

Corporate Performance Report

Quarter 2: July – September
2023-24

Policy Unit



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Spotlight for Quarter 2



OFLOG

For this quarter, we draw attention to the measures included in the OFLOG measures, highlighting the measures which have been in place since July 2023 and drawing attention to the new areas of focus currently in consultation, and the future areas for performance reporting.

Detail outlined on slides 9-11 ECC performance and benchmarking in the annex (slides 24-26)

THE ECONOMY



In Q2 inflation remained at 6.7% in September. (For January, inflation is now at 4.2% against the Bank of England's target of 2%).

High inflation rates also reflect rising living costs for residents – we project that by July 2024, 43,000+ households in Essex may have incomes below the level necessary to pay for food and essential bills. This creates considerable risk around future demand pressures and uncertainty around future council tax and business rate revenues.

In this reporting period the Bank of England left interest rates unchanged at 5.25%, after 14 consecutive increases. This will keep the cost of borrowing higher than recently experienced, with direct implications for the cost of financing ECC's capital programme.

HEALTH & WELLBEING



Whilst the Essex health system remains under pressure, progress has been made on the length of time people wait for an intervention from Adult Social Care. Since 31st March there has been a 16% reduction in the number of adults awaiting a Care Act assessment.

A review was undertaken on how cases are prioritised and to ensure those with the highest priority get an appropriate response.

The 12 identified initiatives to address the overall number of people waiting are being progressed and ASC continue to look at all areas of prevention to reduce demand and promote independence.

Care Technology continues to prevent, reduce and delay demand coming into ASC and support the independence of over 8,000 adults across Essex.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES



While the number of children in care has remained relatively stable during the last quarter, the number of children on a child protection plan continues to rise, increasing from 677 to 772 in the last 9 months. Essex continues to benchmark well.

While the number of Child Protection Plans are increasing, overall, the number of open cases has seen a slight decline, the result of a reduction in the number of children on a Child in Need Plan.

Attainment outcomes across all key stages within the primary phase increased in 2023 and continue to compare favourably with national averages. In addition, the span between the highest and lowest performing districts across Essex was lower than in 2022. Whilst many Levelling Up initiatives are still in their infancy, this bodes well for future years. The secondary phase key stages saw the anticipated reduction in performance as marking thresholds reverted to those used in 2019 (2022 made some allowances for post-pandemic effects). Reductions were also seen nationally but Essex performance continues to be lower than national averages in most KS4 measures. The performance of disadvantaged pupils remains a concern with those in Essex performing lower than their national peers across all age ranges.

LEVELLING UP



A priority focus for the Levelling Up work continues to be mobilising delivery for the 4 Levelling Up Essex cohorts. The Levelling Up cohorts cover all districts in Essex and interventions will therefore include non-Levelling Up districts and boroughs.

Following on from the plans developed for young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs) and Working Families, the focus is now on people with a learning disability, mental health need and children on free school meals, with a view to delivery plans for all cohorts being agreed by early 2024.

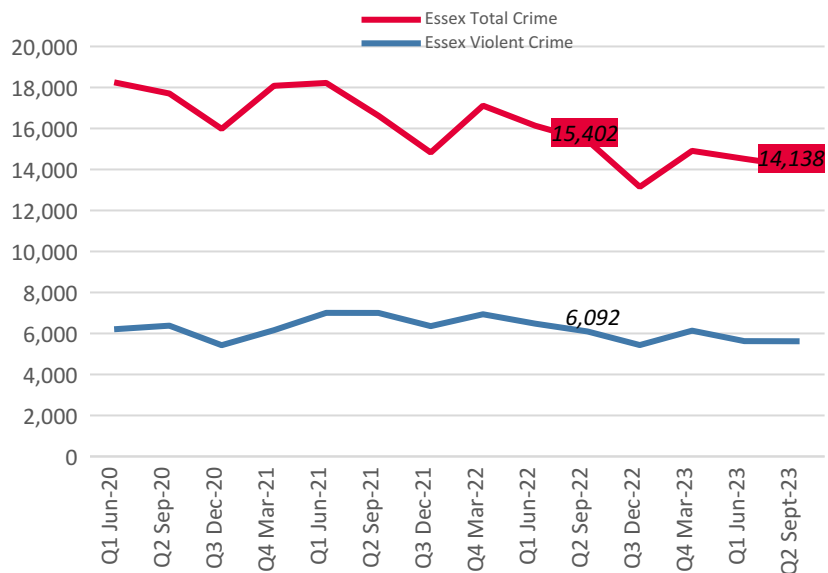
The large-scale community engagement project in Rural Braintree, and '100 days 100 families' project in Canvey Island are both shortly due to conclude, both of which have focused on identifying and learning what levelling up means for communities and families. This work will inform the ongoing development of the LU agenda in both places.



Crime and feeling safe

Over a third of crime in Essex is categorised as Violent Crime, which is **down 7.8%** compared to the same period last year.

Essex Total Crime **down 8.2%** since last year



61.4%

Crime and fear of crime is a contributing factor to people's satisfaction with place, and with their own wellbeing.

Economic factors could have a negative impact on crime

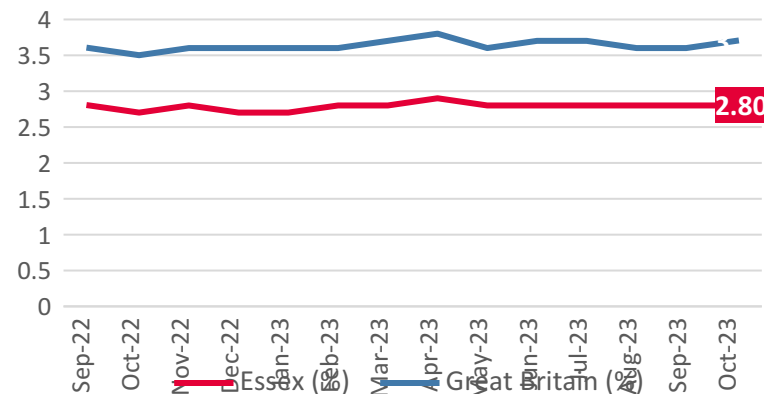
In September 2023, around 6 in 10 adults in Great Britain said they tend to be satisfied with the police in the UK.



Employment

Unemployment rates have fallen to pre-coronavirus pandemic levels, following a rise during the pandemic.

Claimant rate 16+ remains stable at **2.8%**



Breakdown:

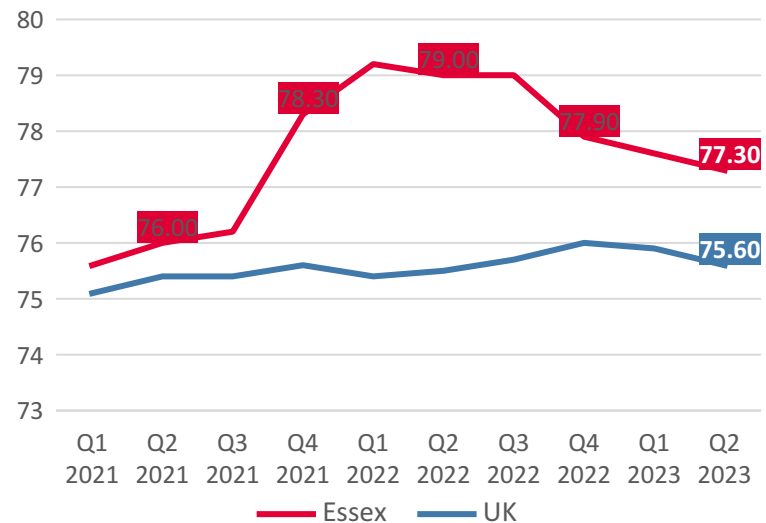
Number of people unemployed by Age Group:

4.7K
aged between 16-24

15.3K
aged between 25-49

5.9K
aged 50+

Employment rate (16-64), **down 0.2%** from Q4 2022/23



Essex continues to perform strongly in employment performance compared with the national picture. High employment rates will contribute to reduced demand and enhance council tax yield. However, the impact of the cost of living will still impact in-work families

Strategic Risk

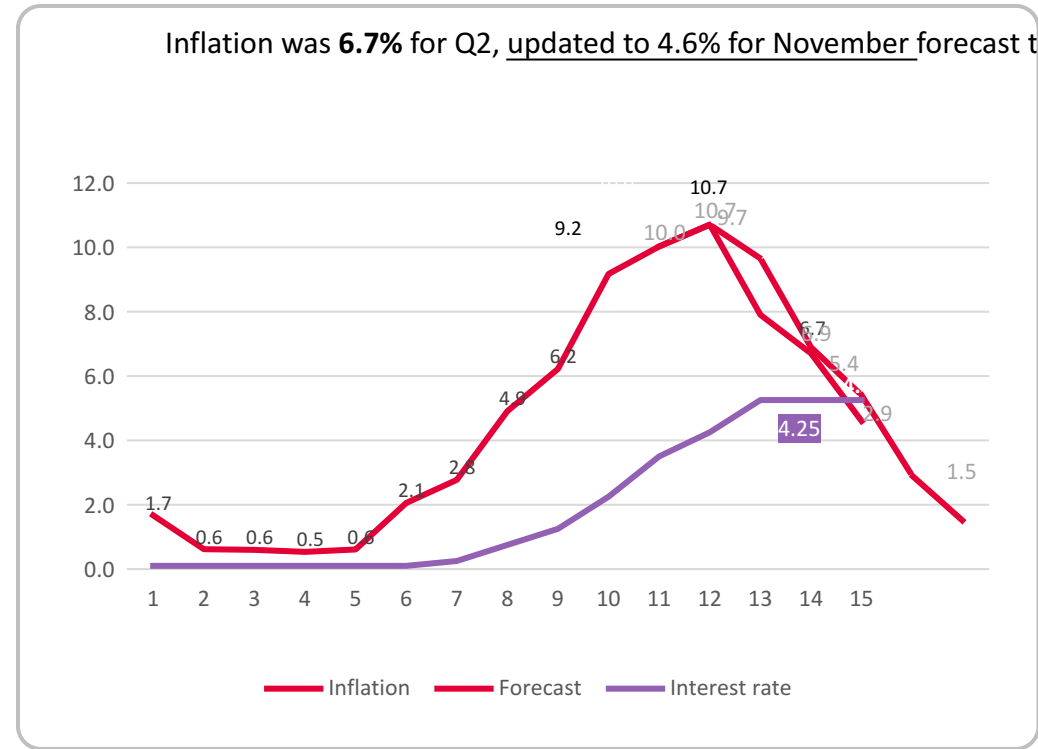


Current risk score
12
 (4, 3)

Target score
8
 (4, 2)

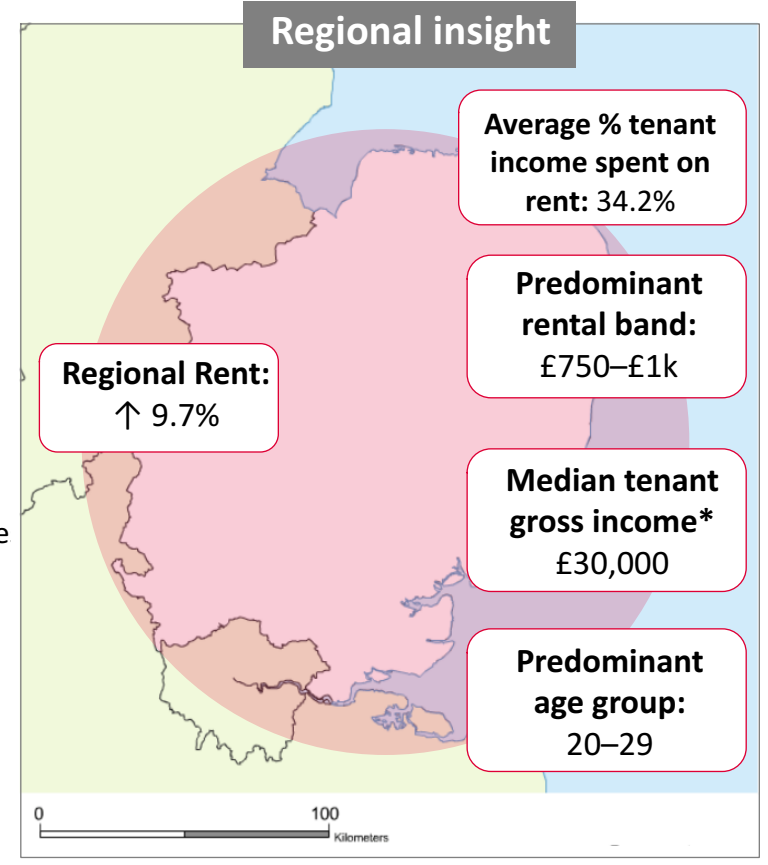
ECC Strategic Risk (SRR0092): Inflation

Inflation has reduced since its peak in October 2022 at 11.1%, now currently at 4.6% for November (against the Bank of England's target of 2%). High inflation rates drive increasing costs for ECC and have increased pressure on ECC capital and revenue budgets and creates considerable risk around future demand pressures. The Bank of England raised interest rates on fourteen consecutive occasions, with the base rate remaining at 5.25% since August, driving up the cost of borrowing. We continue to monitor inflation pressures monthly; regular updates and potential impacts are reported to CLT and PLT.



Rent & Mortgage risk in Essex

- Essex House prices falling by 0.7% in September compared to the same period last year
- Average monthly rents across the UK continue to rise in October, taking monthly rents to a new record high.
- The average rental value for new tenancies in the East of England is £1,216 per calendar month
- Affordability: In the last year, affordability has weakened the most in London, the East of England and Scotland.



National insight

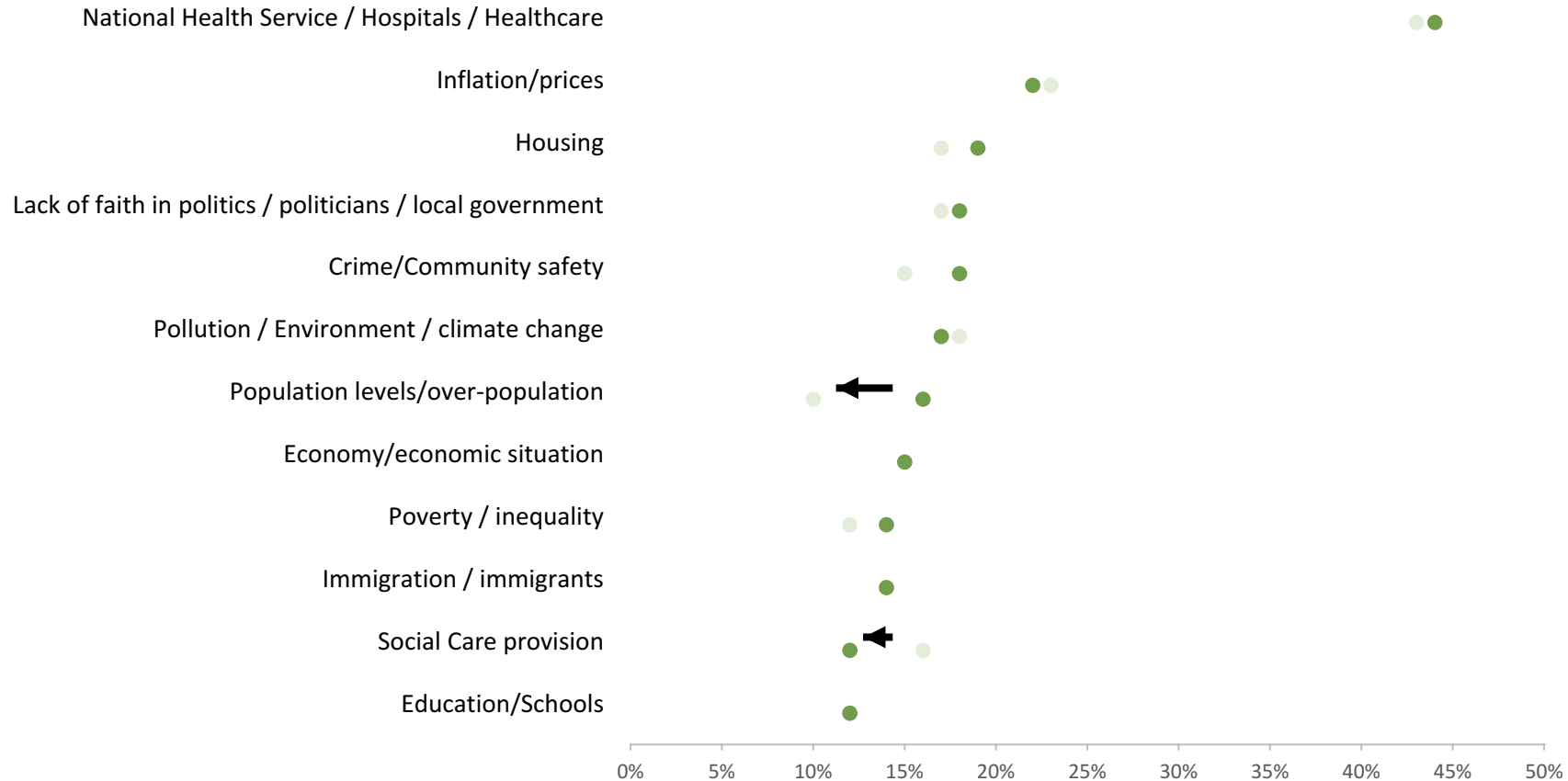
- The average UK house price was £291,000 in September 2023.
- Around 35% of adults in Great Britain paying rent or mortgage said they were finding the payments very or somewhat difficult to afford*
- 40% said their payments had increased in the last six months*
- The proportion of mortgage payments made by Direct Debit which failed because of insufficient funds last month was the highest since May 2023.

Essex Issues Tracker data is gathered from the ECC Residents panel, we asked residents:
'What would you say are the most important issues facing Essex today?'

Previous quarter/
datapoint Latest quarter/
datapoint

Latest data: October 2023

Comparison to Previous Position



Data gathered from Essex Residents Pulse survey April 2023 and October 2023. We asked 'What would you say are the most important issues facing Essex today? Respondents could select up to 3 responses. Base sizes: all respondents who answers in April 2023 = 489; October 2023 = 542 Chart shows top 12 responses



243,373

Trees planted by Essex Forest Initiative since 2020.
New woodland contributes to delivering net zero carbon, nature recovery, reduces flooding, cooling city centres and provides protection against airborne pollution


61.7 Hectares

Planted (from 2021/22 – 22/23)

13.8km

Hedgerows planted (2022/23)

Percentage of land that is now green infrastructure

14%  **30%**
2040 target



Energy Efficiency – Net Zero Policy



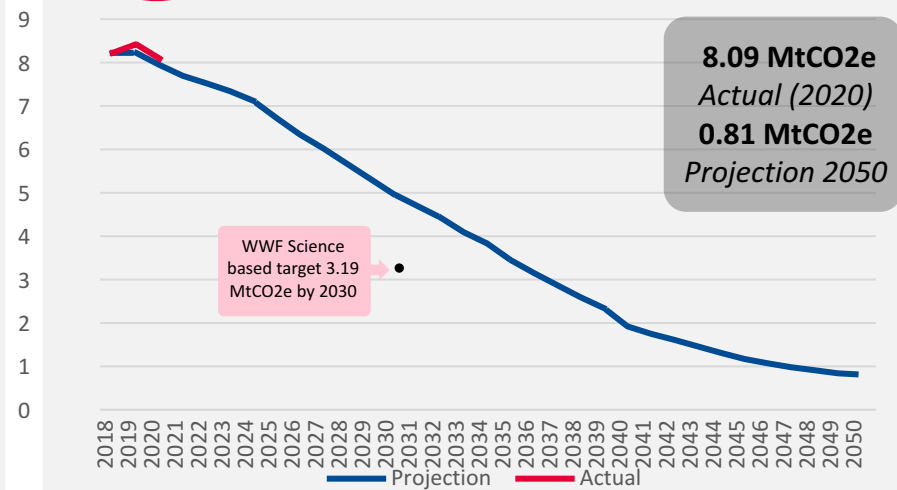
A turnaround on Energy Efficiency Standards for landlords could lead to costs of up to £325 per year for tenants on elevated energy costs



Heat pump installation is behind the curve with an estimated 13,000 qualified engineers needed in Essex to carry out installations and maintenance to meet Net Zero outcomes



Essex GHG emissions MtCO2e

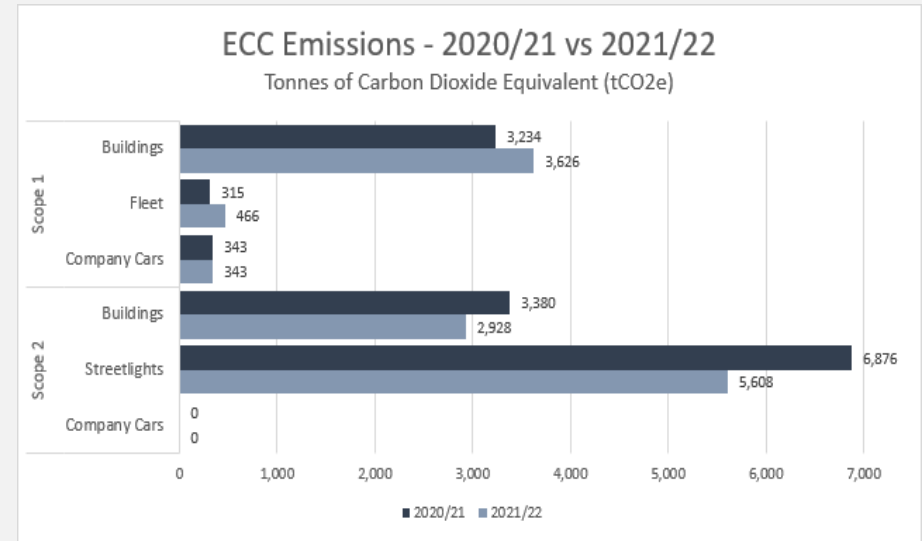


ECC rating for Carbon Disclosure Project

A

457.8M
(Q2) Total Solar Energy Produced by ECC Sites (Wh)

39%
(Q2) Total consumption Solar Energy Produced by ECC Sites Fed to Grid (Wh)



Year	Domestic Actual	Projections	I&C Actual	Projections	Industrial Actual	Projections	Transport Actual	Projections	Waste Actuals	Projections
2018	2.16	2.16	1.51	1.51	0.35	0.35	3.07	3.07	0.97	0.97
2019	2.17	2.09	1.54	1.41	0.36	0.33	3.25	2.98	0.89	0.89



What are the Oflog Measures?

- Oflog confirmed the ‘launch’ metrics in July 2023, with the aim 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 has focused on a small number of metrics, the four areas are: Waste management, Adult Social Care, Adult skills and **Finance**.
- These selected metrics have been made available on a new online tool, which will bring together a selection of existing measures across a subset of service areas, for data that is available at different levels of local authority, from Mayoral Combined Authority to District Council level.
- Oflog will periodically review the metrics under each service area and will continue to engage with local authorities.
- Further service areas will be added to the Oflog list, as well as existing service areas being expanded, as the metrics are developed and improved.
- Local authorities are invited to provide feedback on their experience and the ease of use of the new online tool.

[More information can be found here](#)

Initial areas with metrics delivered

<u>Waste Management</u>	<u>Adult Skills</u>	<u>Adult Social Care</u>	<u>Finance</u>
Household waste recycling rate (%)	19+ further education and skills achievements per 100,000 population	Requests resulting in a service	Non-ringfenced reserves as % of net revenue expenditure
Residual household waste (kg per household)	19+ further education and skills achievements per 100,000 population (excluding apprenticeships)	Workforce turnover rate	Non-ringfenced reserves as % of service spend
Recycling contamination rate (%)	Adults with a Level 3 or above qualification	People in adult social care, quality of life	Total core spending power per dwelling (£)
<p>ECC performance on these initial measures can be found in the Oflog Annex</p>		Carers of people in adult social care, quality of life	Level of Band D council tax rates (£)
		Short-term service provision	Social care spend as % of core spending power
		People who use services who found it east to find information	Debt servicing as % of core spending power
		Carers who found it easy to find information about services	Total debt as % of core spending power

Work is underway to ensure these measures form part of future ECC performance management reporting

Currently reported	In development for reporting	Not reported
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Areas with metrics currently being shared for comment with local authorities:



Business and Economic Growth

Births of new enterprises *[upper tier, unitary authorities, MCAs]*
 Deaths of enterprises *[upper tier, unitary authorities, MCAs]*
 Number of high growth enterprises *[upper tier, unitary authorities, MCAs]*

Gross Value Added (GVA) per hour worked *[upper tier, unitary authorities, MCAs]*
 Gross median weekly pay (£) *[upper tier, unitary authorities, MCAs]*
 Employment rate for 16-64 years olds *[upper tier, unitary authorities, MCAs]*



Corporate and Finance

Percentage of Ombudsman complaints upheld *[all tiers]*
 Number of upheld Ombudsman complaints per 10,000 population *[all tiers]*
 Council tax collection rates *[lower tier, unitary authorities, London and metropolitan boroughs]*

Non-domestic rates collection rates *[lower tier, unitary authorities, London boroughs and metropolitan boroughs]*



Planning

Percentage of major planning applications decided on time *(district matters)*

Percentage of major planning applications decided on time *(County)*

Percentage of non-major planning applications decided on time *(district matters)*

Percentage of major planning applications overturned on appeal *(district matters)*

Percentage of major planning applications overturned on appeal *(county matters)*

Percentage of non-major planning applications overturned on appeal *(district)*

Date when a Local Plan was formally adopted by an authority *(lower tier)*



Roads

Percentage of local authority A roads considered for maintenance *[upper tier below MCAs, unitary authorities, London and metropolitan boroughs]*

Percentage of local authority B and C roads considered for maintenance *[upper tier below MCAs, unitary authorities, London and metropolitan boroughs]*

Number of casualties in reported road traffic collisions per billion vehicle miles *[upper tier below MCAs, unitary authorities, London and metropolitan boroughs]*



Waste Management (fly-tipping)

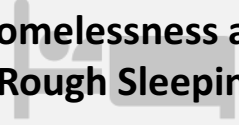
Fly-tipping incidents per 1,000 people
 Fly-tipping fixed penalty notices issued per incident
 Fly-tipping fixed penalty notices issued per 1,000 people
 Fly-tipping fixed penalty notices percent paid
 Fly-tipping fixed penalty notices paid per incidents
 Fly-tipping enforcement actions per incident

Areas proposed for development next (subject to change), measures underneath each to be confirmed for each area

Childrens Social Care



Homelessness and
Rough Sleeping



Public Health



Youth Justice &
Accommodation



Future areas for development:

- Animal Welfare
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Asylum Services
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
- Early Years
- Employment Rate
- Environment
- Housing
- Neighbourhood Crime
- Parks and Green Spaces
- Public Transport
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Sport, Leisure & Recreational Services (inc. Libraries)
- Support Services for vulnerable people

Performance Annex:

Quarter 2 performance data

Strategic Indicators: Achievements

The Everyone's Essex Story
Q1 2023/24

1,117 jobs directly created by ECC programmes

47% people achieving their health weight outcomes

Successful Family Solutions an increase on Q4 (77.5%) to 79.7% for Q1 2023-24

12,854 NHS Health Checks delivered in Q1 2023-24; this is above the target uptake of 12,000.

7.9% of adults known to secondary mental health services in paid employment

3-4-year-old Childcare Funding; Essex is ranked third highest against statistical neighbours at 95.2%

215 properties benefiting from reduced surface water flood risk

Quarter 2 progress 2023/24

Replacement LED streetlight work continues, saving 6,500 tonnes of carbon per year

532,398 miles have been driven with low or zero emission vehicles, which equates to 66% progress towards committed units.

MH services & paid employment: ECC already outperforms the national average based on the ASCOF measure and the work to improve recording will mean the significant outperformance

Q3 2023/24

Social Value: 1,425 FTE jobs created, The largest numbers coming from Employment or retention from Local people and NEET.

100,243 miles have been saved due to cycle to work programmes, public transport and carpooling programmes.

The Sustainable Housing Decarbonisation Fund) has now retrofitted 253 homes to an EPC rating of 'C'





Off Target, Out of Range, and Worsening

Measure	Trend	Value	Target
Sections of coastal paths completed		0	5
The number of children subject to child protection plans per 10,000		24.6	17.3 – 20.5



Off Target but Stable or Improving

Measure	Trend	Value	Target
Percentage of families with successful intervention (Family Solutions)		84.90%	85%
Retrofit in low-income households		253	547

Measure	RAG	Value	Target
Number of people benefitting from ECC skills and employability programmes	↓	1,078	6,825 (academic year)
Jobs created directly through ECC programmes	↑	338	815

Skills, employability and jobs:

This is a new target of 6,825 for this academic year (23/34). The current value of 1,078 is for September only due to this being the start of the academic year. It is important to note due to the type of courses on offer these do not all start in September and are spread out throughout the year. These include Multiply, Apprenticeships and entry level up to Level 5 qualifications.

Jobs created directly:

Jobs directly created through ECC programmes has increased by 40 jobs to 338 (Apr 23-Sept 23). This includes:

- 216 entry level jobs in ECC
- 122 jobs created and safeguarded by the Business Support contract

Measure	RAG	Value	Target
Retrofit in low-income households	↑	253	547
Replacing streetlights (mainly residential roads) in Essex with new LED lights	↑	16,509	32,476
Sections of coastal paths completed	↑	0	5
Number of properties where risk has been reduced as a result of Flood Management Schemes	↔	0	215

Streetlights: 2023/24 sees the third and final year of Phase 4 of the LED Replacement Programme. This final year should see ECC finalise converting all of our remaining old-style street lighting stock from lamps into LED's. Last year the upgrade programme was significantly impacted by the global shortage of components for the telecells that are used to control the streetlights. While we were able to recover a lot of lost ground in the final quarter of 22/23, this leaves the final year with a stretching target of 32,476 replacements. It should be noted that this is over 10% larger than the programmes delivered in Year 1 and Year 2 (27,131 and 28,439 replacements respectively).

Flood Management: There are 8 Priority Projects scheduled for 2023/24, providing a reduced surface water flood risk to at least 215 properties. Four schemes are already in construction, and all eight are expected to be achieved by Mar 24. The estimated cost of delivery exceeds the capital programme budget of £4m. The difference will need to be made up of external grants or efficiency savings. In this reporting period £441,500 has been received in grant funding.

Retrofit in low-income households: The SHDF (Sustainable Housing Decarbonisation Fund) has now retrofitted 253 homes to an EPC rating of 'C'. This is 46% towards the target of 547 (with a new deadline of 31 Dec 23). The Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 (HUG2) Programme budgets have unfortunately been significantly reduced at the request of the government.

Coastal Paths: We are still waiting for approval from the Secretary of State for the two 'part approved' stretches (Harwich to Shotley Gate and Wallasea Island to Burnham). Furthermore, Natural England are still to finalise their report for Mersea Island in order that it can be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval. Funding has now been secured for the open stretches for last year's maintenance, and costs have been reimbursed for the initial work. We are currently waiting to hear about our application for this year's maintenance on those stretches. Whilst approval has been granted for the route north of Salcott, the path itself is being revisited to ensure that all the local arrangements are intact.

Measures reported annually are included on rotation where there are updated figures.

Measure	RAG	Value	Target
ECC rating for CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project)		A	B
Number of trees planted from Essex Forest Initiative		0	100,000

CDP Rating: Essex has been rated as one of the best places in the world when it comes to tackling global warming.

Top marks have been given to Essex County Council for its work on climate action by being awarded an ‘A-Rating’ by CDP, formerly known as the Carbon Disclosure Project. The environmental impact organisation, CDP, has recognised Essex as one of only 122 locations across the globe taking bold leadership on environmental action and transparency, despite the pressures of a challenging global economic situation. One of 19 UK local authority areas, Essex is the only county council in the UK to be awarded an A rating this year.

Trees: In 2022/23, the target of 75,000 trees was significantly exceeded, with an estimated total of 100,600 trees being planted throughout Essex. The target of 100,000 (40 hectares) in 2023/24 is expected to be achieved; however, the planting season does not start until November, so the progress indicators will show 0 for the early part of the Financial Year. These plantings contribute to achieving our targets for Natural Infrastructure

External funding has been secured, as follows:

- Up to **£2.1m** over 3 years from the Urban Tree Challenge Fund (Forestry Commission)
- Up to **£300k** over 3 years from the Local Authority Treescape Fund (Forestry Commission) to support four landowners with their England Woodland Creation Offer applications.
- Up to **£32k** from the Tree Production Capital Grant (Forestry Commission) for the creation of 2 community tree nurseries.
- £381k from National Highways' Designated Funds for 30 years of improved woodland management across the unstaffed woodland estate.

In addition, we are waiting to hear back from a collaborative bid for the Coronation Living Heritage Fund for the planting of up to nine new orchards.

Measure	RAG	Value	Target
Number of adult social care users in receipt of care technology	↑	8,049	4,195
% of adults with a learning disability that transition into adult social care in residential care	↓	7.7%	N/A
Percentage of adults known to secondary mental health services in paid employment	↑	8.2%	7.0%

Care technology: There are a total of 8,049 service users in the service at end of Sept 23. New installs since July 2022 is 5,350. Care Technology is delivering avoidable savings of ~£573,000 against the 2023/24 MTRS target. The monitoring and response service has attended 3,299 response visits and picked up 1,559 fallers since go live which has saved an additional £1,626,600 avoidable NHS costs due to ambulance call outs and days in hospital. We've trained 1,626 internal and external individuals to prescribe care technology across Essex, 33% external. Across the contract, we've seen ~£10.36M return in Social Value across employment, training, green project and reducing public service demand.

Mental Health services & paid employment: Further work is underway by EPUT to improve the recording in this area. ECC already outperforms the national average based on the ASCOF measure and the work to improve recording will mean the significant outperformance which ECC achieves in this area will be fully reflected for the 23/24 national reporting.

LD Trans to Res: 13 adults with Learning Disabilities transitioned across to Adult Social Care during the last quarter. 1 of those adults was in residential care at the point they were transitioned into adult social care.

Measure	RAG	Value	Target
The proportion of adults in contact with secondary mental health services (services generally requiring referral by a GP) living independently, with or without support	↓	17.7%	15.8%
Percentage of adults who are self-caring post reablement on discharge from hospital	↑	<i>Q1 value: 50.9%</i> Q2: TBC*	52%
Number of total population aged 40-74 receiving an NHS Health Check	↑	26,066	48,000

NHS Health Check: Q2 saw 13,212 health checks completed for those eligible in Essex, this is 110% of the target needed for this quarter and is higher than the 12,854 completed within Q1. In terms of YTD, we have completed 26,066 health checks against a target of 24,000 – this represents delivery of nearly 109% so far this year. In terms of health checks offered the cumulative total is 61,476 against our target in the YTD.

Mental Health: Data validation exercise underway at EPUT which includes some changes to their case management system and additional training for staff. Preview of October data suggests they are starting to see genuine improvements from this work.

*Q2 data for 'Reablement' is to be confirmed once the data is validated.

Measure	RAG	Value	Target
Percentage of families with successful intervention (Family Solutions)	↑	84.9	85%

Family Solution interventions: The Volume of successful intervention for Family Solutions between July 1st 2023 and September 30th 2023 is 84.9% this is 7.9% points above the previous quarters 79.7% successful interventions.

Family Solutions closed 440 families in the last quarter, 212 of these cases were closed after an extended intervention, the remaining cases were closed as 'Decision not to proceed' or 'Family Solutions not required'.

Measure	RAG	Value	Target
The number of children known to social care per 10,000	↓	183.3	190 – 210 (Target range)
The number of children subject to Children in Need plans per 10,000	↑	49.1	47.3 - 63.1 (Target range)
The number of children subject to child protection plans per 10,000	↑	24.6	17.3 - 20.5 (Target range)

Children known to social Care:

The number of children open to social care has decreased from 191.7 per 10,000 to 183.29 in September 2023, similar to rates seen in 2022.

During the last 2 years North has consistently had the greatest number of children open to social care and the highest rate per 10,000. Due to the number of SMC in West, they have seen an increase in the number of children open to social care from 1329 (152.7 per 10,000) in September 2021 to a peak of 1600 (183.9 per 10,000) in June 2023. In September 2023, although North and West have a similar number of children open to social care (1532 and 1530 respectively), North has the highest rate per 10,000 of all the quadrants at 225.26, but West has seen a dip in their rate and has the least at 150.68 per 10,000.

We have also included the numbers of children open to social care for additional context.

Children in Need (CIN) and Child Protection plans:

The number of children on child in need plans in Essex has fluctuated over the last 12 months, reaching a peak of 1661 in March 2023, falling to 1556 in September, in line with levels seen last October. The main cause for this is the number of mainstream CIN volumes dropping to their lowest number of 812 in September, with CWD and Case Managed plans remaining relatively stable.

The rate of children in need has increased from 46.2 and 46.4 per 10,000 in 2022, to rates between 48.7 and 50.1 in 2023, although higher are still in the expected range. North continues to have the highest rate per 10,000 and has seen an increase to 62.2 in September, significantly higher than the other quadrants, whose rates are between 43.4 and 48.9.

Child Protection Plans: The number of children subject to Child Protection plans was relatively stable during Q4 of last year, with numbers between 680 and 690. However, numbers have risen since March 2023, reaching 733 in June. This measure is rated as red as the rate of children on child protection plans continues to be slightly above the threshold range, however as noted previously – Essex continues to have a lower proportions of children on child protection plans than similar authorities. At a quadrant level, the rate per 10,000 varies significantly, with notably more children on a child protection plan in North than the other three quadrants. Rates have risen from 32.8 to 36.6, while the other quadrants generally see rates between 15 and 22.

Measure	RAG	Value	Target
Number of looked after children per 10,000	↓	36.5	34.7 - 39.4 (Target range)
Review representation of Ethnically Diverse CYP across the statutory social care system: Open to social care	↑	23.3%	N/A
Review representation of Ethnically Diverse CYP across the statutory social care system: Children in Care	↑	26.9%	N/A
Review representation of Ethnically Diverse CYP across the statutory social care system: Child protection	↑	14.3%	N/A

Looked After Children: The number of children in care rose during 2022 and continues to see higher numbers. Following a peak in November, volumes have been more consistent, fluctuating between 1150 and 1170, currently sitting at 1160 in June. Despite the increases that have been seen over time, the number of children looked after by the council remains in our expected range. At a quadrant level, North continues to see significantly higher rates of children in care per 10,000 but has seen rates fall from 50.6 in June 2022 to 46.6 by June 2023. West has also seen rates rise, heavily impacted by the rising number of SMC during qu4 of 2022/23.

Children from an ethnically diverse group: The proportion of children open to social care from an ethnically diverse group has grown gradually over time, and currently sits at 23.2%, slightly more than last quarter (21.9%). The increase is mainly reflected in the children in care numbers, where a higher number of separated migrant children is seen; 68.5% of SMC in care being of other ethnic groups for example. The proportion of children in care from Global Majority backgrounds falls from 26.2% to 15.6% when SMC are excluded, which is much closer to the Essex school census rate of 14.3%.

Measure	RAG	Value	Target
Collection rate of Council Tax achieved for the year	↓	96.6%	98%
Deliver social value through procurement and practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SV % Delivered • SV Committed (£) • SV Delivered (£) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38.0% • £97,510,914 • £36,931,323 	N/A

Council Tax collection: The 2023/24 Q2 forecast for the in-year collection rate is 96.6%, which is 0.5% less than reported at Q1.

Currently, districts are forecasting over £14.5m of council tax income collection this financial year relating to prior years, which is the equivalent of about a 1.5% increase in the collection rate.

So, if we apply this on top of the current 96.6% average collection rate that we have in-year, the overall collection of council tax remains on target and on budget, which is why the billing authorities are forecasting a collection fund surplus, which ECC will benefit from in 2024/25.

Social Value: Within the theme of ‘A Strong Inclusive Sustainable Economy’ there has been a delivery of 1,425 FTE jobs. This is 78% progress towards committed units. The largest numbers coming from Employment or retention from Local people and NEET.

There has been a total of 106 tonnes of CO2 emission savings which equates to 50% progress on delivery of units committed, from either renewable energy measures or Savings in CO2e emissions on contract achieved through de-carbonisation. A total of 100,243 miles have been saved due to cycle to work programmes, public transport and carpooling programmes.

A total of 532,398 miles have been driven with low or zero emission vehicles, which equates to 66% progress towards committed units.

The overall committed value toward the strategic aim of Health Wellbeing and independence of people in Essex has 42% progress towards the committed value. This is inclusive of £468,616 worth of initiatives taken & staff time invested with £148,517 focussed on mental health for adults & children initiatives.

Measures reported annually are included on rotation where there are updated figures.

Oflog measures

2021/22 performance data

Oflog Measure

Latest data available (2021/22)



Household waste recycling rate (%)	Essex 49.70 (can be broken down further for districts) Mean for all English county local authorities: 46.81
Residual household waste (kg per household)	Essex: 534.70kg can be broken down further for Essex districts/authorities
Recycling contamination rate (%) (estimated rejects)	Essex: 4.13 Mean for all English county local authorities: 6.14



Requests resulting in a service	Essex: 1,310 per 100,000 population Median of Essex's CIPFA Nearest Neighbours: 1,512 per 100,000 England Median: 1,708 per 100,00 population
Workforce turnover rate	Essex: 30% Median of Essex's CIPFA Nearest Neighbours: 30.8% England Median: 28.9%
People in adult social care, quality of life	Essex: 0.427 (value range -0.8 to 1.0) Median of Essex's CIPFA Nearest Neighbours: 0.410 England Median: 0.409
Carers of people in adult social care, quality of life	Essex: 7.6 (value range 0 to 12) Median of Essex's CIPFA Nearest Neighbours: 7.1 England Median: 7.2
Short-term service provision	Essex: 71.5% Median of Essex's CIPFA Nearest Neighbours: 84.8% England Median: 76.4%
People who use services who found it east to find information	Essex: 63.1% Median of Essex's CIPFA Nearest Neighbours: 63.2% England Median: 65.2%
Carers who found it easy to find information about services	Essex: 58.0% Median of Essex's CIPFA Nearest Neighbours: 60.9% England Median: 57.3%

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19+ further education and skills achievements per 100,000 population	Essex: 2,371 Mean for all English Counties: 2,620
19+ further education and skills achievements per 100,000 population (excluding apprenticeships)	Essex: 1,984 Mean for all English Counties: 2,196
Adults with a Level 3 or above qualification	Essex: 53.5% Median for English Counties: 60.3%



Non-ringfenced reserves as % of net revenue expenditure	Essex: 61.7% Median for Essex's CIPFA nearest neighbours: 50.0% Median for English Counties: 47.3%
Non-ringfenced reserves as % of service spend	Essex: 50.3% Median for Essex CIPFA nearest neighbours: 40.8% Median for English Counties: 40.5%
Total core spending power per dwelling (£)	Essex: £1,535.55 Median for Essex CIPFA nearest neighbours: 1,530.68 Median for English Counties: £1,542.55
Level of Band D council tax rates (£) (excluding parishes)	Essex: £1,340.91 Median for Essex CIPFA nearest neighbours: £1,410.00 Median for English Counties: £1,414.91
Social care spend as % of core spending power	Essex: 73.1% Median for Essex CIPFA nearest neighbours: 73.8% Median for English Counties: 72.0%
Debt servicing as % of core spending power	Essex: 5.2% Median for Essex CIPFA nearest neighbours: 6.5% Median for English Counties: 6.3%
Total debt as % of core spending power	Essex: 101.9% Median for Essex CIPFA nearest neighbours: 99.1% Median for English Counties: 103.0%

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