
ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

10 February 2015

Order Paper

Agenda Item

**6 Revenue Budget 2015/16 and Capital Programme 2015/16
Addendum**

The recommendations in section 2 of the Addendum (attached and published online) are to replace recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 printed in the report distributed with the Council agenda (page 21 of the agenda pack) and will be moved by the Leader of the Council.

Also attached is the Budget Procedure Note.

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**1. By Councillor D Kendall of the Cabinet Member for Highways
Maintenance and Small Scheme Delivery**

‘County Road Condition Results – Brentwood

The most recent County Road Condition Results survey for 2014/15 show that the Brentwood Borough still has the second worst figures for the whole of the County, just behind Epping Forest.

How much of the £32 million Brentwood residents pay the County Council in Council Tax each year is being spent on improving our roads and footpaths each year, and when are Brentwood residents going to get the serious investment in their road surfaces that they deserve?’

**2. By Councillor D Kendall of the Cabinet Member for Highways
and Transportation**

Public Realm Investment in Brentwood and Shenfield Stations

Recent meetings my colleagues and I have had with officials from Crossrail to discuss the proposed construction works in Brentwood and Shenfield have revealed that the construction work is going to be completed long before the public realm improvements are made at

both Brentwood and Shenfield Stations. This delay will result in even more upheaval and disruption for local residents and businesses which many people believe could have been avoided if the works and funding had been properly co-ordinated.

- Why is it taking so long for the County Council to pull a funding package together to deliver the Public Realm improvement works at Brentwood and Shenfield Stations?
- How much is the County Council prepared to commit itself to the public realm works?
- When do you expect the Public Realm works to be completed?

3. By Councillor K Smith of the Leader of the Council

Basildon and Brentwood Borough Councils are conducting a joint consultation entitled Dunton Garden Suburb. This consultation is looking to build 6,000 new dwellings and a traveller site on greenbelt land along the borough boundaries of Basildon and Brentwood by 2022. If this scheme were to happen, what extra resources (such as secondary school education places) would Essex County Council have to provide to accommodate this new and isolated community?

Also, would the Leader agree with me that the proposed Dunton Garden Suburb traveller site is yet another slap in the face to the people of Basildon following the Dale Farm debacle?

4. By Councillor K Smith of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation

'Will Essex County Council continue to exempt the seven vulnerable estates in Basildon from the part night lighting scheme for the foreseeable future?'

5. By Councillor M Mackrory of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Healthy Living

'Will the Cabinet Member consider nominating a member from the opposition parties to sit on the Essex Community Initiative Fund judging panel?'

6. By Councillor M Mackrory of the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Infrastructure, Waste and Recycling

‘Will the Cabinet Member advise Members the reason why Essex County Council has withdrawn from the Thames Gateway South East Partnership?’

7. By Councillor T Higgins of the Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Small Scheme Delivery

‘Following my question on 6 October, 2014 regarding lamp column stumps in my division of Parsons Heath and Eastgates, would you please advise what date has been set for the removal of these columns?’

8. By Councillor T Higgins of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation

‘Will the Cabinet Member revisit the Equality Impact Assessment for Part Night Lighting? The Deaf British Sign Language [BSL] Community has been particularly affected by this decision – one cannot sign in the dark.’

9. By Councillor J Young of the Cabinet Member for Transformation and Corporate & Traded Services

‘Would the portfolio holder clarify what the current status is of our Better Care Fund submission since it failed to get approval? Could the portfolio holder outline how much was provisionally allocated from the Better Care Fund to go towards the implementation of the Care Act 2015/16 and what plans does he have in place to mitigate against this funding availability?’

10. By Councillor M Danvers of the Leader of the Council

‘Given the comments by the Archbishop of Canterbury about the impoverishment in our society in which many are being left behind, would the Leader re-examine the case for a living wage to Essex County Council employees at the cost to the authority of £160,000 a year?’

11. Br Councillor K Bobbin of the Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning

‘Could the portfolio holder clarify whether ECC have been successful in receiving the full amount asked for in its bid to the Youth Engagement Fund?’

12. By Councillor J Young of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation

‘Has the portfolio holder considered exploring the use of High Intensity Discharge (HID) for street lighting in Essex? Would he consider exploring this technology which would deliver energy savings and peace of mind for residents?’

13. By Councillor D Harris of the Leader of the Council

‘Given the widespread use of foodbanks in the county, would the the Leader consider opening up council property to foodbank operators who are finding it increasingly difficult to pay rent on property in the county?’

14. By Councillor J Whitehouse of the Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Small Scheme Delivery

‘Would the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the review of the Parking Partnerships, including details of consultation with stakeholders?’

15. By Councillor J Whitehouse of the Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Small Scheme Delivery

'Would the Cabinet Member please list Traffic Regulation Orders (excluding temporary traffic orders) affecting Epping Forest that:

- a) have been proposed and are waiting for informal or formal consultation,
 - b) have been consulted on and are awaiting decision,
 - c) have been decided and await implementation,
- and where possible give the dates for consultation, decision and implementation.

[NB If the whole of Epping Forest is too large in scope I would be content with TROs affecting Epping and Theydon Bois (including Coopersale and Thornwood).]