



Essex County Council

Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee

10:30	Thursday, 21 July 2022	Committee Room 1 County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH
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3	Questions from the Public A period of up to 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make representations on any item on the agenda for this meeting. No statement or question shall be longer than three minutes and speakers will be timed. If you would like to ask a question at this meeting, please email Democratic Services by 12 noon the day before (Wednesday 20 July).	
4	Work Programme To receive an update (PSEG/16/22) on the current Committee Work Programme.	10 - 14

- 5 LED Streetlight Rollout** **15 - 21**
To receive a report (**PSEG/17/22**) on the LED Streetlight Rollout from Councillor Lee Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport.
- 6 Highways Maintenance Performance Update**
To receive a verbal update on highways maintenance performance 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 15 September 2022 at County Hall.
- 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.

- 9 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	
Councillor M Vance	
Councillor H Whitbread	

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, 30 June

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

Present:

Members:

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 J Newport	
Councillor L Scordis	
Councillor M Skeels	
Councillor M Steel	
Councillor M Vance	
Councillor H Whitbread	

ECC Officers:

Nicole Wood	Executive Director Corporate Services (Item 6)
Jim Aldridge	Programme Director for Waste Transformation (Item 6)
Alex Crecy	Chief Technical Advisor (Item 6)
Daniel Maclean	Highway Liaison Officer Team Leader (Item 7)
Justin Styles	Design Manager (Item 7)
Justin Long	Senior Democratic Services Officer (clerk to the meeting)
Lisa Siggins	Democratic Services Officer
Michael Hayes	Democratic Services Assistant

Councillor M Buckley, Cabinet Member for Waste Reduction and Recycling (joined remotely for Item 6)

Councillor B Massey, Deputy Cabinet Member for Waste Reduction and Recycling (for Item 6)

Councillor L Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport (for Item 7)

Councillor C Pond, Chairman, Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee (for Item 6)

Councillor A McGurran, Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee (for Item 6)

Councillor C Siddall, Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee (for Item 6)

Welcome and Introduction

Councillor Goggin, the Chairman of the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee, welcomed those in attendance including members of the Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee attending for Item 6.

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. The Chairman welcomed Councillors Barker and Gadd to their first meeting as members of the Committee, and paid tribute to the contribution of the outgoing members, Councillors Stephenson and Shaw.
2. Apologies had been received from Councillor Moore.
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

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 April 2022 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

The 'matters arising' appendix was noted, and it was confirmed that this would be included as a part of agendas going forward.

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

The Chairman formally thanked Councillor Shaw for her contribution as Vice-Chairman.

Following this, it having been moved by Councillor Goggin and seconded by Councillor Vance, and there being no other nominations it was

Resolved:

That Councillor Steel be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

4. Questions from the Public

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

5. Work Programme

The updated Work Programme was noted.

It was agreed that the Committee would request an update on library statistics (usage and loans) toward the end of the year.

It was reported that the item on Arts and Culture would be considered at the October meeting with the Highways Maintenance Update moved to July.

6. Future of the Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) Tovi Facility

Councillor Buckley introduced the presentation on the MBT facility, which can be found [here](#).

Following the presentation, members were invited to ask questions and provide comment.

Key points raised during this discussion included:

- The Cabinet Member and officers outlined their view that the procurement process undertaken in 2012 was followed with due diligence and was sufficiently robust and thorough.
- It was noted that the High Court Judgement had been clear that the failure of the project was down to the contractor and not the Council.
- The Cabinet Member confirmed that he would be very reluctant to consider MBT technology in the future, but no final decision had been taken.
- The importance of the 'waste hierarchy' was emphasised by several speakers, and it was agreed that the future waste strategy must focus heavily on reducing, reusing and recycling waste.
- It was confirmed by officers that the existing Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) had set an initial recycling target of 50% by 2020 (which had been reached) and an aspiration of 60% (which had not).
- The Community Liaison Group would be commencing work soon and would be seeking residents' views on the future of the Burnt Mills Industrial Estate site in Pitsea.
- Clarification was given on the asbestos issue that had been awarded in favour of UBB: deliveries to the site had been stopped for a short period of time when the Council believed there may have been an asbestos issue with the processing of material at the facility.
- No final decision had been taken by the Council on the future treatment of residual waste; it was noted by officers that in terms of climate emissions there was currently a fine balance between energy-from-waste and landfill solutions.
- The issue of residual waste would form part of the new JMWMS, and this strategy would come back to the Committee for consideration before adoption.

7. Initial Response to LHP Task and Finish Group Report

Councillor Scott outlined his initial response to the recommendations of the LHP Task and Finish Group.

It was agreed that officers would begin work immediately on the recommendations that the Cabinet Member endorsed, such as the Group's support for the rollout of the new online reporting tool.

Meanwhile, areas of divergence or those requiring further work would be brought back to the Committee in September. These included plans for a new Chairman Panel, further information on the plans for member training, and a review of scheme lifecycles.

It was further agreed that prior to the September meeting, there would be an informal meeting between Councillor Scott and the members of the Task and Finish Group.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the next scheduled meeting would take place on Thursday 21 July 2022, 10:30am at County Hall.

9. Urgent Business

No items were raised.

Chairman

PSEG – Matters Arising from June 2022

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Status
30 June 2022	Work Programme	Add item on Library Statistics (update on usage, loans, etc)	Item added to the Committee's Work Programme with date and format tbc.
	Future of the Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) Tovi Facility	Committee to consider the new Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.	Item added to Committee's Work Programme with date tbc.
	Initial Response to LHP Task and Finish Group Review	Emerging polices to come back to the Committee (following informal meeting between Cabinet Member and Task and Finish Group).	Item added to Committee's Work Programme for September.

Work Programme

Agenda Item 4

Reference Number: PSEG/16/22

Report title: Work Programme	
Report to: Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Report author: Justin Long, Senior Democratic Services Officer	
Date: 21 July 2022	For: Discussion
Enquiries to: Justin Long, Senior Democratic Services Officer at justin.long@essex.gov.uk.	
County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The work programme is a standard agenda item.

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 at Council last October.

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

Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee (PSEG) Work Programme – July 2022

Provisional Dates (2022)	Topic Title	Lead Contact / Cabinet Member	Purpose and Target Outcomes	Relevance to Scrutiny Theme (where applicable)	Cross-Committee Work Identified (where applicable)
21 July	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
21 July	LED Streetlight Rollout	Councillor Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport	To provide an update on the project following a request at the January 2022 meeting		
15 September	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		
20 October	Culture and the Arts	Councillor Butland, Cabinet Member for Devolution, the Arts, Heritage and Culture	To consider plans to support the arts and culture in Essex		

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TBC	Freeport East	Councillor Wagland, Cabinet Member for Economic Renewal, Infrastructure and Planning	To consider the proposals and specifically the option for a Company Limited by Guarantee		Possible joint session with CPSC
TBC	Climate Change Update	Sam Kennedy, Director, Environment and Climate Action / Councillor Peter Schwier, Climate Tsar	To receive an update on Climate Change work across ECC and response to Essex Climate Action Commission	Climate Change	Link to the performance monitoring work of the CPSC
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	Scrutiny of the Corporate Strategy (modal shift from cars into bus/bike/foot) and Climate Change	Link to the performance monitoring work of the CPSC

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TBC	Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Sam Kennedy, Director, Environment and Climate Action	To receive information on the emerging Local Nature Recovery Strategy (format tbc)	Climate Change	
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)		Consider overlap with PAF (People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee) and link to the performance monitoring work of the CPSC
TBC	Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy	Councillor Buckley, Cabinet Member for Waste Reduction and Recycling	To consider the emerging strategy	Climate Change	

Report title: LED Streetlight Rollout	
Report to: Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Report author: David Forkin, Head of Maintenance and Operations	
Date: 21 July 2022	For: Discussion
Enquiries to: David Forkin, Head of Maintenance and Operations david.forkin@essexhighways.org	
County Divisions affected: All	

1. Purpose of Report

The presentation in **Appendix 1** provides a snapshot of the LED Phase 4 Programme.

Members of the Committee will have an opportunity to ask questions of officers and the Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport, and then identify any follow-up scrutiny activity.

Appendix - LED Phase 4 Rollout

LED Phase 4

Place Services and Economic Growth
Policy and Scrutiny Committee – July
2022



Phase 4 3 year LED programme:

Replaces 85,000 existing unreliable and obsolete luminaires with new.

Incorporates refresh of existing CMS.

Benefits:

Increased colour recognition

Low energy and carbon

Reduced sky glow

Reliable and low maintenance

Fully monitored and controllable

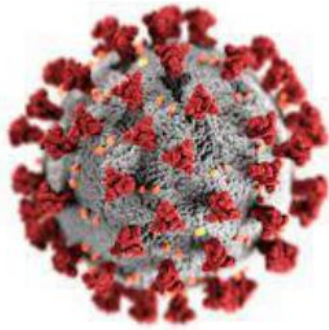


Sodium lighting – poor colour recognition, poor light control

New LED lighting – good colour recognition, good light control, enhanced feeling of safety



Phase 4 Context

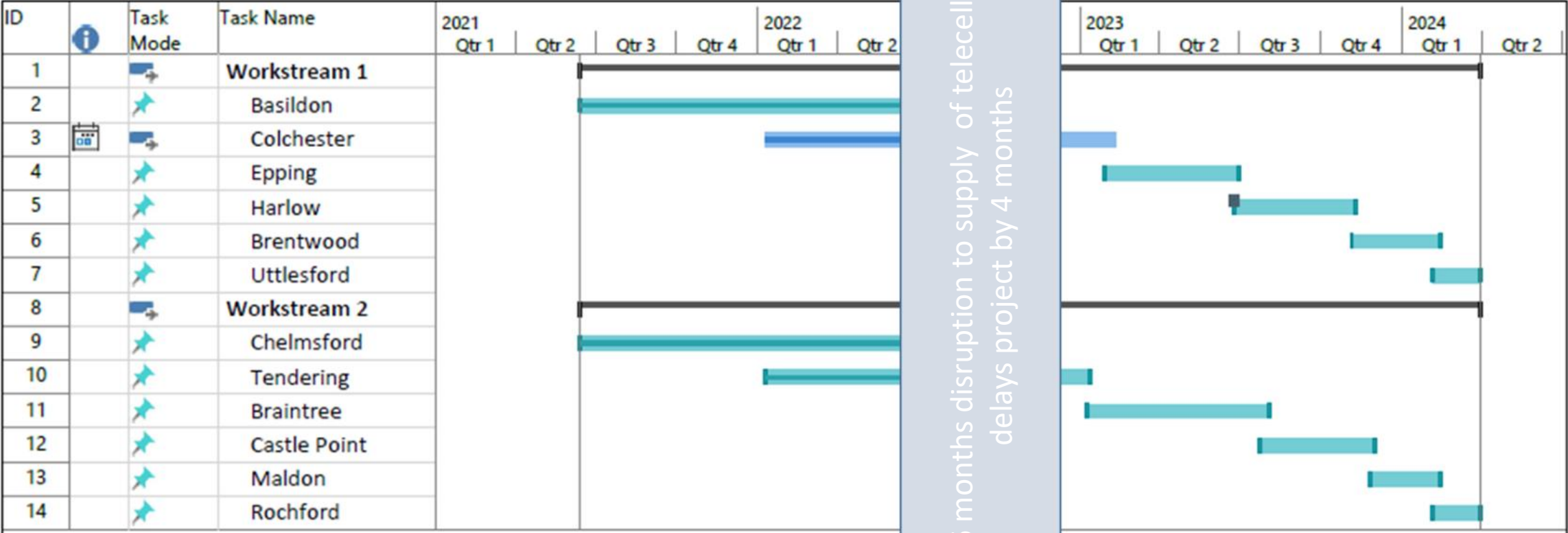


To date

- We have designed 60,078 (50,341) lighting points.
- Received 39,800 (34,350) lanterns
- Upgraded 34,271 (27,131) units to LED
- 30,071 (24,434) units through main programme
- 4,160 (2,697) units were upgraded through the maintenance and column replacement activities
- An approximate annual energy saving of over 80% has been achieved generating over 1000T of carbon savings
- This equates to an annual energy saving of £601,222 (£475,964) at the current rate of £0.17 per kWhr

- Brackets = end of financial year 21/22





Q&A

