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# ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING 8 December 2015

## Order Paper

### Agenda Item 11 (a)

1. **By Councillor Whitehouse of the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and the Environment**

‘What is the county council doing to expand provision of publicly accessible electric car charge points in Essex? In particular what is the county council doing to assist residents who are unable to charge electric cars at home (because they do not have off-street parking) and would like to benefit from the grant fund for residential on-street charging for plug-in vehicles administered by the government's Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV)?’

2. **By Councillor Maddocks of the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Waste and Recycling**

‘With regards to his trip to China, would he confirm how much council taxpayers money was spent on that recent trip?’

3. **By Councillor Goggin of the Cabinet Member for Finance**

‘Based around next year’s budget can the portfolio holder advise the intended overall expenditure for ECC?’

Can this be shown between revenue and capital?

Can the portfolio holder advise what amount in sterling and as a percentage of the spend is provided from the domestic ratepayers of Essex?’

**4. By Councillor Kendall of the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and the Environment**

‘The Buscard Scheme that the County Council operates for young people aged 16-24 is only accepted on a small number of bus services across the County, but it is helping to greatly reduce the travel costs for a number of young people attending colleges and working on apprenticeship schemes. Would the Cabinet Member please highlight what plans he has in the pipeline to extend the Buscard to even more bus routes across the County so that many more of our young people can benefit from the scheme?’

**5. By Councillor Kendall of the Cabinet Member for Highways Delivery**

‘Over the last five years, how many new speed cameras have been installed on Essex roads and where are they located?’

Have all the installations fully met the requirements of the Speed Camera criteria?’

**6. By Councillor Robinson of the Cabinet Member for Highways Delivery**

‘Persimmon Homes were given planning permission for 135 dwellings east of Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford on 7 February 2012. Under a S106 agreement, they were required to improve the junction of Patching Hall Lane and Broomfield Road (by The Parade) before occupation of the 35<sup>th</sup> home. They missed their planned dates of doing this in the Spring, in April and in August. Most of the houses are now complete.

I have raised this with Highways by contacting the local Highways Liaison Officer and chased up via Member Enquiries, but no date for action has been forthcoming. I understand from Chelmsford City Planners that they need to be told by Essex Highways that the condition has not been met before they can enforce it.

When will Essex Highways ensure this work takes place? More generally, will Essex Highways improve the enforcement of S106 agreements?’

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**7. By Councillor Turrell of the Cabinet Member for Highways Delivery**

‘Essex Highways is the guardian of our roads and pavements. Why, therefore, is Essex Highways allowing Utility Companies to leave pavements and roads in such a poor state? My Division is fast becoming a patchwork with uneven pavements and bumps on the roads which eventually become faults that need repair, leading to more cost for our residents.

Will Essex Highways look at this issue with a view to raising the standard and increasing inspection when Utilities dig up our roads and pavements?’

**8. By Councillor Gadsby of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Healthy Living**

‘After a year in operation, how well has the Community Agents programme worked with what it is set out to do?’

**9. By Councillor Le Gresley of the Leader of the Council**

‘On 14th October 2014 a motion was carried by Full Council stating that it will not support Local (Development) Plans unless adequate resources are identified to ensure that sufficient infrastructure, including roads, schools, medical facilities, parking, sewerage and drainage, are provided in a timely manner. This was endorsed by a further motion carried by Full Council on 9th December 2014.

(1) Have procedures used by officers been updated to reflect this new Council policy?

(2) On how many occasions since October 2014 has the Council, including Essex Highways, objected to Local Council housing development plans throughout Essex, stating its requirements for support, in accordance with this new policy?’

**10. By Councillor Erskine of the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and the Environment**

‘Subsequent to the Council assuming responsibility for dealing with certain matters under s.25 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 and the publishing of its Enforcement Protocol in February 2015;

(1) On how many occasions has this Protocol been used to successfully deal with flooding caused by ordinary water courses on private land?

(2) How many ‘Compliance Notices’ have been served?

(3) How many prosecutions and debt recovery processes have been instigated?

(4) How many cases are still outstanding?’

**11. By Councillor Henderson of the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure**

‘In a recent ‘Place Services and Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee’ meeting, it was revealed that since contract negotiation with Ringway Jacobs, 58 of the required KPI’s (key performance indicators) have been subsequently withdrawn. This drops the total from 115 KPI’s in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of contract, to 57 currently. Is the portfolio holder able to provide to members details of which KPI’s have been removed?’

**12. By Councillor Young of the Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning**

‘With the incoming proposal to extend free childcare provision to 30 hours per week, can the portfolio holder confirm that Essex services have the places to meet demand?’

**13. By Councillor Harris of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Healthy Living**

‘What impact has there been on non-emergency home to hospital transport as a result of cuts to the public health budget?’

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**14. By Councillor Danvers of the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services**

‘Would the Portfolio Holder for Libraries comment on the future status of Harlow Central Library? Are there any short term or long term plans to reduce the area of the library and accommodate the local Registry Office?’

**15. By Councillor Danvers of the Leader of the Council**

‘With the extensive public consultation being carried out by EDF over the proposals for a new Nuclear power station at Bradwell will the Leader of the Council explain what steps will be taken to ensure the safety of the people of Essex to this unknown and untried Chinese technology.’

**16. By Councillor Bayley of the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and the Environment**

‘Given that, in April 2012 the Council assumed sole responsibility for dealing with matters under s.25 of the Land Drainage Act 1991, relating to the regulation of Ordinary Water Courses and has established a protocol for the purpose;

(1) has the Council established a database and map identifying the location of such Water Courses, together with their riparian ownership?

(2) where residents are being affected by flooding due to such Water Courses, that also affect Essex Highways infrastructure, should it not be the responsibility of the Council to identify riparian ownership rather than offloading such duty to our residents, which seems to be the current policy?’

**17. By Councillor Smith of the Cabinet Member for Highways Delivery**

‘Within my Division there is now a growing number of missing kerbstones. They are noted but given a low priority and without any foreseeable repair date.

At the setting of the 2015/16 Annual Budget, will funds be put aside to repair and replace damaged or missing kerbstones?’

**18. By Councillor Smith of the Cabinet Member for Finance**

‘Will Essex County Council be financially better off when Britain votes to leave the EU?’

**19. By Councillor Clempner of the Leader of the Council**

‘Given the well-publicised financial challenges faced by Princess Alexandra hospital, which affects not just Harlow but the whole of West Essex, does the Leader agree with me that PAH should not be excluded from the NHS Essex Success Regime and that the Government should urgently address the significant funding and systemic issues at the Hospital?’