20 October 2022	<b>For:</b> Discussion and identifying any follow-up scrutiny actions
<b>Enquiries to:</b> Erica Gilson, Marketing and Business Development Manager <a href="mailto:Erica.Gilson@essex.gov.uk">Erica.Gilson@essex.gov.uk</a>	
<b>County Divisions affected:</b> All	

## 1. Introduction

The Committee's remit includes scrutiny of Culture and the Arts as well as associated areas such as Tourism. The presentation (Appendix) presents an overview of activity in the sector including on the Essex County Council Arts and Cultural Fund.

## 2. Action required

The Committee is asked to consider the presentation and identify any follow-up scrutiny activity.

## 3. Links to Everyone's Essex

The Arts, Culture and the Creative Sector links to a number of the ambitions outlined in *Everyone's Essex: our plan for levelling up the county 2021 to 2025* including on supporting economic and social regeneration in our region.

## 4. Next Steps

This is an opportunity for the Committee to scrutinise the Council's activity in this area.

Expected attendees to support the discussion:

Councillor Graham Butland, Cabinet Member - Devolution, the Arts, Heritage and Culture

Louise Fitton - Head of Culture, Heritage & Green Space

Erica Gilson - Marketing and Business Development Manager

## 5. Appendices

Presentation on The Arts, Culture and the Creative Sector.





# The Arts, Culture and the Creative Sector

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Part of Essex County Council



# The Arts, Culture and the Creative sector as part of a wider system.

## Economic growth

Recognising the place of culture  
in the built environment  
regeneration, growth

## Education and skills

Schools, HE & FE.  
Training and employment  
Opportunities.

## Environment and Climate Action

National, regional and  
local challenges and  
opportunities



# The bigger picture and wider impact

The creative and cultural sector employs more than 30,000 people in over 7,500 companies in Essex.

Prior to the pandemic, Essex had the third largest creative sector in the UK, with the arts and cultural sector worth an estimated total of £2.6 billion.

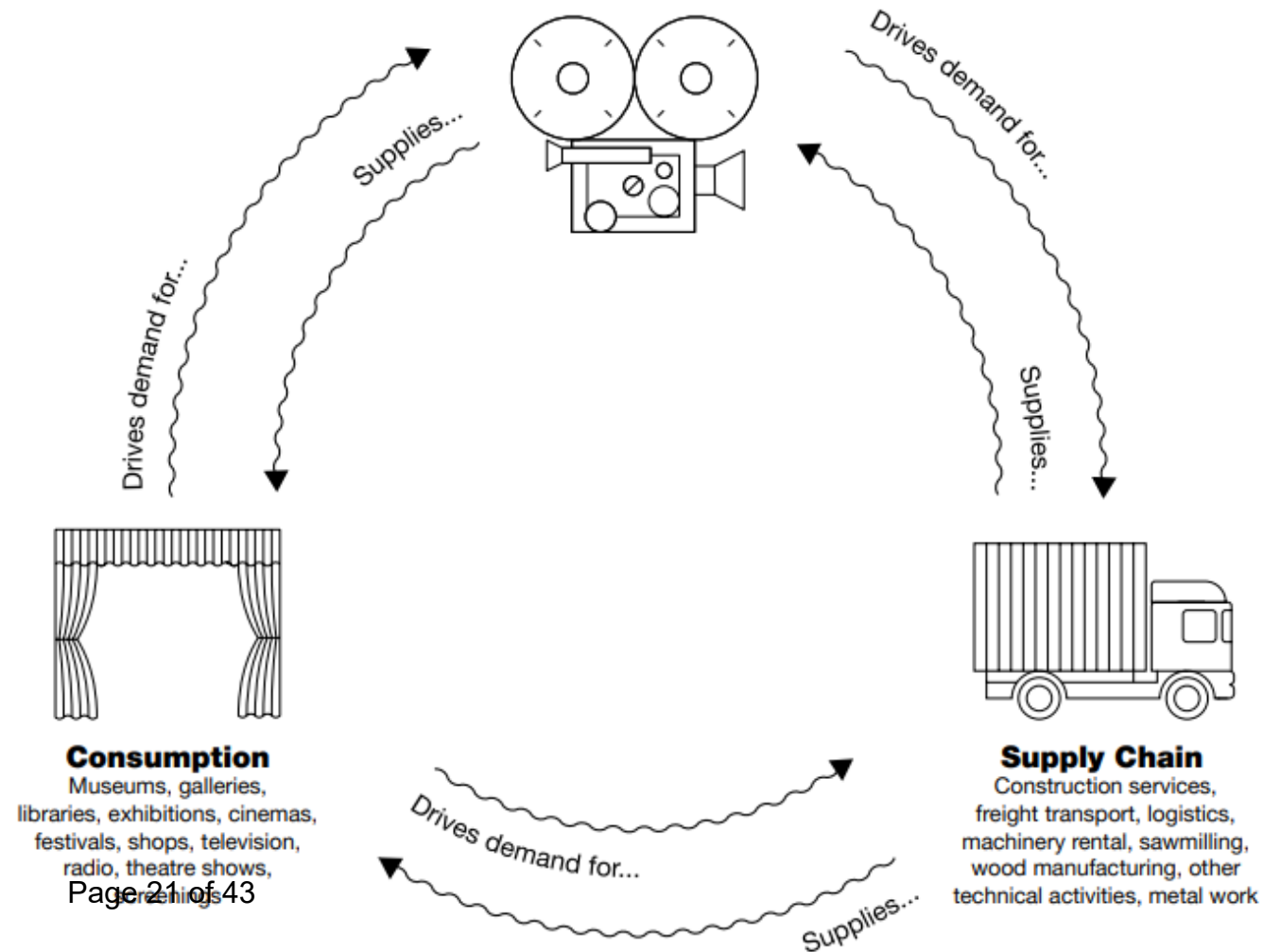
Research by the GLA found that in the UK, for all creative industries, the estimated total supply chain spend is £127bn. For example, the National Theatre in London is serviced by over 200 individual businesses across the country.\*\*

\*\*Creative Supply Chains Study, 2019, We Made That and Hatch Regeneris (GLA)

## The Creative and Cultural Economy

### Production

Architecture, film production, fashion design, crafts, ceramics, television production, software engineering, publishing, musical production, photography musical instrument manufacture, theatre set production



# Essex County Council Arts and Cultural Fund

In 2021 ECC committed to supporting the Arts, cultural and Creative sectors with an investment of £1.5m over 5 years.

This funding will enable ECC to provide an annual Arts and Cultural Fund to which artists, cultural organisations and creative practitioners can apply.

It has also provided funding for additional resource and for the Essex Film Office to be set up.

## 2022 Arts and Cultural Fund

**202** applications received

Nearly **25%** of applications received all, or part of the funding they requested

Grants were made for a cross section of projects covering a **range of creative and cultural disciplines**

The smallest award was **£2,500** and the largest **£25,000**

Enabling projects and artists to deliver work across the whole of the county, but particularly in areas identified as **priority areas for levelling up.**







Essex Cultural Diversity Global Village Finale at Hadleigh Country park



Image: The Art Box, Sharon Rawlinson, delivered across Tendring, supported by ECC's Arts and Cultural Fund 2022



Image: Making Visible Saffron Walden, Hannah Jane Walker, supported by ECC's Arts and Cultural Fund 2022

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 e essex frinton summer theatre booming voices anticipatory folklore  
 x project essex symphony orchestra brightlingsea music festival  
 /OX ace music therapy essex dolls hair adornment project sea masterclass  
 art christmas carol experience manningtree window art trail essex girl  
 saffron walden neon artworks tall tales sugar dandies afternoon tea parties  
 are house mental health art therapy workshops colchester film festival  
 dance bfi film academy frederick gibberd collection theatre témoin flood



# Eligibility and award process

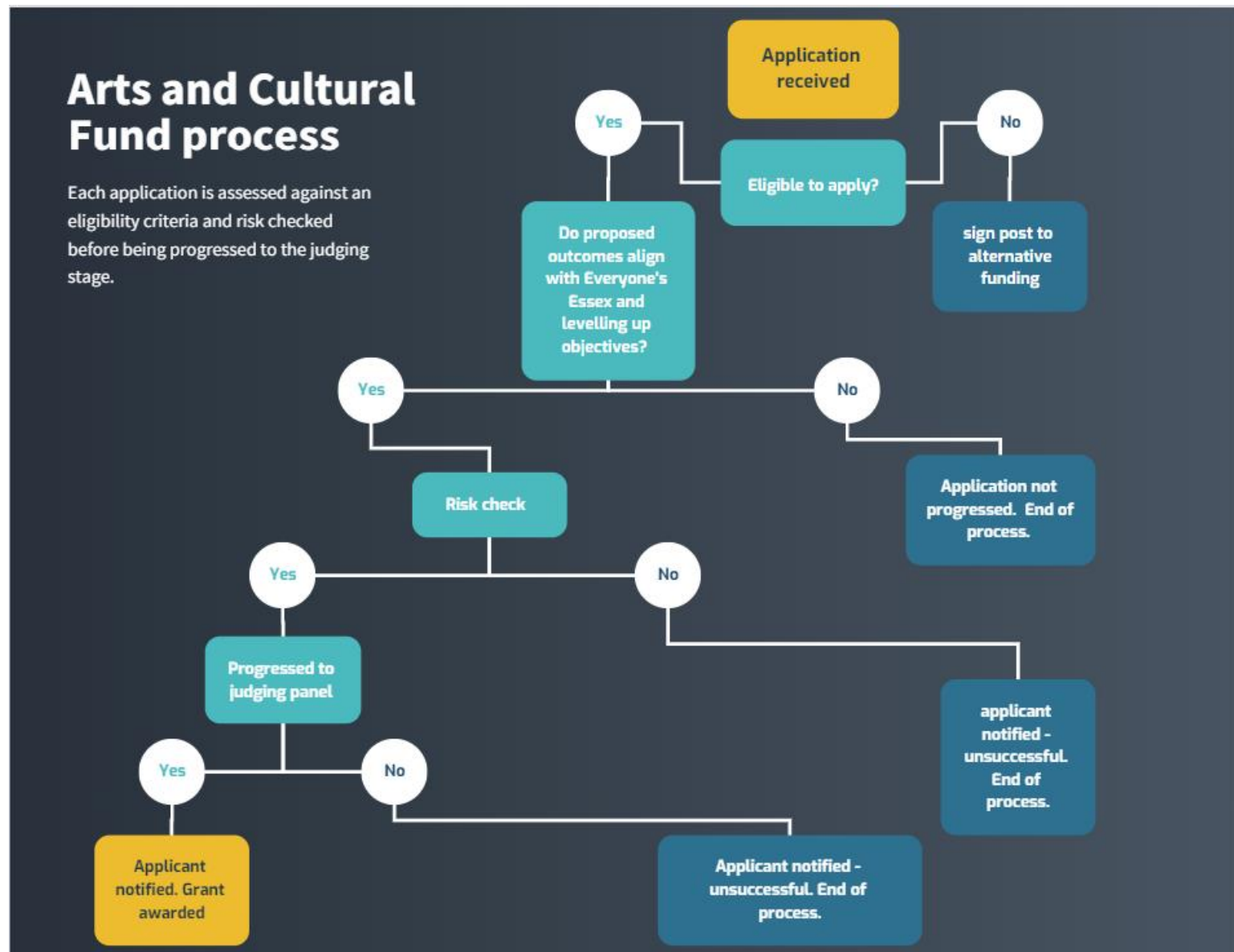
The arts and Cultural fund has a governance process built in to manage how applications are assessed and judged.

What the fund *will* support:

- ✓ Making new work
- ✓ Events / Festivals
- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Touring work within Essex

What the fund *won't* support:

- × Work that won't reach people in Essex
- × Things that have already happened
- × School, university or training courses
- × Capital costs





# Supporting established arts and cultural organisations in Essex

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“National Portfolio Organisations are leaders in their areas, with a collective responsibility to protect and develop our national arts and cultural ecology. Public investment brings public accountability, for us and for the organisations we invest in, and this is reflected in our expectations.”

Arts Council England (ACE)





# Geographical reach - ECC funding of The Arts and Culture 2022/3



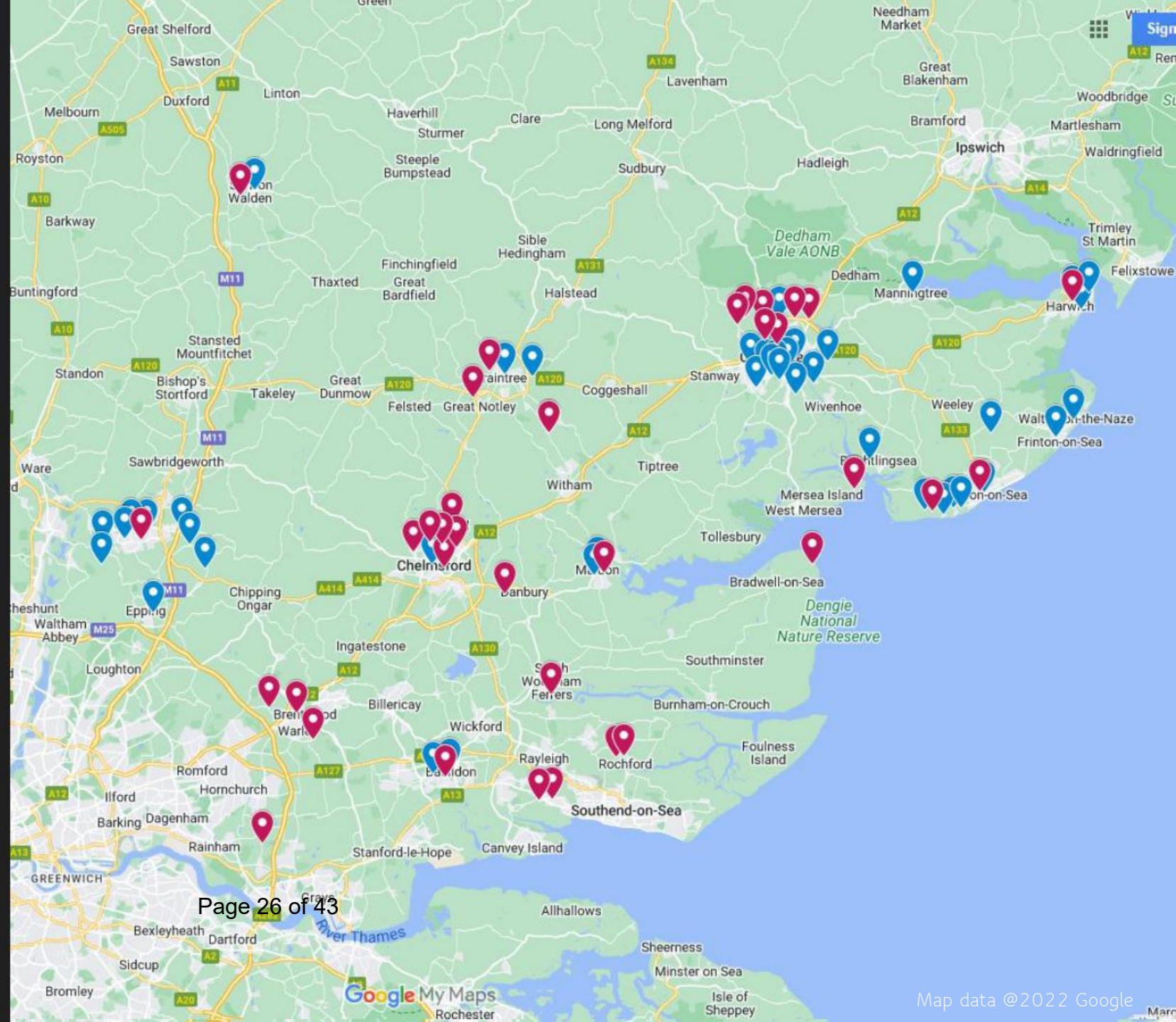
Arts and Cultural Fund 2022/23  
supported projects



Cultural Organisation Grant funded  
projects



Arts and Cultural Fund 2022/23 supported  
projects and Cultural Organisation Grant  
funded projects combined



# Creative Essex

The Essex Summer of Culture encapsulates and promotes cultural and creative activity across the county.





## The value of Arts and Culture:

### The Explore Essex Art Commission

Enabling young people to express their thoughts and concerns about climate change through art.



*“Quite a few children that normally don't get involved got really stuck in. one child in particular who struggles to engage and doesn't speak much in class was coming up with loads of ideas.”*

*“Year 3's are really struggling as its a big transition from learning through play as you do in 1st 2 years. By Year 3, a certain independence and focus is expected. Due to Covid, they are way behind and needing a lot of pastoral support which isn't available due to time constraints in class, so learners are falling behind and getting upset. Teachers are drowning as there's no time to step away from the Curriculum and so many children just aren't bouncing back.”*



## The Value of Arts and Culture:

ECC funded a series of projects targeted at befriending isolated groups and supporting young carers

Using arts and culture to achieve positive outcomes for people of all ages.

Extraordinary Arts Packages – Essex Workshops, the words of participants <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwCpFft91vM>

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Kool Carers in Basildon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yo-8xJf45cY>

*"Many people speak about the power of Music for those living with a diagnosis of dementia. They talk about awakenings and immediate retrieval of short-term memory and all of that is true. However very little consideration has been given for individuals living in the early stage of dementia and those diagnosed at working age. When working with this group there is so much more to consider. Intervention and interactions must be delivered, like all interactions, in a way that is inclusive, supportive, understanding, gentle and kind.....you brought each of these qualities in abundance."*

A woman with blonde hair is speaking at a podium. Behind her is a large presentation screen displaying a slide with a photo of a brick building and some text. The text on the screen includes "Be available & responsive", "records - make sure who needs to", "there is there!", "Always respect confidentiality", and "Always respect privacy". A QR code is visible on the podium.

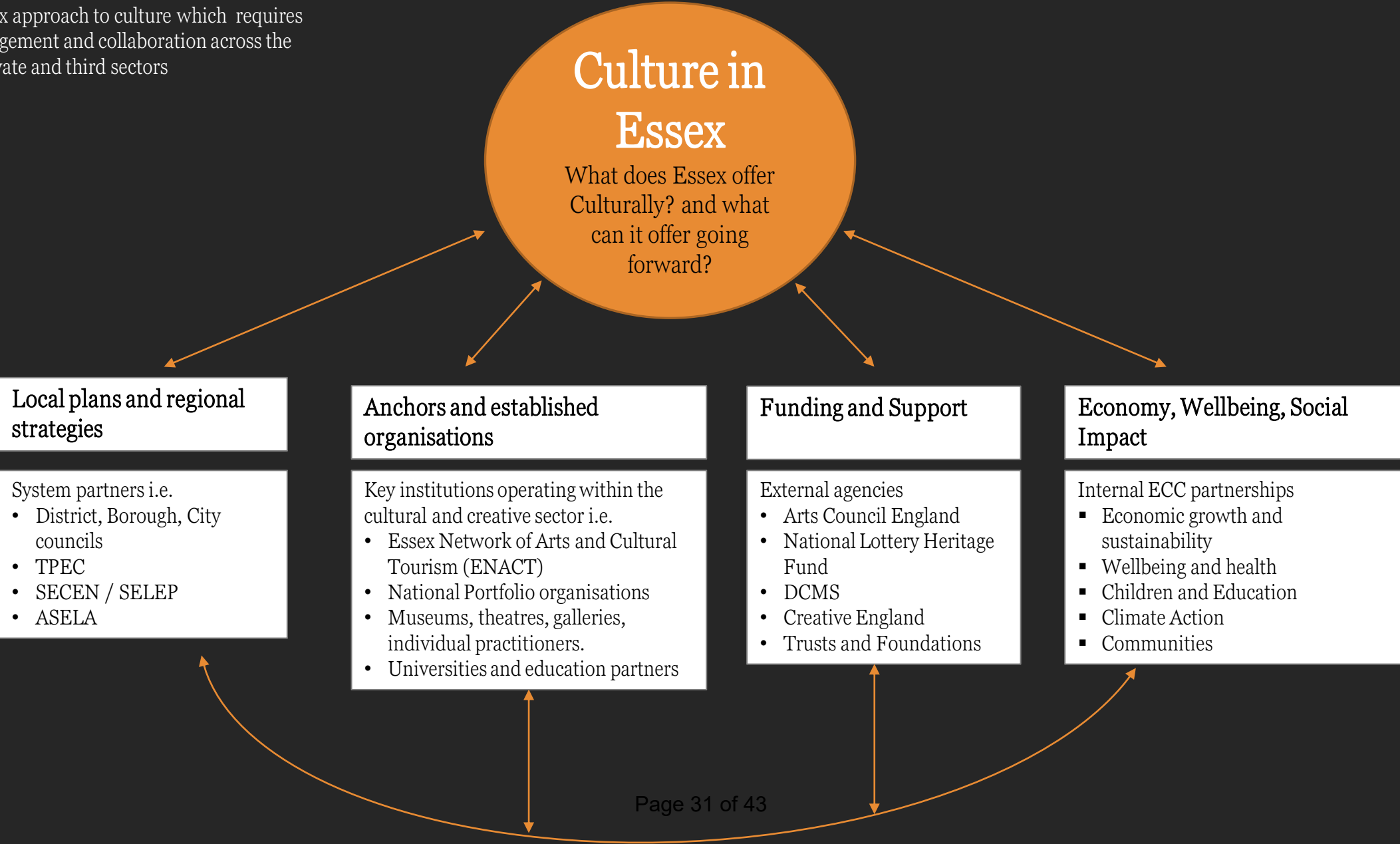
# Showing leadership and commitment for culture



The creative sector is resilient and independent.

A collaborative approach is needed to identify and support the existing cultural ecosystem of the county and to ensure that we, as the County Council are feeding into that system.

A pan Essex approach to culture which requires active engagement and collaboration across the public, private and third sectors





# Essex Film Office

UK spend on film and high-end TV productions for the full year 2021 was £5.64 billion. This is the highest since records began, and £1.27 billion higher than the previous peak reported in 2019.

“The creative industries contribute £115.9b GVA to the UK economy, with well over £8bn of that attributed to businesses from the creative screen sub-sectors”

UK Business Angels Association / Creative England

“Creative England is able to calculate the average amount production spends when filming on location. With a television production’s estimated spend of £22,000 per day and a major feature film around £42,000, on everything from local caterers, security and taxi firms, to hotels, restaurants and coffee shops.”

Creative England 2022



Credit: AppleTV+



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# Thank You.

To find out more about Arts and Culture in Essex you can contact the team at:

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<b>Report title: Highways Maintenance Update</b>	
<b>Report to:</b> Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
<b>Report author:</b> Karina Grimwade, Senior Strategy Advisor	
<b>Date:</b> 20 October 2022	<b>For:</b> Discussion and identifying any follow-up scrutiny actions
<b>Enquiries to:</b> Karina Grimwade, Senior Strategy Advisor <a href="mailto:Karina.Grimwade@essex.gov.uk">Karina.Grimwade@essex.gov.uk</a>	
<b>County Divisions affected:</b> All	

## 1. Introduction

The Committee receive quarterly highways maintenance performance updates from the Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport. This latest update covers the period July to September 2022. It includes information requested at the July 2022 meeting of the Committee.

## 2. Action required

The Committee is asked to consider the performance update (Appendix) and identify any follow-up scrutiny activity.

## 3. Links to Everyone's Essex

Highways Maintenance performance links to a number of the ambitions outlined in *Everyone's Essex: our plan for levelling up the county 2021 to 2025* including on Infrastructure and Transport and Built Environment.

## 4. Next Steps

This is an opportunity for the Committee to scrutinise highways maintenance performance.

Expected attendees to support the discussion:

Councillor Lee Scott, Cabinet Member - Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport.

David Forkin - Head of Maintenance and Operations.

## 5. Appendices

Presentation on Highways Maintenance.

# Highways Maintenance

Scrutiny Committee Report  
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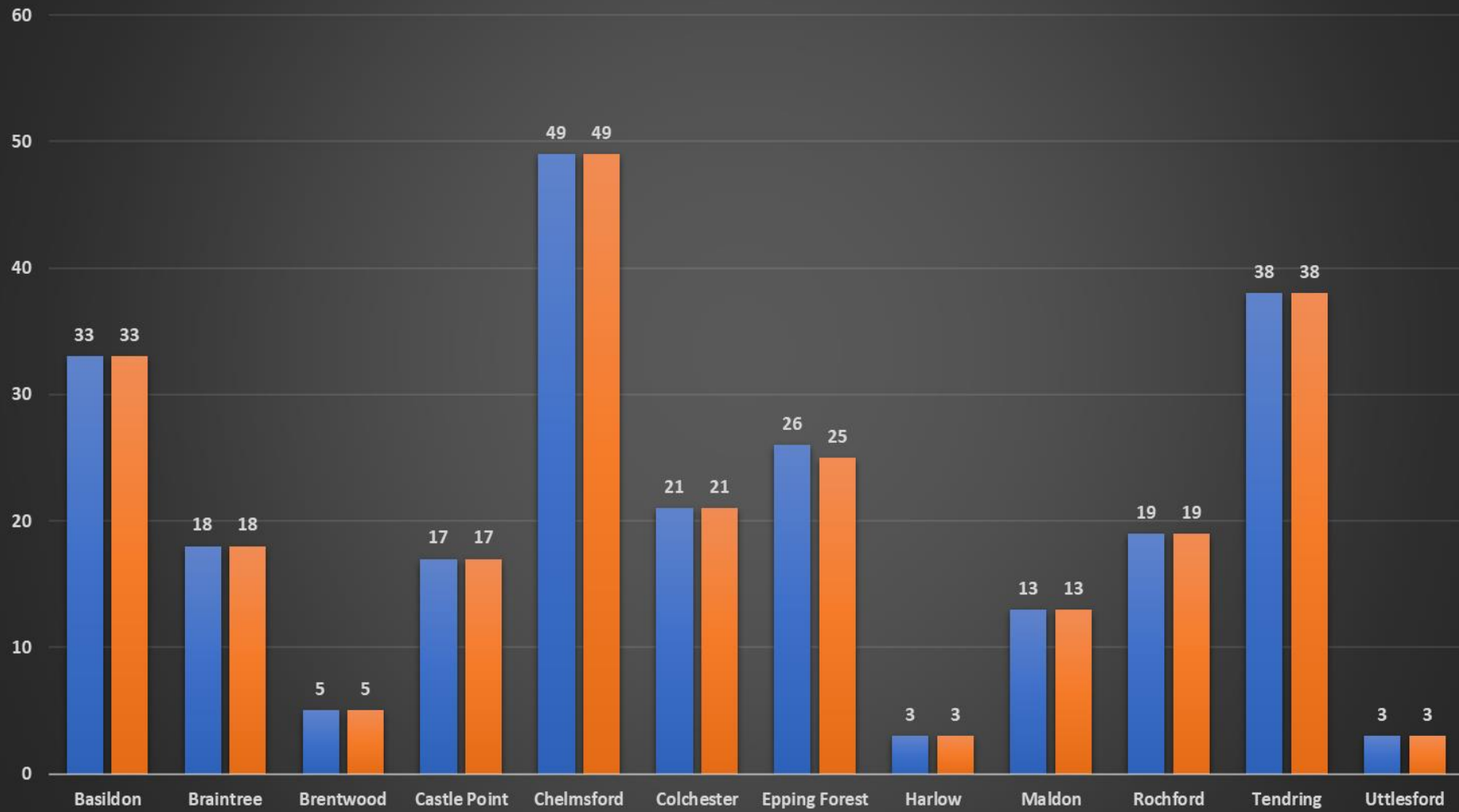


This slide pack includes information on the following:

1. Information requested from Scrutiny Committee:
  - Number of emergency repairs completed, by district
  - Total defects raised and total defects completed, by district
  - Ratio of reported defects to repaired defects, by district
  - Total number of reported defects (rolling total for the year, split into quarters), by district
  - Total number of repairs (rolling total for the year, split into quarters), by district
2. Update on Member led pothole scheme
3. Information on current budget position

## Emergency Repairs (S1 Priority)

■ Defects Raised ■ Defects Closed



This chart shows the total emergency repairs completed (July – September), split by district.

An S1 Priority is something that is assessed as high risk problems that need to be dealt with urgently, for public safety.

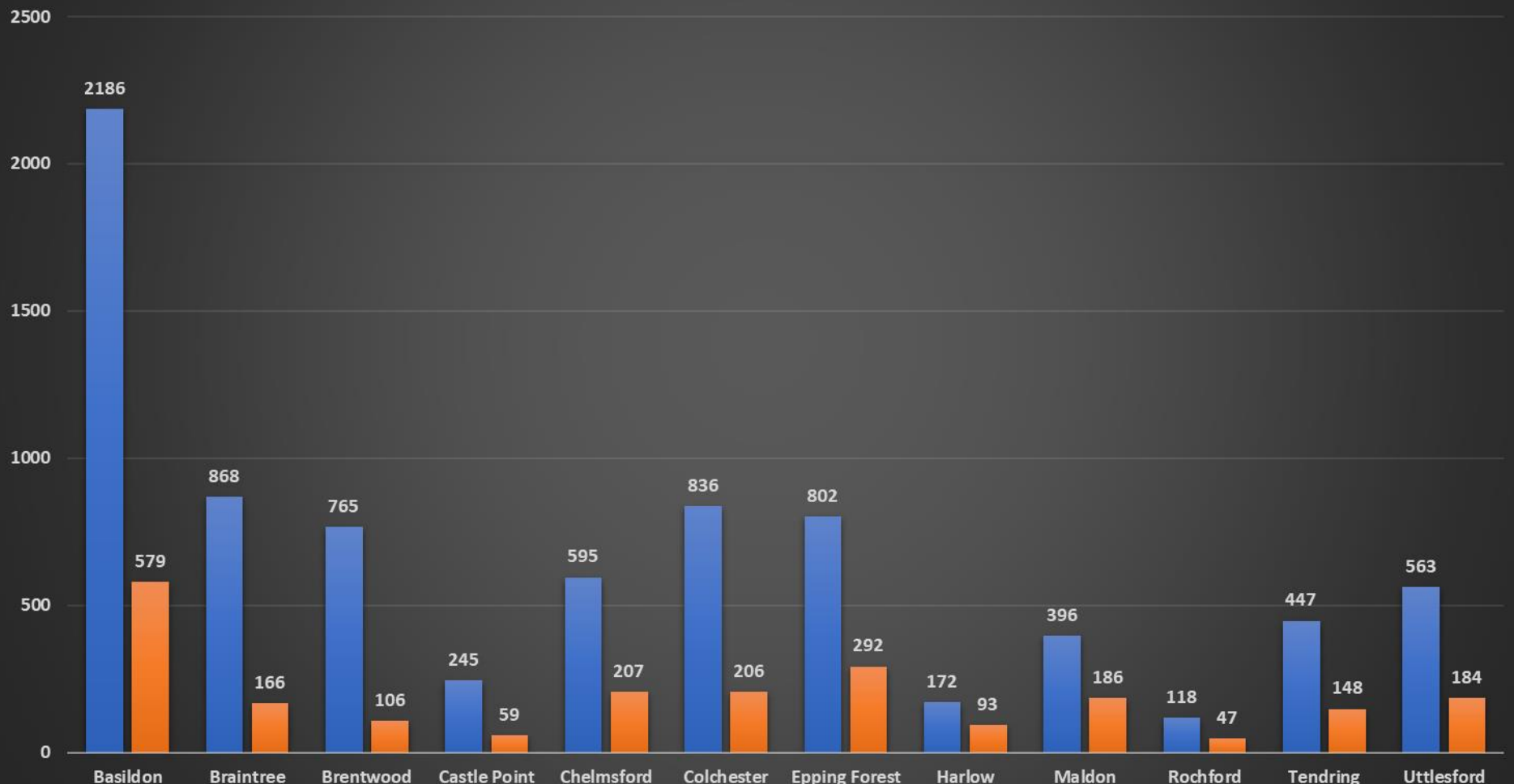
If a permanent repair can be completed at the time of the emergency repair, it will be.

The chart shows, ALL emergency repairs were completed. Please note the discrepancy in the Epping Forest figure, is in relation to an emergency repair that was reported on the 28<sup>th</sup> September, and was not yet closed when the report was ran. The repair has now been completed.



## New Defects this Quarter (July - September 2022)

■ Raised ■ Closed




This chart shows the total new defects raised against the defects closed (July – September), split by district.

It is important to note that these are not a direct correlation - as repairs completed in the timeframe, are not necessarily those that have been reported in that time.

Repairs are completed based on risk assessment, and so there may be 148 repairs that have been completed in Tendring for example, but they may be repairs from defects raised prior to the 447 that were raised within this quarter.

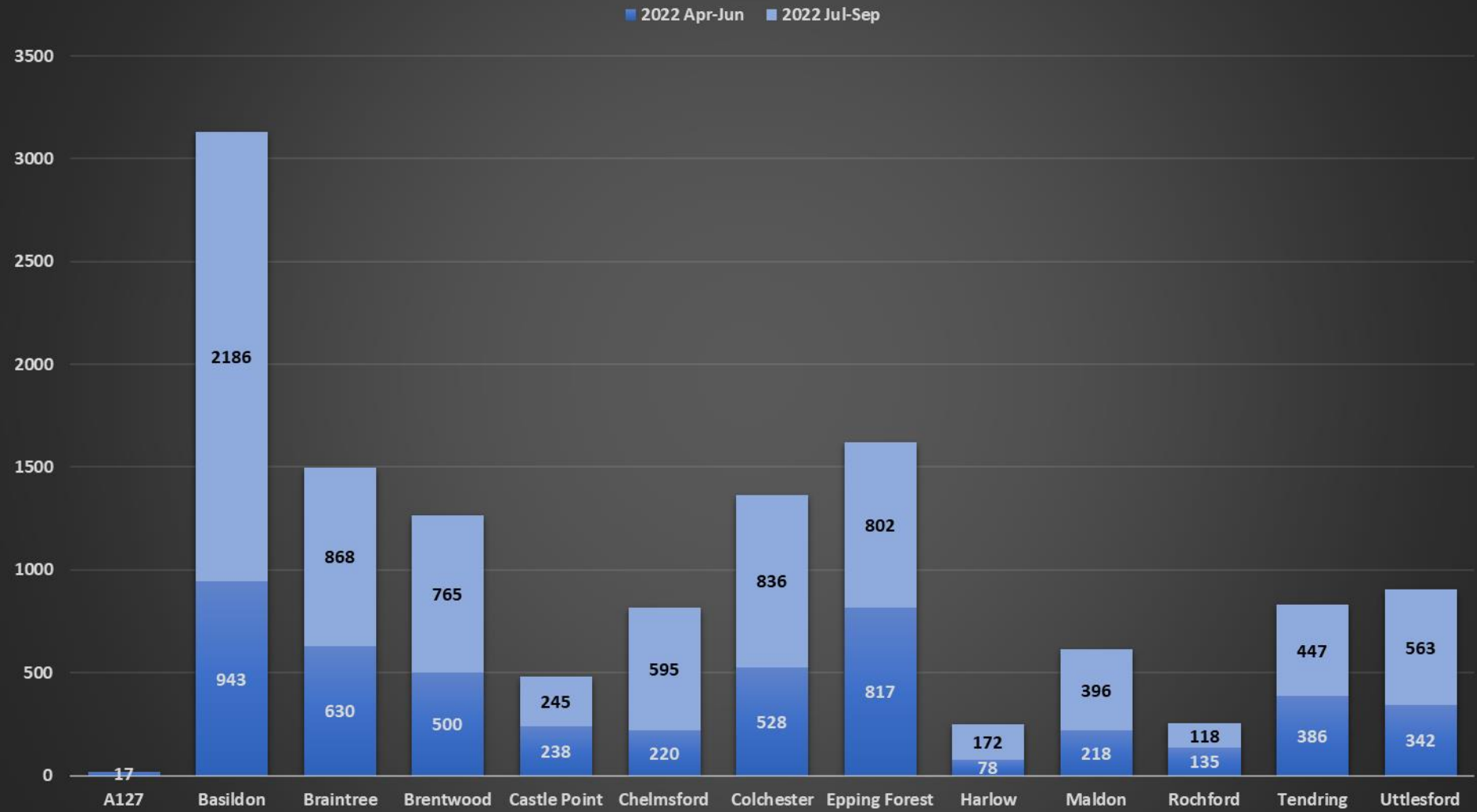
## New Defects (July - September 2022)

District 	Raised	Closed	% Closed
Basildon	2186	579	26.49%
Braintree	868	166	19.12%
Brentwood	765	106	13.86%
Castle Point	245	59	24.08%
Chelmsford	595	207	34.79%
Colchester	836	206	24.64%
Epping Forest	802	292	36.41%
Harlow	172	93	54.07%
Maldon	396	186	46.97%
Rochford	118	47	39.83%
Tendring	447	148	33.11%
Uttlesford	563	184	32.68%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7993</b>	<b>2273</b>	<b>28.44%</b>

This chart shows the ratio of defects closed against those raised (July – September), split by district.

We are running at a rate of 28.44% ratio of closed defects compared to that of raised defects.

## New Defects this Year (April - September 2022)



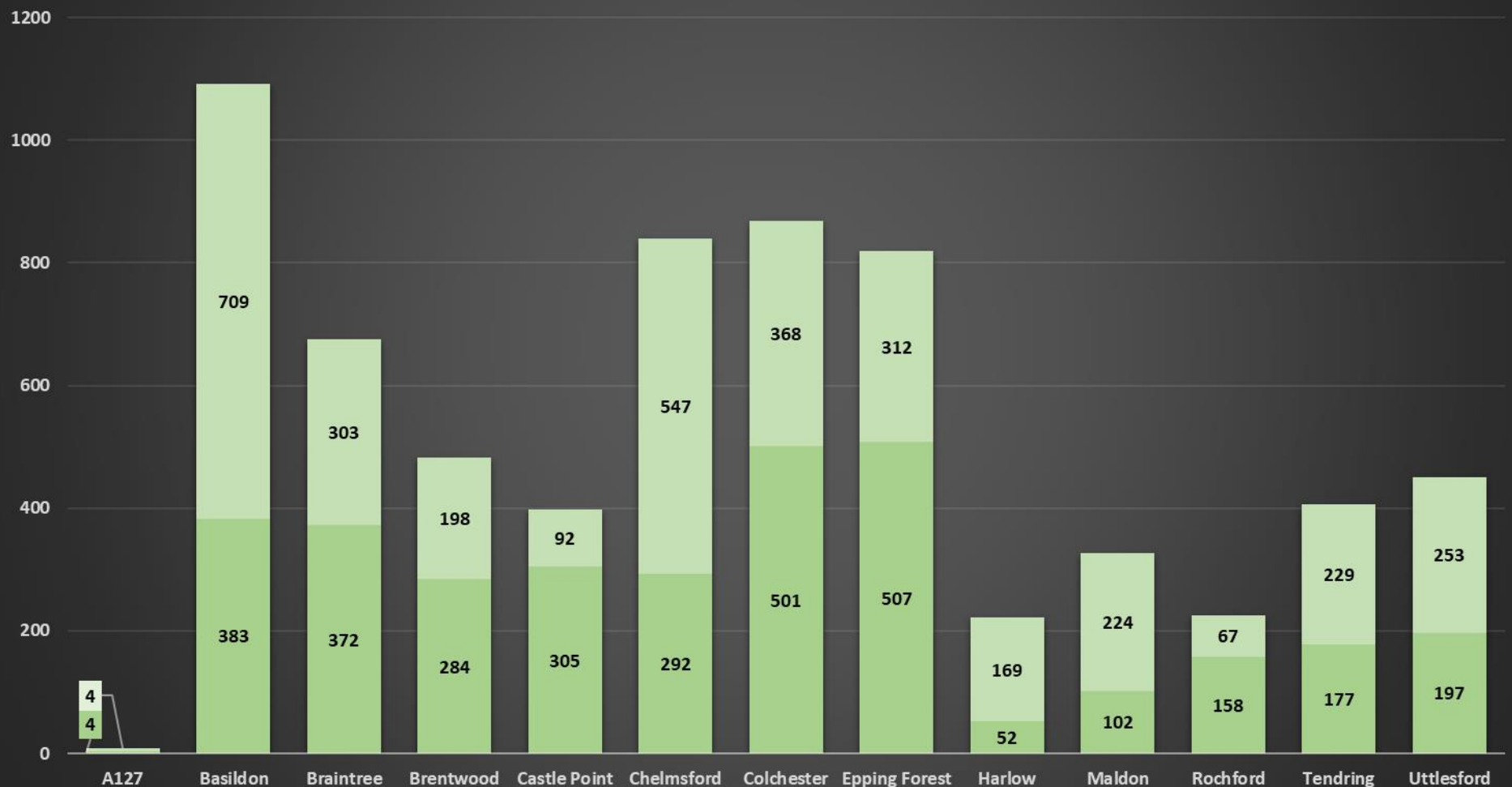
This chart shows the total new defects raised this year, split by district (with the different blues showing the quarterly split).

The total number of defects reported this year (from April), throughout the County is 13,045



## Defects Closed this Year (April - September 2022)

■ 2022 Apr-Jun ■ 2022 Jul-Sep



This chart shows the total defects closed this year, split by district (with the different blues showing the quarterly split).

The total number of defects closed this year (from April), throughout the County is 6,749

## **MEMBERS POTHOLE SCHEME**

- The scheme has received praise from a number of Members, as well as seeing a reduction in the number of ME queries specific to potholes.
- There are 17 Members who have yet to make any submission

As of 10/10/2022 the current status of a total of 889 submissions are:

- 57 jobs awaiting inspection
- 397 jobs have been completed
- 12 jobs are works still in progress
- 122 jobs have had the work issued, and so will be expected to be completed imminently.

awaiting inspection	defect raised	further case work required	job raised	made safe	not at investigatory level	works completed	works in progress	works issued	Grand Total
57	4	15	230	8	44	397	12	122	889

## HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE BUDGET INFORMATION

Even at current levels we are investing less than half the annual amount required just to ‘stay still’, exacerbated even more by inflationary pressures.

- **Carriageways.** comprising 5,100 miles across 3 main classifications: PR1, PR2 and Local Roads. The current proposed levels of investment in the MTRS will see decline across all 3 classifications, with significant decline possible over the next 10 years.
- **The value of annual deterioration is modelled at £77.7m/annum across Essex. When compared to ECC’s investment of £36.675m/annum it is clear the asset is in managed decline.**
- **‘Other assets’ (Footways, PRow, street lighting etc).** The annual deterioration of our Other Assets is now around £52m (as calculated for highway network asset valuation, using CIPFA guidance and tools), the budget is only around 50% of this. The condition of Footways, Structures, Vehicle Restraints and School Crossing Flashing Warning Signs has been of concern for a significant period, and the current indicative investment levels will only worsen the situation.
- We have more structures that need strengthening this year compared to last, insurance claims on our footways are rising, and these are areas of particular concern.
- **We no longer have a revenue budget for potholes and are totally reliant on capital maintenance allocation and the DfT pothole fund**