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# **11 JANUARY 2011: MATTERS ARISING: Attendance Records**

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Nine meetings of the Mid Area Forum have been held since the Essex County Council elections held on 4 June 2009 and the following attendance data is based on attendance at those nine meetings.

<b>County Councillor</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Percentage attendance</b>
John Aldridge	6	67%
Rodney Bass	2	22%
John Baugh	2	22%
Bob Boyce	4	44%
Graham Butland	1	11%
Mrs Penny Channer	2	22%
Mrs Jude Deakin	6	67%
Nigel Edey	3	33%
David Finch	0	0%
Lord Hanningfield	0	0%
Norman Hume	1	11%
Mrs Margaret Hutchon	2	22%
Michael Lager	6	67%
Derrick Louis	0	0%
Mike Mackrory	5	56%
Peter Martin	0	0%
Mrs Maureen Miller	6	67%
Joe Pike	6	67%
Tom Smith-Hughes	4	44%
Roger Walters	0	0%

Attendance records for County Councillors for all public Essex County Council meetings are available on the website [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk). In the 'Get Involved' box on the Home Page click on 'Council Meetings and Decisions', then on 'Committee Management Information System (CMIS)' and select 'View Committees'. Finally, scroll down the list of

the Committees and select the Committee you wish to see. Under the 'Members' tag, Member attendance will be displayed in a percentage and clicking on that Member Percentage link will break down attendance into the number of meetings actually attended by that particular Member for that Committee. Cont...

#### **MATTERS ARISING cont....**

#### **User friendliness of completing surveys and questionnaires on the ECC website for all consultations**

**Further response received from Alastair Southgate, Transportation Strategy Manager, Transportation Planning Group**

The concept of using online questionnaires is still fairly new at ECC; however, their use has already increased the number of returns received and encouraged responses from a wider cross section of the population, especially younger residents.

The LTP consultation document is hosted on the Engage Essex website and this does not require respondents to log-in. We have attempted to make the consultation as easy to find as possible by providing a direct link to it from the ECC website (transport planning page). We have constructed the questionnaire in a way that gives respondents opportunities to make free form comments; however, it is essential that the questionnaire has a formal structure so that we can analyse the results of the consultation. It is also necessary for us to ask questions about our respondents so that we can monitor details such as geographic location, age, and sex so that we can identify bias within the sample of people who choose to complete the questionnaire.

#### **Health Inequalities Scrutiny**

Included later in the agenda.