



Essex County Council

Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee

10:00	Thursday, 23 May 2024	Committee Room 1 County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH
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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

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| 10 | 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. |
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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)

Cllr Alan Goggin	Chairman
Cllr Jane Fleming	Vice-Chairman
Cllr Dave Blackwell	Vice-Chairman
Cllr Simon Crow	
Cllr Paul Gadd	
Cllr Mike Garnett	
Cllr Paul Honeywood	
Cllr Daniel Land	
Cllr Sue Lissimore	
Cllr James Newport	
Cllr Lee Scordis	
Cllr Mick Skeels	
Cllr Mike Steel	
Cllr Andy Wiles	

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, 25 April 2024

Present:

Members:

Councillor A Goggin	Chairman
Councillor J Fleming	Vice-Chairman
Councillor S Crow	
Councillor P Honeywood	
Councillor J Newport	
Councillor A Sheldon	
Councillor M Skeels	
Councillor M Vance	

Officers:

Tom Blackburne-Maze	Director of Highways & Transport
Mark Glenister	Procurement Manager
Simon Butt	Operations Manager – Ringway Jacobs
Paul Turner	Director, Legal and Assurance / Monitoring Officer
Justin Long	Senior Democratic Services Officer (clerk to the meeting)
Lisa Siggins	Democratic Services Officer

Councillor T Cunningham – Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport

Councillor M Steel and Councillor W Stamp

Welcome and Introduction

Cllr A 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 Cllr D Blackwell, Cllr P Gadd and Cllr A Wiles

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

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

3. Questions from the Public

There were no questions received.

4. Work Programme and Communications Review

The updated Work Programme was noted, and members were encouraged to submit any additional items to the Chairman.

5. Cabinet Member Update

The Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport outlined the key priorities in his portfolio.

These included an efficient highways maintenance service, a review of vegetation management policy, reform of LHPs (Local Highway Panels), and enhanced gully clearance and drain works to mitigate the risk of flooding. Key infrastructure projects were outlined as well as the work to support sustainable transport and encourage modal shift. The Future Highways Programme was also summarised.

The Cabinet Member reported that key challenges were linked to inflation, the impact of the weather and recent flooding as well as the recruitment and retention of staff.

Following the summary, members were invited to ask questions, and during the discussions the following key points were raised:

- It was agreed that the information on the budget underpinning the new cycling strategy would be circulated to the Committee, and the Cabinet Member would consider the need for any wider communication to members on the strategy.
- On enforcement, it was reported that £138,000 additional funding had been invested with 3 extra full-time officers now in post whilst a new reporting system was being put in place for members. The enforcement process was explained, and it was confirmed that legal action was taken when necessary.
- The role of parish councils in supporting enforcement was noted, and it was agreed that a 'standard' letter should be produced to assist them in this task.
- It was agreed that the new speed management strategy would come back to the Committee before a decision was taken by Cabinet / the Cabinet Member.
- It was agreed that the final version of the LTP4 would be shared with the Committee.
- The inspection process for 'public rights of way' was outlined and it was noted that the [report it](#) tool was open to the public to report issues. The

Cabinet Member agreed to investigate if notification could be given to members and residents of upcoming inspections.

- It was agreed that officers would explore whether more than one email address could be supplied when using the '[report it](#)' tool.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the next scheduled meeting would take place on Thursday 23 May 2024.

7. Urgent Business

No items were raised.

Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was resolved:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person).

8. Exempt Business – Highways Performance Update

9. Urgent Exempt Business

No items were raised.

Chairman

PSEG – Matters Arising (May 2024)

Date of Meeting:	Agenda Item	Action	Status
April	Cabinet Member Update (Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport)	<p>Information and action requested on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information on the budget to support the new cycling strategy would be circulated to the Committee. • the new speed management strategy would come back to the Committee before a decision was taken by Cabinet / the Cabinet Member. • final version of the LTP4 would be shared with the Committee. 	<p>Outstanding (at time of publication)</p> <p>Added to the Work Programme</p> <p>Outstanding (at time of publication)</p>

Report title: Work Programme and Communications Review	
Report to: Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Report author: Justin Long, Senior Democratic Services Officer	
Date: 23 May 2024	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 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.
- 2.2 The Scrutiny Board has asked committees to give consideration as to which work programme items may benefit from communications activity to promote the work of the scrutiny function both internally and externally. Members are asked to consider this when reviewing the Appendix.

3. Background

3.1 Developing a work programme

Work has continued 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.

Earlier this year, an item on scrutiny was included in the 'Your Essex' publication. This has resulted in suggestions for the Work Programme on Sports Provision and Emergency Planning. It is proposed to take these items forward later in the year.

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.'

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 – May 2024

Provisional Dates	Topic Title	Lead Contact / Cabinet Member	Purpose and Target Outcomes	Cross-Committee Work Identified (where applicable)
23 May	Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)	Climate Czar and Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste Reduction and Recycling	To consider plans for the emerging strategy ahead of public consultation (further item to be scheduled post-consultation – November 2024)	
20 June	Update from Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for The Arts, Heritage and Culture	To consider work in the portfolio on libraries, arts and culture including the Film Office, Visit Essex and country parks and outdoor spaces	Libraries - PAF
Quarterly	Highways Maintenance Performance	Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport	To receive an update on performance and key issues	
TBC	Speed Management Strategy	Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport	To consider plans for the emerging strategy ahead of a decision by Cabinet / the Cabinet Member	

TBC – 6 month after adoption	EV and Charging Point Strategy	Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport	To review progress on the new EV and Charging Point Strategy (6 months after adoption) and review work on employee fleet transition to EVs	
TBC	LED Streetlight Rollout	Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport	To receive an update on the LED streetlight programme	
TBC	Climate Change	Climate Czar and Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste Reduction and Recycling	To receive an update on Climate Change activity (to include Solar Together?)	Cross-committee issue – extend invite to PSC Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen
TBC	Recycling Booking System Trial	Climate Czar and Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste Reduction and Recycling	To consider the issue post Cabinet decision (expected Feb 2024)	
TBC	Emergency Planning / Flooding	Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport	To receive an update on the issue following a request at the December 2023 meeting (further scoping work needed)	

Additional Items

Items suggested by residents: Sports Provision (to be scoped) and Emergency Planning (see above)

Work with other Policy and Scrutiny Committees: Local Enterprise Partnerships (CPSC), Essex Renewal Fund (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 and Crime and Disorder (not Domestic Violence or Youth Offending Team)
- Emergency Planning
- Waste and recycling
- Energy and emissions reduction
- Trading standards
- Housing
- Gypsies and travellers.

Report title: Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)	
Report to: Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Report author: Justin Long, Senior Democratic Services Officer	
Date: 23 May 2024	For: Discussion
Enquiries to: justin.long@essex.gov.uk	
County Divisions affected: All	

1. Introduction

The Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee's (PSEG) remit includes scrutiny of actions in relation to the natural environment and efforts to tackle climate change.

Introduced under the Environment Act 2021, the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) is a statutory requirement. The purpose is to establish priorities and map proposals for specific actions to drive nature's recovery. Essex County Council is the Responsible Authority for delivering the Essex LNRS.

2. Action required

The Committee is asked to consider the presentation and proposals for the draft strategy ahead of public consultation. Following the consultation, the subject will return to PSEG in November 2024 ahead of adoption by Cabinet.

Expected attendees to support the discussion:

Councillor Peter Schwier - Climate Czar and Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste Reduction and Recycling

Tim Simpson - Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Drainage Manger

Helena Taylor - Local Nature Recovery Coordinator

3. Appendix

Presentation: LNRS

Essex LNRS Scrutiny Meeting May 2024

Helena Taylor
Local Nature Recovery Coordinator





Nature Crisis

- **Decline and loss of species**

- 1 in 6 species at risk of being lost from Great Britain
- Endangered species in Essex: Swift, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Native Oyster
- 55% decline in farm birds
- 32% decline in species' abundance in England

- **Habitat loss**

- UK lowest 12% for biodiversity intactness
- Over last 400 years, Essex has lost 91% of its intertidal saltmarsh

- **Increased fragments habitat**

- Decrease of connectivity for 19% of species

What is a local nature recovery strategy (LNRS)?

- Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) are designed to drive action for nature recovery and further environment benefits across England.
- **LNRSs were made mandatory by the Environment Act 2021**
- Essex County Council is the Responsible Authority appointed to deliver the LNRS on behalf of Greater Essex.
- **Created in partnership with landowners, key environmental stakeholders, Supporting Authorities and members of the public.**
- Once complete, the Essex LNRS will highlight areas where nature is thriving, opportunities for potential habitat creation or enhancement, a strategy for recovery and a visual map to show the state of nature in Essex.



What can it achieve?

- A strategy and map of vital existing spaces for nature and locations of importance for biodiversity – highlight existing spaces of importance for biodiversity and showcase opportunities for nature recovery, leading to better co-ordination.
- Help contribute towards the national and local target of 25% coverage of green infrastructure by 2030. Essex has approx. 14% coverage of GI currently.
- The completed LNRS will be a consideration in planning matters and influence central funding streams to deliver improvements for our environment.
- Co-ordinated approach enables better results on less land – Bigger, Better, More connected

Who?

- The County Council Team
- Essex Local Nature Partnership
- Ground Control, Mapping lead
- Engagement Support

How?

- Collaboration, Partnership Led
- Meaningful and extensive engagement
- Feedback

Key messages

- Bigger, better, more connected
- Habitat and species recovery
- Practical, on-the-ground delivery tool
- Ambitious, deliverable



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STRATEGY



Engagement Overview

- Recently undertaken review of all engagement (2022 – 2024) against the DEFRA guidelines on engagement
- Engagement Plan Produced 2023-2024
- Engagement Plan for Farmers and Landowners 2023 – 2024
- Public, private and voluntary sectors
- Webinars, workshops, events
- Surveys, newsletters, articles
- Continued programme of engagement all the way through public consultation and beyond
- Local Authority (Supporting Authority) monthly meetings





January 2024 – Priority Species workshop



February 2024 – LNP Board Meeting



March 2024 – Tendring Farm Cluster Meeting



March 2024 – Livestock Market



January 2024 – North Essex Farm Cluster Bird Walk



January 2024 – Farmer/Landowner Mapping Workshop

Timeline

- **June 2024:** Launch of Supporting Authority Consultation for 28 days
- **July 2024:** Launch of Public Consultation for 8 weeks
- **August 2024:** Public consultation continues throughout this month
- **September – November 2024:**
 - Public Consultation closes
 - Feedback collated and actioned
 - Consultation with Supporting Authorities before final publishing
 - Cabinet for decision
- **End of 2024:** Publication of LNRS



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Reference Number: PSEG/10/24

Agenda Item 7

Report title: Performance Monitoring (falling within Committee's remit, as reported to the Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee)	
Report to: Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Report author: Justin Long, Senior Democratic Services Officer	
Date: 23 May 2024	For: Consideration and identifying any follow-up scrutiny actions
Enquiries to: Justin Long, Senior Democratic Services Officer at justin.long@essex.gov.uk .	
County Divisions affected: Not applicable	

1. Introduction

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Chairman and Vice Chairmen to reflect on the latest performance update for the *Everyone's Essex – Our Plan for Levelling Up the County: 2021-2025* strategy which are considered quarterly by the Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee.

The Chairman and Vice Chairmen may then wish to highlight any issues arising that may be relevant for the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee (PSEG) to pursue and scrutinise in further detail.

2. Action required

The Committee is asked to consider:

- (i) The attached update; and
- (ii) Identify any follow-up scrutiny actions

3. Background

3.1 The *Everyone's Essex – Our Plan for Levelling Up the County: 2021-2025* strategy was adopted by Full Council on 12 October 2021. The link to the Strategy is [here](#).

3.2 Each scrutiny committee has been asked to be mindful of the strategic ambitions (and associated commitments and performance measures) in the Strategy which are most relevant to the work of the Committee when work planning. Every effort is made to align every item on each iteration of the work programme of each scrutiny committee with the relevant ambition in the Strategy.

3.3 The Scrutiny Board, which has management oversight of the scrutiny work of

Performance Monitoring falling within the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee remit, as reported to the Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee

the four scrutiny committees, determined that the Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee (CPSC) should take the lead on receiving broad quarterly performance updates across the whole Strategy and for all strategic ambitions, which it has done since 2022. To support that process and recognise that the Strategy had cross-committee relevance, the Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the other three scrutiny committees have been invited to attend and participate at all the quarterly performance updates considered by the CPSC. The last update considered by the CPSC was on 4 March 2024.

- 3.4 The Scrutiny Board is keen to further increase the profile and dissemination of these performance reviews with the broader membership of each scrutiny committee and further help facilitate the identification of possible future scrutiny work from that process. Therefore, it has instigated this formal process for feedback and reflection of the CPSC discussions at each of the other scrutiny committees on a regular basis.

4. Next Steps

A link to the relevant agenda paper updating on Everyone's Essex performance is below. Draft minutes are attached as an **Appendix**.

As detailed in the minutes, the performance issues discussed that fall under (either entirely or partly) the remit of PSEG included:

Sustainable Housing Decarbonisation Fund
Coastal Paths
Housing Affordability
LED Streetlight Rollout

5 Relevant links and Appendix

Links below to 4 March 2024 CPSC agenda papers updating on Everyone's Essex performance.

[Performance Discussion - covering paper](#)

[Appendix - Quarterly Corporate Performance Report Q2](#)

Appendix – Extract of the minutes of the CPSC meeting held on 4 March 2024.

CPSC will consider the next Everyone's Essex performance update at its meeting on 20 May 2024. A verbal update on the CPSC discussion will be given at the PSEG meeting on 23 May 2024.

[CPSC Agenda 20 May 2024](#)

Extract of the Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee, held at 11am on Monday, 4 March 2024 in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Chelmsford.

4 Performance discussion – July to September 2023-24

The Committee considered report CPSC/04/24 incorporating an update on progress being made against key performance indicators within the Everyone's Essex Strategy based on 2023-24 Quarter 2 performance report with some core updates up to December 2023 and the opportunity to discuss the wider operational landscape of Essex, including other factors affecting residents.

The following joined the meeting for the duration of the item:

Councillor Kevin Bentley, Leader
Councillor Louise McKinlay, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Levelling Up, Communities and Business Engagement.
Richard Puleston, Director: Policy
Suzanne Barcz, Head of Performance and Business Intelligence

The report identified four key areas of ECC performance that were below target (strategically or functionally) and represented a risk to the Council:

- The number of homes retrofitted under the Sustainable Housing Decarbonisation Fund. Reductions in the Home Upgrade Grant budget were impacting on delivery.
- The number of children subject to Child Protection Plans had risen since March 2023 and continued to be slightly above the target range although Essex continued to have a lower proportion of children on child protection plans than similar authorities.
- The volume of successful interventions for Family Solutions between July 1st 2023 and September 30th 2023 was slightly below target at 84.9% but represented a significant improvement on the previous quarter (79.7%). ECC was continuing to see a high level of demand for the service.
- Two of the coastal path 'part approved' stretches were pending Secretary of State approval (Harwich to Shotley Gate and Wallasea Island to Burnham). The Mersea Island stretch was dependent on the finalisation of a report from Natural England prior to submission to the Secretary of State for approval.

Key points raised during the introductory presentation and subsequent discussion included:

(i) The impact of housing affordability and the overall cost of living pressures were also highlighted as issues that could impact on policy areas, services and wellbeing.

(ii) The Oflog confirmed 'launch' metrics (July 2023) were highlighted. The aim was to provide accessible data, insight and analysis around the performance of local government, to be more transparent as well as to support service improvement. Oflog had initially focused on a small number of metrics, with the four areas being Waste management, Adult Social Care, Adult skills and Finance. Children's Social Care, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping, Public Health and Youth Justice and Accommodation were the next reporting areas proposed for development.

(iii) An LGA -Led Corporate Peer Challenge was expected in the Summer.

(iv) The Year 2 Levelling Up Annual Report was due to be launched in the next week and particular thanks were expressed by the Cabinet Member to staff who had contributed and helped support levelling up initiatives and projects in the past year.

(v) Cllr Mackrory highlighted a constituent grievance relating to hospital discharge and subsequent delay in contact from Adult Social Care to identify ongoing support that was needed. This would be taken up outside of the meeting with the appropriate Cabinet Member.

(vi) ECC's strategy was to support residents in their own home if possible and robust child protection planning was an important part of that approach. Quarter 3 data was now available which indicated a downward trajectory on the number of child protection cases.

(vii) Some members highlighted that the Local Government Ombudsman had been critical of ECC SEND processes in relation to four Essex child protection cases. It was stressed that such case detail was not within the strategic measures performance reporting of Everyone's Essex but would be scrutinised in other governance processes including at the Corporate Governance Board. The People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee was also currently looking at SEND services.

(viii) Some members queried the crime and feeling safe disclosure and cited the number of recent burglaries that were

unresolved. This was an issue that could be pursued with the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner.

(ix) There could still be some ongoing monitoring of Family Solutions cases after successful interventions but it would depend on the circumstances of each individual case and any necessary de-escalation.

(x) A Multi-Disciplinary Team approach trialled in Tendring had brought together various partners and provided a wraparound service for families. ECC would welcome further liaison and co-partnering in other district areas when the opportunities arose.

(xi) The next performance update (for Q3) would include some of the anticipated Care Quality Commission focused performance measures.

(xii) Whilst the Leader considered that the roll-out of LED street lighting had generally been good, there could be parts supply and ring main issues that could delay repairs.

(xiii) Members encouraged further use of banking and community hubs, and other similar initiatives, to provide support and advice for residents. Through the Levelling Up programme ECC were also looking to see how to get people using on-line resources more as well.

(xiv) Everyone's Essex enabled discussions on the most important measures such as ageing well, continuing good education provision and supporting those that needed more help in attainment, and facilitating emerging jobs and opportunities.

(xv) There was ongoing consideration about how to incorporate and complement Oflog reporting disclosure requirements with the strategic measures reporting within Everyone's Essex.

Conclusion

The Leader suggested that advance notice of the most detailed questions would help him to come prepared to give detailed answers on the day.

It was agreed to provide more detail on the following:

(i) The calculation of mileage driven with low or zero emission vehicles and the assumptions used.

(ii) Job opportunities from emerging sectors including ongoing discussions about establishing a further college specifically looking at Green jobs.

(iii) Carbon savings from use of LED lights and savings on electricity usage and the extent to which energy supplies came from green sources.

(iv) A further breakdown of the number of road casualties and relevant links to other reporting platforms where appropriate. Generally, they were not reported in detail as part of the Everyone's Essex strategic performance framework as they were available via LG Inform and Oflog Data Explorer

It was also agreed that confirmation and clarification on any new deadlines and any new opportunities for funding under the housing decarbonisation fund would be included in the next report.