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# COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE:	Monday, 27 September 2021
TIME:	7.30 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber - Council Offices, Thorpe Road, Weeley, CO16 9AJ

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Chittock Councillor Amos Councillor Chapman Councillor Clifton Councillor Codling Councillor Davidson Councillor Miles Councillor Skeels Councillor Steady

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#### 1 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

The Committee is asked to note any apologies for absence and substitutions received from Members.

#### 2 <u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u> (Pages 1 - 2)

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on Monday 28 June 2021.

#### 3 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

Councillors are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Personal Interest, and the nature of it, in relation to any item on the agenda.

#### 4 Questions on Notice pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 38

Subject to providing two working days' notice, a Member of the Committee may ask the Chairman of the Committee a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties which affect the Tendring District **and** which falls within the terms of reference of the Committee.

#### 5 <u>A Q&A with Acting Chief Inspector Martin Richards (Tendring District Commander)</u> <u>Essex Police</u>

The Committee will have partake in a Questions and Answers discussion with the Acting Chief Inspector in relation to various Crime and Disorder issues throughout the district.

#### 6 <u>Report of the Assistant Director of Partnerships - A.1 - Crime and Disorder / Safer</u> <u>Communities</u> (Pages 3 - 12)

To address the issues of Anti-Social Behaviour and Domestic Abuse across the district, and to understand the various "Watch Groups" operating in the district.

# 7 <u>Report of the Acting Director of Planning. - A.2 - The Lawful and Unlawful use of E-Scooters and the Extent of the Policing/Action Against Those Unlawfully Using Them.</u> (Pages 13 - 16)

The report provides information on the current position in relation to the use of e-scooters and policing action against those who use them unlawfully.

#### 8 <u>Report of the Assistant Director of Partnerships. - A.3 - Community Partnerships</u> <u>and the COVID 19 Pandemic.</u> (Pages 17 - 20)

To examine the informal partnerships that were harnessed during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns in 2020/21 and consider how those partnerships can inform future community partnerships going forward. Although the detail provided in this report was not specifically identified by Council for enquiry by the Committee, it was agreed with the Committee's Chairman to submit this information to it.

#### a <u>Councillor M Stephensons Motion to Council - A.4 - Memorial and Annual</u> <u>Day of Remembrance (Pages 21 - 22)</u>

Councillor M Stephenson was invited to speak on the his Motion to Council in July 2021.

#### 9 <u>Recommendations Monitoring Report</u> (Pages 23 - 26)

To present to the Committee the updated Recommendations Monitoring Report, outlining any recommendations the Committee have sent to Cabinet. The Committee is requested to consider the report and determine whether any further action is required on the recommendations submitted.

#### 10 <u>Scrutiny of Proposed Decisions</u>

Pursuant to the provisions of Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13, the Committee will review any new and/or amended published forthcoming decisions relevant to its terms of reference and decide whether it wishes to enquire into any such decision before it is taken.

Matters may only be raised on those forthcoming decisions at Committee meetings where the Member has notified the Committee Services Manager in writing (or by personal email) of the question they wish to ask, no later than Midday, two working days before the day of the meeting.

There were none at this time.

#### 11 <u>Review of the Work Programme</u> (Pages 27 - 46)

To present to the Committee a draft detailed Work Programme 2021/22, to consider the detail and ordering of the Work Programme.

#### Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to be held in the Council Chamber - Chamber at 7.30 pm on Monday, 8 November 2021.

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28 June 2021

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, HELD ON MONDAY, 28TH JUNE, 2021 AT 7.30 PM IN THE PRINCES THEATRE - TOWN HALL, STATION ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA, CO15 1SE

Present:	Councillors Chittock (Chairman), Amos (Vice-Chairman), Clifton, Codling, Davis, Miles and Steady.
In Attendance:	Keith Simmons (Head of Democratic Services and Elections) and Emma Haward (Leadership Support Assistant) and Matthew Cattermole (Communications Assistant).

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Davidson and Skeels with no substitution.

#### 2. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Committee held on Monday 8 February 2021 and Monday 22 March 2021 were moved by Councillor Amos, seconded by, Councillor Chittock and approved as a correct record and were then signed by the Chairman.

#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none on this occasion.

#### 4. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 38

There were none on this occasion.

#### 5. <u>REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & ELECTIONS - A.1 -</u> <u>REVIEW OF THE YEARS 2019-2021 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2021/22 FOR</u> <u>THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u>

The Committee received and considered a report of the Head of Democratic Services and Elections, which provided it with a review of the work it had carried out in the two years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 and sought Members' approval to a draft Work Programme for the remainder if the 2021/2022 municipal year for recommendation to the annual meeting of the Council to be held on 13 July 2021.

The Council's Head of Democratic Services and Elections reported that Appendix A to the report was the review of the work carried out in 2019-2021.

Councillor Davis referenced that there were no page numbers and some of the text was on a black background. She requested that in future, such documents be available as black text on a white background. In addition, and while acknowledging the agenda and reports had been published by the required deadline, she asked whether written materials could be available earlier.

With the consent of the Committee, the Head of Democratic Services and Elections invited Members to email suggestions or questions regarding the work set out in 2019/2021 prior to the agenda for Council being published.

The Committee then considered Appendix B to the report which set out the draft work programme for 2021/2022. This included suggestions for two panels with the Resources and Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Steady suggested that the proposed joint panel on climate change produce a presentation at a Full Council meeting, at the conclusion of their deliberations.

The Committee then examined the individual enquiries set out in the work programme. In this regard, an update of the draft programme was circulated with proposed dates for the enquiries as discussed between the Committee's Chairman and the Head of Democratic Services and Elections. The Committee's attention had been drawn to the Leader of the Council's submission to the work programme and the consultation of Cabinet to support enquiries as necessary.

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED that -

(a) the report on the review of the years 2019/21, as detailed in Appendix A to item A.1 of the Report of the Head of Democratic Services and Elections be agrees for submission to Council and;

(b) the draft 2021/22 Work Programme for the Committee, as set out in the Appendix to these minutes be agreed for submitted to Council for approval, subject to:-

(c) That the Head of Democratic Services and Elections, following consultation with the Committee's Chairman, be actioned to make further minor adjustments to the documents in (a) and (b) above in response to proposals from the Members of the Committee received 5 July 2021.

The Resources and Services Committee's attention to the possibility of including the positives on Clinical Waste in that Committee's examination of waste/litter.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.15 pm

**Chairman** 

### 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

### **REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PARTNERSHIPS**

#### A.1 CRIME AND DISORDER / SAFER COMMUNITIES

Report prepared by Leanne Thornton – Community Engagement Manager

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To address the issues of Anti-Social Behaviour and Domestic Abuse across the district, and to understand the various "Watch Groups" operating in the district.

#### INVITEES

Acting Chief Inspector Martin Richards (Tendring District Commander ) Essex Police

Essex Watch Liaison Officer – North LPA – Terry Fowles.

Acting Chief Inspector Richards will be undertaking a presentation to the Committee as well as answering questions on the recorded crime (including domestic abuse) and levels of Anti-Social Behaviour across the district.

Terry Fowles will be in attendance to answer questions about the various Watch Groups that function in the district including Neighbourhood Watch (NHW).

#### BACKGROUND

To help inform the emerging Police and Crime Plan, consider the implications of the plan for the district and to examine ways to support the community to address violence in a domestic setting and anti-social behaviour.

To understand the numbers of Police Officers and PCSO's over the last 5 years, what the current establishment of Officers is for Tendring district.

The extent to which Homewatch (or other Watch) groups exist across the District, the information flow to and from them and the support they require.

#### DETAILED INFORMATION

The Police & Crime Plan has been out for consultation since May 2021, at a recent Safer Essex Meeting the emerging themes were presented and discussed, these themes / emerging priorities were:

#### Further Investment in Crime Prevention

Our objective is to invest in activities and initiatives that prevent crime from happening in the first place, reducing overall crime and keeping our communities safe.

This objective includes the following:

- delivering more officers on top of the additional officers already delivered since 2016.
- Investing in neighbourhood policing to get crime down.
- Build on the success of our Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) by encouraging increased targeting of hotspots and known offenders to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour (ASB).
- Invest further in Town Centre Teams following their success at getting crime down.
- Work with partners to improve community safety by investing in designing out crime.

# Improving our Services to Support Victims of Crime

Our objective is to recognise and prevent the harm caused to victims by the crime they experience, and the need to protect those who are most vulnerable to becoming victims.

This objective includes the following:

- Ensure victims are referred to support services tailored to their needs such as Restorative Justice.
- Collaborate with partners to share data and identify those most vulnerable to becoming victims and then delivered tailored, multi agency interventions to reduce the number of people becoming victims.
- Provide extra support and early intervention for people with additional needs or who are at increased risk.

# **Reducing Drug Driven Violence**

Through our Violence and Vulnerability Partnership we will:

- protect vulnerable people from gangs while we deal with the hardened criminals who prey on them.
- Take a public health approach to crime, focusing on keeping young people free from crime and intervening early to help steer them to a successful life course.
- Continue to fund projects across Essex focused on reducing serious violence.
- Fund activity to work with people vulnerable to being groomed into gangs, County Lines and drug driven violence.
- Fund activity to target gang members and help them step away from a criminal lifestyle.

# Protecting Rural and Isolated Areas

This objective includes the following:

• Make further investment in fighting rural crimes, such as hare coursing, wildlife crime, heritage crime, fuel theft, unauthorised incursions, and fly-tipping as well as the theft of major plant and equipment.

#### Improving Safety on Our Roads

Together with the Safer Essex Roads Partnership this includes:

- Collaborate with councils and developers to ensure new and improved road networks are safe and have safety technology built in when they are developed.
- Invest in better speed cameras and upgraded Automatic Number Plate Recognition tracking.
- Co-locate Safer Essex Roads Partnership agencies to ensure a better service to the public.
- Work with rural communities and businesses to understand and improve rural road safety.

# Encouraging Volunteers and Community Support

- Continue to grow the Special Constabulary with the aim to have a Special Constable in every town and parish by growing the Community Special programme, and one in every major business through the Employer Supported Policing Scheme.
- Continue to support and collaborate with Neighbourhood Watch and look to develop other watch schemes such as Farm Watch and Pub Watch as well as supporting Crimestoppers.

# Protecting and Supporting Vulnerable People and the Victims of Crime

Our objective is to give a voice to those who need protection, support the vulnerable and reduce the number of people who becomes the victims of crime.

This objective includes the following:

- Have an even sharper focus on promoting awareness of domestic abuse, protecting, and supporting victims and survivors, and their dependents, investing further to strengthen the support available to them.
- Build on the work already started to further develop our understanding of the specific nature and impact of domestic abuse in rural communities and invest in initiatives to prevent and tackle it.
- Continue programme of investment in dedicated officers working in collaboration with other partners to support high volume repeat victims and tackle repeat perpetrators and break the cycle of domestic abuse.

# Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls

We will not tolerate male violence against women in any form, from sexual abuse and domestic abuse to verbal abuse and harassment in public places. Our objective is to support a cultural change within society and provide strong, consistent,

and vocal support for the safety of women and girls whether they report crimes against them or not.

# Prevent Dog Theft

Our objective is to do more to protect our pets and build confidence in how Essex Police handle dog thefts

# Tackle Business Crime, Fraud and Cyber Crime

Our objective is to work with businesses and individuals to tackle the surge in fraud and cyber-crime and to support Essex Police' Business Crime Strategy to help keep

### businesses safe.

#### Data on recorded crime (including domestic abuse), crime survey data and antisocial behaviour levels over the last five years – See Appendix A for detailed breakdown

# Numbers of Police and PCSOs over the same period for the District of Tendring.

Statistics are unavailable at this time, however, there are new officers stationed within Tendring and the recruitment drive for PCSO's is ongoing with interviews taking place at present.

# Details of measures specifically taken on the issue of domestic violence.

- Tendring Police have a dedicated Domestic Abuse Team (DAIT) stationed at Clacton Police Station – All medium/High Risk DA's are reviewed/Investigated by the team.
- National Centre for Domestic Violence (NCDV) this organisation take Referrals, however the Officer can only complete a referral on the victim's request.
- Next Chapter' is a Domestic Abuse Charity and take referrals young persons involved in Domestic Abuse, as well as providing Refuge services for adult women. Partnership working has been established with the Young Person's Officer in the North LPA linking in with local schools to help support youths with this pathway.
- National campaign, 'Ask ANI' Domestic abuse codeword for pharmacies People can attend a pharmacy showing the sign for "Ask ANI" and the staff within the pharmacy would know this person needs to discuss domestic abuse. Campaign is active in most Tendring Pharmacies.

# Details on local watch schemes including Neighbourhood Wtch and Community Speed Watch.

- Two priority road safety campaigns are currently being prepared by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership: \* Young Driver \* "Street Spirit", focused on Moped riders.
- Intelligence-led multi-agency operations focus on enforcing fatal 4 (speed, seatbelts, drink/drug driving/mobile phones)
- "Extra Eyes" campaign continues to review average 320 incidents supported with footage, prosecuting on average 140 road users.
- Tendring have various Community Speed Watch volunteers, based across Tendring

   They work independently and alongside the local PCSO's.

# To examine ways to support community schemes to address anti-social behaviour.

- The Children and Young Persons (CYP) officers are working with YMCA (a youth outreach program) and the EP/ECFRS Education team to provide workshops for young people on issues such as; gangs, knife crime, Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE), Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Hate Crime. The work aims to build trust and confidence in police for young people so they feel more comfortable in reporting crime if they become a victim.
- Tendring Police have joined forces with The Community Safety Partnership (TDC) for their Street Action Days, this has enabled us to collate information and identify areas effected by ASB.

### Reports/use of unlawful e-scooters and enforcement against those who use them.

- E Scooter campaign Op Solstice carried out across Tendring.
- On 14 June Essex Police commenced a Force wide E scooter campaign (Op Solstice) under the umbrella of Op Sunshade. The aim of the campaign was to provide a focussed period of enforcement and education activity, aimed at those riders choosing to use e- Scooters in an illegal or anti-social manner. Essex Police wrote to schools and asked them to brief parents to raise the awareness that private e scooters are illegal and only to be used on private land.
- The Roads Policing Unit led the campaign and provided guidance in relation to legislation but in essence unless the e scooter is part of the government scheme being run by Spin (grey and orange scooters) then it will be illegal, as there is no legal way of obtaining insurance and it can therefore be seized.
- Essex Police did not want to criminalise young children but if there are other offences going on (ASB, Drug running etc) action to be taken.

# Tendring "Watch" – Information provided by Terry Fowles – Essex Watch Liaison Officer

Listed below are the various "Watches" running in the Tendring District and numbers of members in each watch.

- Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) = 117 Co-Ordinators with approximately 3,000 members across the district
- Dog Watch = 217
- Farm & Rural Watch (mostly farms) = 22
- Heritage (mostly site owners/managers) = 7
- Marine Watch = 5
- Caravan Watch (Mostly Sites/Holiday Camps, a few private owners) = 21
- Allotment Watch = 1 (requires promotion)
- Business Watch Being developed at present (requires promotion)

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee determines whether it has any comments or recommendations it wishes to put forward to the relevant Portfolio Holder or Cabinet.

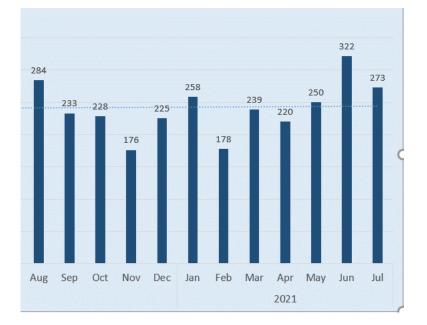
# **APPENDIX A**

All Crime - 12 months to July 2021 - Tendring

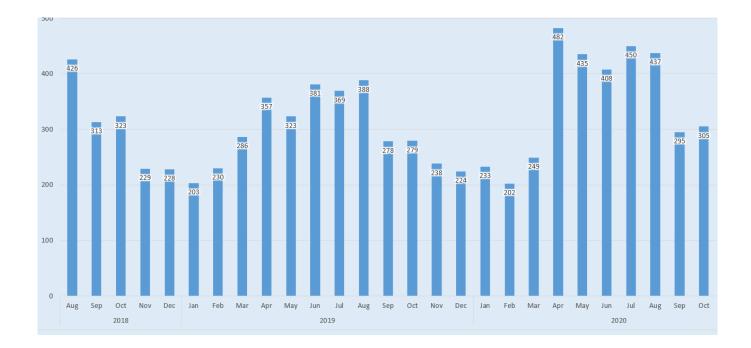
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Crime/Incident Type	Tendring 12M		# diff	% diff	vs	Per 1000	vs Force
	2020	2021			Force %	Рор.	Per Pop diff
ALL CRIME	13727	13712	-15	-0.1	2.6	93.6	10.0
Violence with Injury	1467	1353	-114	-7.8	-3.6	9.2	1.7
Violence without Injury	2427	2600	173	7.1	7.1	17.7	3.1
Stalking and Harassment**	2285	2759	474	20.7	2.8	18.8	4.2
Sexual Offences	402	541	139	34.6	18.4	3.7	0.8
Robbery	100	69	-31	-31.0	-23.6	0.5	-0.2
Residential Burglary	535	350	-185	-34.6	-4.1	5.6	-0.9
Business and Community Burglary	231	127	-104	-45.0	-18.1	0.9	0.0
Dwelling Burglary (pre-Apr 17 definition)	371	240	-131	-35.3	-1.1	3.9	-0.4
Other Burglary (pre-Apr 17 definition)	395	237	-158	-40.0	-15.4	1.6	-0.1
Theft from a Vehicle	425	255	-170	-40.0	-24.8	1.7	-1.3
Theft of a Vehicle	223	142	-81	-36.3	-22.4	1.0	-1.0
Theft from the Person	72	44	-28	-38.9	-22.5	0.3	-0.2
Theft of Pedal Cycles	134	108	-26	-19.4	-3.8	0.7	-0.1
Shoplifting	569	465	-104	-18.3	-6.3	3.2	-1.0
Other Theft	885	808	-77	-8.7	-1.8	5.5	0.1
Criminal Damage (incl. arson)	1476	1484	8	0.5	12.8	10.1	2.3
Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents	3866	4034	168	4.3	-11.6	27.5	-1.9



#### Total Volumes of DA Investigations Recorded on ATHENA



Domestic Abuse Statistics - 2018 - 2021





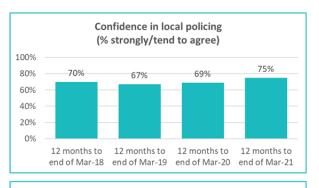
Top 20 Beats Last 3 Years		Monthly Rate
Pier	1781	49.47
Golf Green	878	24.39
Rush Green	732	20.33
Alton Park	577	16.03
Harwich West Central	574	15.94
Harwich East	571	15.86
St Marys	486	13.50
Harwich East Central	486	13.50
Walton	446	12.39
St Osyth and Point Clear	427	11.86
St Pauls	369	10.25
Brightlingsea	355	9.86
St Johns	342	9.50
Bockings Elm	312	8.67
Peter Bruff	304	8.44
Ramsey and Parkeston	270	7.50
St James	268	7.44

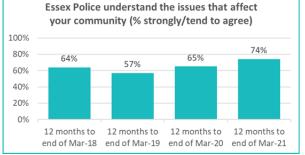
Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics - 2018 - 2021

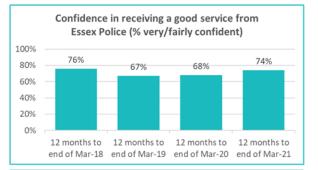
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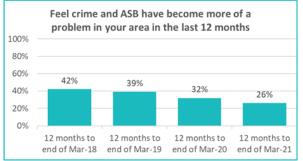
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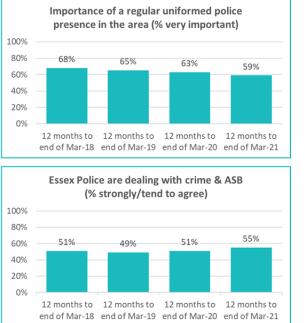
The following dashboard summarises data collected as part of the Essex Police Public Perceptions Survey 2017/18 – 2020/21. The results represent the combined sample of interviews across each year. The annual sample size for the survey is 7,710 Essex residents – approx. 550 annually from each of the 14 Districts. Significant trends have been highlighted in the Key Insights section – changes of (+/-) 6% should be considered significant.

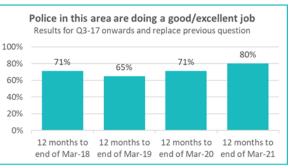


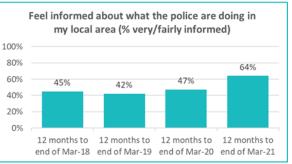












### 27 SEPTEMBER 2021

#### **REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF PLANNING**

# A.2 THE LAWFUL AND UNLAWFUL USE OF E-SCOOTERS AND THE EXTENT OF POLICING/ACTION AGAINST THOSE UNLAWFULLY USING THEM.

(Report prepared by Gary Guiver, Paul Woods and Leanne Thornton)

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The report provides information on the current position in relation to the use of e-scooters and policing action against those who use them unlawfully.

#### INVITEES

Tracey Vickers, Head of Sustainable Transport – Essex County Council Steve Pyer - Spin

#### BACKGROUND

Views differ on the potential benefits and problems presented by e-scooters. Some believe that they offer solutions to a wide range of transport policy goals (such as reducing pollution, congestion), while others believe that they are potentially dangerous and may undermine messaging about active travel and green transport.

While it is legal to buy or sell an e-scooter (classed as a battery-powered personal transport device), riding them on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes is against the law. Riders could face a £300 fine and six points on their licence if they use them on public roads or pavements. Riding e-scooters on private land is legal with the landowner's permission.

In the spring / summer of 2020, the Department for Transport (DfT) announced a proposal to trial the use of electric scooters in named pilot areas. Local authorities were encouraged to apply to become a pilot area, and Essex County Council (ECC) drafted proposals for Basildon, Braintree, Brentwood, Clacton, Chelmsford and Colchester. ECC then identified a preferred supplier – Spin – and submitted these proposals to the DfT.

ECC, in partnership with Spin, launched the trial in Clacton on 1 March 2021.Under the trial, e-scooters hired from Spin may be ridden on roads and cycle paths. There are currently 150 Spin e-scooters in Clacton, and the town is approaching 30,000 rides since the trial began. The trial will run until the end of October 2021, but consideration is being given to extending the trial until March 2022.

#### **DETAILED INFORMATION**

#### Legal Background

E-scooters are covered by the same laws and regulations that apply to all motor vehicles.14 This means e-scooters need to meet the various requirements of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to use public roads lawfully (e.g. road tax, technical safety standards). The e-scooters currently on the market or available via hire schemes do not meet these requirements.

The 1988 Act (section 34) together with the Highways Act 1835 (section 72) also bans escooters (or as the law refers to them 'mechanically propelled vehicles') from pavements, cycle paths and public footpaths. This means that riders could face a £300 fine and six points on their licence if they use them on public roads or pavements.

Riding e-scooters on private land is legal only with the landowner's permission.

#### **E-scooter Trials**

From 4 July 2020, local areas in England, Scotland and Wales have been able to undertake 12-month e-scooter rental trials, provided they meet DfTs requirements. The trials will be used to inform future government policy and possible legislative change. Trials have been launched in 32 trial areas across a mixture of towns, cities, local authorities and combined mayoral authority areas - including in Clacton on Sea.

During the trials:

- Rental e-scooters will be allowed on roads and cycle lanes, but will continue to be banned from pavements:
- E-scooters will be limited to a maximum speed of 15.5 mph (in Clacton, the maximum speed is 12.5mph);
- Riders should wear helmets, but they will not be mandatory;
- Privately-owned e-scooters will remain illegal; and
- Riders will need a full or provisional car, motorcycle or moped licence to use the devices, and they must be aged 16 or over.

The Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs (Coronavirus) Regulations and General Directions 2020 (SI 2020/663) provide the legislative basis for the e-scooter trials. They define 'e-scooters' and amend road traffic regulations to exempt e-scooters being used in a trial from certain requirements of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Regulation 2(3) of the 2020 Regulations defines an e-scooter as a vehicle that:

- is fitted with an electric motor with a maximum continuous power rating not exceeding 500 watts;
- is not fitted with pedals that are capable of propelling the vehicle;
- has two wheels, one front and one rear, aligned along the direction of travel;
- is designed to carry no more than one person;
- has a maximum weight, excluding the driver, not exceeding 55 kgs;
- has a maximum design speed not exceeding 15.5 miles per hour;
- has a means of directional control through the use of handlebars which are mechanically linked to the steered wheel:
- has a means of controlling the speed through hand controls; and Page 14

- has a power control that defaults to the 'off' position.

There are two requirements in primary legislation that will continue to apply to e-scooters in the trials:

- E-scooters in trials need to be covered by a motor vehicle insurance policy (Spin has arranged insurance for authorised riders within the Clacton trial, and has a seperate insurance policy for parked/unattended e-scooters); and
- E-scooter users need to have a valid driving licence (provisional or full).

E-scooters which are not part of the trials will remain illegal on roads, cycle lanes and tracks, and on pavements.

# Enforcement Issues

#### The Lawful use on the public highway

Individuals that have a valid driving license can assess & use the legal e-scooters. The e-scooters must be ridden on a highway and must follow the highway code whilst using the vehicle.

### The Unlawful use on a public highway

Any individual that is either riding a legal e-scooter unlawfully, such as riding without a valid driving license or disregarding the highway code, or is riding an unlicensed e-scooter will face positive action. Positive action will depend on the offence committed and the age of the rider– but could result in the e-scooter being seized and destroyed and the individual sent to magistrates court for contravention of Traffic Offences.

# Misuse of hired e-scooters covered by the DfT's trial

E-scooters hired from Spin are equipped with GPS tracking devices, which allow the escooters to be 'geo-fenced'. This means that in certain areas of the town the e-scooters will go slower (e.g. the cycle lanes along the promenade), and in other areas they will not work at all (e.g. recreation grounds, and the multi-storey car park).

As all e-scooters are equipped with GPS tracking and are hired by the minute, misuse or illegal riding at a particular place and time can be tracked to a specific user.

As with any other type of vehicle, responsibility for addressing illegal riding rests with the police. Nevertheless, Spin take a proactive approach towards preventing misuse of their e-scooters. Spin's e-scooters are easily identifyable – due to their distinctive orange colour and large logo on the front – and the company encourages members of the public to report issues such as inconsiderate parking, riding on pavements, underage riders and more than one rider per e-scooter directly to them.

Users can have their accounts suspended for misuse, or be banned entirely depending on the severity of their infringement.

As well as direct enforcement against users who misue their e-scooters, Spin also have preventative and educational strategies to help ensure e-scooters are used safely. All users must complete and pass in-app training – which features a quiz to ensure riders

understand where the e-scooters can and can't be used, and how to park them considerately – and regular in-app notifications provide reminders of the rules and laws.

In May, Spin ran a training event in the Leisure Centre car park – where 69 riders received in-person training on how to use the e-scooters safely, and each were given a free helmet on completion of the course.

Tendring Police currently have an operation underway to tackle the unlawful use of escooters, to include a media campaign, unfortunately the e-scooters are being seen as a toy by many and therefore perfectly acceptable, but only on private land, such as their own back gardens and absolutely not the public highway or pavements.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee determines whether it has any comments or recommendations it wishes to put forward the relevant Portfolio Holder or Cabinet.

# Agenda Item 8

#### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

#### 27 SEPTEMBER 2021

### **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR PARTNERSHIPS**

#### A.3 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

(Report prepared by Alison Rowlands)

### PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To examine the informal partnerships that were harnessed during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns in 2020/21 and consider how those partnerships can inform future community partnerships going forward. Although the detail provided in this report was not specifically identified by Council for enquiry by the Committee, it was agreed with the Committee's Chairman to submit this information to it.

#### BACKGROUND

Partnership working, be it formal or informal, is consistent with the Council's commitment to put Community Leadership at the heart of everything we do through delivery of high quality, affordable services and working positively with others.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, a number of voluntary and community groups emerged in support of the most vulnerable and isolated residents across Tendring. The council responded by collecting and mapping out local voluntary and community group capability and making details of these groups and the services they offered widely available, to ensure those most in need of help could be promptly signposted to it. The groups in question provided a varied scale of assistance, ranging from help with accessing food and medicines, welfare checks and benefit help, mental health support and advice and telephone contact to help lessen feelings of isolation and boredom.

A large number of these groups were very localised and in many cases, consisted simply of supportive neighbours. Whilst these groups disbanded after the first and second waves of the pandemic had passed, we have established a clear process for capturing and communicating such information, to ensure residents are appropriately signposted. With the lifting of restrictions and the reopening of society, an opportunity now exists to reassess the support available through ongoing engagement with the voluntary and community sector in order to identify any changes to the data we hold, whether any gaps exist and if so, to address them where possible.

In addition to the above, there are a range of community groups that the council is currently working with as a result of the £220,000 successful funding bid to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), received in January 2021. The MHCLG's Community Champions scheme aims to expand work to support those most at risk from Covid-19 and boost vaccine take up. In particular, it sought to provide additional support to particularly disadvantaged groups, such as disabled residents and the Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) community, by developing new networks of trusted local champions where they did not already exist.

In April 2021, following a meeting of the Community Champions Grant Panel, it was decided that the MHCLG funding should be distributed, as set out in the table below.

Name of Organisation

# Page Amount Allocated

SUMMIT	£22,630
African Families in the UK	£25,000
The Ark Centre	£9,000
Age Concern	£9,700
CVS Tendring	£15,000
Colchester Chinese Culture Society	£9,450
Tendring Community Transport	£15,000
Harwich Connexions Transport	£15,000
Walton Pre-School	£9,000
Digital Access Team	£25,000
Home-Start	£8,750
Tendring Eldercare	£9,700

For some organisations, the projects being funded were already in place but were at risk of ending or reducing. The Community Champions funding has allowed their work to be extended to increase either the number of days where support is offered, or the number of people they are able to reach. The grant funding has also provided the opportunity for some organisations to employ part time Community Champions, whose roles are specifically to work within the community and provide support and guidance. Where deprivation and isolation has been exacerbated by the pandemic in some areas, the Community Champions working within the district have created a link between the local community and the Council and local support services.

As a Council, we have been keen to ensure this scheme has forged stronger relationships within these local groups, opened additional lines of communication and provided a mechanism for accurate and relevant information to be shared. The Project Manager role has created a link between each funded organisation and has shared best practice, where relevant and beneficial. The Community Champions programme has allowed stakeholders to gain valuable information through review meetings held between the Project Manager and the funded organisations. It is unlikely that a forum of this kind would naturally have been created. The Community Champions funding has provided a platform for open and honest discussions and the sharing of such information.

Tendring District Council and the funded organisations are keen to retain and build upon the relationships and networks forged via the Community Champions project. Steps are being put in place to link Council Departments with organisations within the wider community. The Council will continue to work closely and in support of Community Voluntary Services Tendring to achieve a coherent and co-ordinated response to the needs of the local community.

Although the Community Champions project was primarily in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the relationships that have been forged with local organisations have proven to be valuable to the Council. It has allowed a greater understanding of the diversity within our local community and thus ensure services remain accessible to our residents within the district.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) that the report and presentation regarding Community Partnerships and Covid-19 be noted; and
- (b) the Committee considers whether it has any comments or recommendations it wishes to put forward to Cabinet

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION**

There are none.

# APPENDICES

There are none

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# Agenda Item 8a

Motion to Council pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12 submitted by Councillor Mark Stephenson in relation to Covid-19 Memorial and Annual Day of Remembrance

"That Tendring District Council acknowledges the heartache, pain and suffering that Covid-19 has inflicted upon our residents and their families and that this Council supports the provision of a memorial to allow us all to recognise and commemorate the loss of so many loved ones.

The memorial to be situated in a form acceptable to those who have lost loved ones, be that a garden, plaque or public artwork, taking into consideration their wishes, at a suitable location, where families could gather together throughout the year at a day and time significant to them.

That this Council also considers an Annual Day of Remembrance to be established, where all members of the community could gather together for a service of Remembrance.

In addition, the commemoration would also remember all those key workers and volunteers, who continue to provide, throughout this pandemic, help and support and comfort to the bereaved in their time of need." This page is intentionally left blank

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# **RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING REPORT**

Recommendation(s) Including Date of Meeting and Minute Number	Actions Taken and Outcome	Completed, follow-up work required or added to Work Programme
Date of meeting: 30 November 2020 Minute: 6 <u>THE HEALTH PROVISION AND CARE</u> RESPONSE	On 19 February Cabinet noted the recommendations of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee and endorsed the comments of the Partnerships Portfolio Holder, in response thereto.	
Recommendation:	The comments of the PfH were as follows.	
<ul> <li>the suggestion from the Chief Operating Officer for the North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to create a forum across North East Essex that will allow Councillors to communicate the views of their constituents with the GP practice leads directly be supported and the CCG urged to implement this as soon as possible.</li> <li>the continued hard work of the North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group and local NHS providers, Dr Gogarty and the Public Health team at Essex County Council as well as this Council's redeployed/redirected staff</li> </ul>	"The CCG are keen to create a forum across North East Essex for Councillors to be able to directly communicate the views of their constituents to GP practice leads and I warmly welcome this opportunity which I believe will allow our councillors to raise issues of concern and also understand the issues GPs face. It will also allow us to address together how we can support each other to achieve our shared aims. I am aware that our CCG wanted to progress this but I do understand in the current pandemic situation this has not been able to be delivered yet but look forward to future progress in this area".	

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supporting those in need due to Covid-19 restrictions be recognised.		
Date of meeting: 28 September 2020 Minute: 105 Recommendation:	Anastasia Simpson (Head of People, Performance and Projects) is in the process of arranging dates.	The Assistant Director for Partnerships has been requested to seek the information set out in the recommendation.
It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Committee requires a report on pupil participation within the District and to that end requests that Officers invite the Assistant Director of Education at Essex County Council to attend a future meeting of the Committee in order to discuss this matter with Members.		In addition, and in response to the Committee Services Officer, Philippa Holliday, Assistant Director of Education has indicated that she can attend the Committee's meeting on 10th May 2021, where she can provide an update on the work of the Tendring Education Strategic Board. In response to the element of the recommendation on pupil participation within the District Clare Kershaw, Director of Education at the County Council, has indicated that the data is not available for 2020. If there are elements in respect of primary and secondary education in the district that the Committee wish to look at

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	then these can be reflected back to Essex County Council for the report to the meeting on 10 May.

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To establish a Joint Panel with Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Carbon Neutral by 2030. The assessment of measures to progress towards the policy unanimously agreed by Full Council and adopted into the Council's Policy Framework. How will these carbon reduction measures affect the Council and its partners financially (and is there a consequence for	Subject to scoping Docume nt to be	Delivering High Quality Services/ A7 - Carbon Neutral by 2030	A copy of the approved Plan The papers considered by the Climate Change Portfolio Holder's Working Party that oversaw the development of the Plan. The Cabinet's approved Key Actions for 2021/22 to deliver elements of the Plan in that year. Performance detail against the Cabinet's Key Actions. Details of Carbon Neutral measures/plans adopted by Parish and Town Councils in the District.	Cllr Michael Talbot, Portfolio Holder Lee Heley, Interim Corporate Director Tim Clarke, Assistant Director Relevant representatives from Parish and Town Councils Representatives from Ecotricity Electric Highway network and GridServe (who provide the Braintree Electric Forecourt) in respect of electric vehicle charging	To support delivery against the Plan in the most appropriate way that takes account of the wider implications of carbon neutral measures and to look at how we can work with our partners to pursue the wider objectives of encouraging carbon neutrality locally.

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job numbers/skills of the individual measures)?					

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To establish a Joint Panel with Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Post COVID Regrowth Town Centres, Supporting them to survive and thrive (adapting to the post covid uses by residents and visitors) and investment into those Town Centres. Revisit Tendring4Growth and see when and where the money is being spent. Back 2 Business- joined up thinking of skills, jobs and	Subject to scoping Docume	Building Sustainable Communities for the Future/B6 - Effective planning policies andB3 - Vibrant Town Centres A Growing and Inclusive Economy/D2 - Support existing businesses	The Council's relevant policies and strategies (including Tendring4Growth). Copies of relevant bids; such as for the Government's Towns Fund The Cabinet's approved Key Actions for 2021/22 to deliver 'back to business'/business support in that year. Performance detail against the Cabinet's Key Actions. Details of occupancy, footfall and other measures of the vibrancy of the District's economy	Mike Carran, Assistant Director	To support delivery against the approved Plans/Strategies in order to maximise the benefit to the local economy and to look at how we can work with our partners to achieve this.

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enterprise, in short medium and long term goals. Progress with the previously discussed Business round table proposal. The prioritisation of the funded projects and initiatives.					

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Crime and disorder. To consider the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's emerging/revised Police and Crime plan and its application to the District. The review will also look at anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse in the district. Anti-social behaviour including community speed watch schemes and the allocation of additional Police Officers to the area It is proposed that this enguiry be held	27 Septem ber 2021	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/ Law and Order - for a safer community	The Commissioner's emerging/revised Police and Crime Plan. Data on recorded crime (including domestic abuse), crime survey data and anti-social behaviour levels over the last five years. Numbers of Police and PCSOs over the same period for the District of Tendring. Details of measures specifically taken on the issue of domestic violence. Details on local watch schemes including home watch and community speed watch.	Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.Essex Police's District Commander Representatives from relevant organisations and watch schemes including Home watch. Anastasia Simpson, Assistant DirectorAs per 16-08-21 pre- meeting.Also invite, Leanne Thornton, Mark Van Ingen and Daniel Kingham.Representative from Spin.Friday 17 September 17- 09-21	To help inform the emerging Police and Crime Plan/consider the implications of the Plan for the District and to examine ways to support community schemes to address violence in a domestic setting and anti- social behaviour.

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as soon as possible after the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee has considered enforcement issues in respect of services provided by the Council.			As per 16-08-21 pre- meeting. PCSO vs Specials, what is the difference in their powers? What are the reoccurring themes from residents at ASB Teams actions days? Has anyone been fined/ticketed under the PSPO? Update on the position of the Councillors news letter?	Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. Turned down the invitation but mentioned the possibility of attending the next OSC.	

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The lawful and unlawful use of e- scooters and the extend of policing/action against those unlawfully using them	27 September 2021	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/ Law and Order - for a safer community	Data on the Spin provided e-scooters, their use, issues of misuse (use on pavements, dual riders, moving traffic offences) and control of the scooters by the provider. Details of the authorisation of the Spin e-scooters and assessment of their use. Reports/use of unlawful e-scooters and enforcement against those who use them	Representatives of Essex Police Essex County Council Highways As per 16-08-21 pre- meeting. Also invite, Leanne Thornton, Mark Van Ingen and Daniel Kingham. Representative from Spin.	To identify whether the enforcement issues around the unlawful use of e-scooters is appropriate or whether recommendations need to be made to better address issues with unlawful use of them.

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To examine the informal partnerships that were harnessed during the covid-19 pandemic lockdowns in 2020/21 and consider how those partnerships can inform future community partnerships going forward	27 Septem ber 2021	Community Leadership Through Partnerships	Details of the range of community partnerships that existed, the services they provided and the network of support they had access to.	Cllr McWilliams, Portfolio Holder for Community Partnerships/Anastasia Simpson	To support community engagement with recommendations for the future and help to galvanise informal groups going forward.

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(Potential Invitee that couldn't attend at 27 Sep 2021) Crime and Disorder	8 November 2021	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/ Law and Order - for a safer community	Commissioner Report	Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.	To help inform the emerging Police and Crime Plan/consider the implications of the Plan for the District and to examine ways to support community schemes to address violence in a domestic setting and anti- social behaviour.

ltem	Date of Enquiry	Relevant Corporate Plan Theme/Annual Cabinet Priority	Information to be provided in advance	Those to be invited to attend	Articulated value of undertaking the review
To enquire into educational achievement locally, issues impacting on that achievement and measures to enhance achievement	8 November 2021	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Education - for improved outcomes	To look at GCSE and A level results Other post-16 educational attainment levels and training/apprenticeship entry Data on children with special needs (those with Education, Health and Wellbeing Assessments) and how that is being provided across the District Potentially use enquiry days ahead of the meeting to receive more evidence	Essex County Council Education Service Local Academy Trust representatives. Representatives of secondary school students and parents of those students	To support measures to improve educational achievement/opportunities to progress in non- academic settings locally and thereby contribute positively toward the social, environmental and economic wellbeing of the District

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To enquire into the safeguarding and educational position concerning those of school age not attending mainstream schools	13 December 2021	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Education - for improved outcomes	Data on the children who do not attend main stream schools. To include alternative providers in so called 'mini' schools, home educated and those for whom there is no known/verified education provision Potentially use enquiry days ahead of the meeting to receive more evidence	Essex County Council Education Service Local Academy Trust representatives Representatives of alternative providers Representatives of organisations such as 'Lads need Dads' who are providing mentoring or other support for those not in mainstream education.	To examine the extent of the issue of elective home education (EHE) arrangements, the circumstances in which EHE occurs for children previously in school and the opportunities to return to school. The extent to which there are unassessed EHE arrangements and the use of School Attendance Orders

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District wide health levels and Health inequalities due so socioeconomic factors.	31 January 2022	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/ Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses	Information from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) profile for Essex, localised to the District, that provides an overview of the changing health and wellbeing needs in the county/district Details of funding secured by the Council to address health inequalities	Representatives from the Essex County Council's Public Health/Policy Team Anastasia Simpson, Assistant Director/John Fox, Public Health, Wellbeing & Environmental Protection Manager	To assist in the development of measures to address health inequalities in the District and specifically also to look at delivery of measures in this financial year for which the Council has funding available.

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Enquire into the work of the Anchor Institutions and consider opportunities for taking that work (and lessons from it) to be applied locally to maximum effect	31 January 2022 (A briefing note to be requested for late 2021 from those leading the Anchor Institutions work)	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses A Growing and Inclusive Economy/Support existing businesses	Details of the work of the Anchor Institutions and the opportunities this work provides	Representatives from the Anchor Institutions	To consider the opportunity to apply good practice being developed across Essex and maximising the benefit for the District.

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Jaywick, social issues, crime and deprivation, housing. Private Sector Housing and rental build quality. Plus a look at the housing condition survey to be undertaken in Jaywick Sands as a measure to inform action to improve quality of rental accommodation.	14 March 2022	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses Building Sustainable Communities for the Future/B2 Jaywick Sands - more and better housing; supporting the community, B5 - Building and managing our own homes and Effective planning policies Delivering High Quality Services/A6 - Effective Regulation and Enforcement	Data around the current position as it relates to Jaywick by way of demographics, health inequalities, recorded crime, service provision and plans for the area. Information from the housing condition survey to be undertaken in Jaywick Sands as a measure to inform action to improve quality of rental accommodation. Assessment of the impact of the 10 new properties built by the Council on the areas and the lives of those living there.	Representatives from the Environment Agency Representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group/Primary Care Network Representatives from Community Groups in Jaywick Cllr P Honeywood as Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Jaywick Damian Williams, Corporate Director and Tim R Clarke, Assistant Director	To look holistically at the issues as they relate to Jaywick Sands and the measures in place to address those issues and encourage further working between partners to collaboratively take opportunities to improve the area for its residents.

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Freeports, the progress of the proposals for Freeport East (its interlinking with Thames Freeport), specific measures on site (and particularly on the Harwich site), impact on previous planning permissions being implemented and measures outside of the Freeport to harness the most from them into the local community.	9 May 2022	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/ Influence and lobby - for Tendring's future Building Sustainable Communities for the Future/B6 - Effective planning policies	Freeport East Proposals. Development Plans to deliver the Proposals. Details of planning permissions already in place for sites associated with the existing port of Harwich	Representatives from the Freeport East Group Mike Carran, Assistant Director	To look at the proposals for the Freepost East, the opportunities this may offer and how these can be harnessed. The Committee will consider whether recommendations need to be submitted to assist in this process.

Item	Date of Enquiry	Relevant Corporate Plan Theme/Annual Cabinet Priority	Information to be provided in advance	Those to be invited to attend	Articulated value of undertaking the review
To consider the issue of suicide levels in the District. (and related demographics of those more prone to suicide) and mental health provision (including access to emergency mental health services for those most prone to suicide).	To be allocated	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/ Health and wellbeing - for effective services and improved public health	Demographics data to identify those more prone to suicide and comparative data from elsewhere. Details of suicide numbers locally and those attempting suicide over the last five years Details of services to those prone to and having attempted suicide Emergency mental health beds Learning from the lived experience of those with poor mental health. Information from the County Health and Wellbeing Board's current work on suicide issues.	Service providers and organisations with a specific role in this sector lan Davidson, Chief Executive in view of his role on Essex-wide bodies looking at suicide levels and mental health.	To help encourage place/ neighbourhood based support for those prone to, attempting or affected by suicide and to support strategic decision making in respect of critical emergency mental health services.

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To consider the mental health needs of residents of the District and the services to meet those needs. Specifically looking beyond the Mental Health Hub and Primary School Mental Health initiative.	To be allocated (A briefing note to be requested initially from the Clinical Commissioning Group)	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/ Health and wellbeing - for effective services and improved public health	Information on the mental health needs of the local population and services to respond to that need. Information in respect in the gaps of service provision and examples of services that could be provided to bridge that gap	Service providers and organisations with a specific role in this sector	To seek re-assurance that the mental health needs of the Council are appropriately been met or otherwise propose measures to improve that provision

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Maintenance of existing B&C roads. How often are they being maintained, time it takes to fix works, notice times of works given.	To be allocated	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses	Assessment of the condition and maintenance requirements for B and C roads in the District. Details of expenditure on B and C classified roads in the District over the last five years Service standards and maintenance policies of the County Council for B and C roads Performance data on works undertaken over the past five years.	Representatives from Essex County Council Highways/highways contractor to the County Council.	To better understand the position and thereby inform the development of policies/strategies and opportunities to improve the B and C road network in the District.

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Bridleway provision locally and facilities for horse riders to ride safely around the District	To be allocated	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses	Details of the bridleways and the extent to which they are maintained and accessible.	Representatives of the Essex County Council Service with responsibility for Footways and Bridleways. Representatives of those who operate stables and/or organisations for those who ride horses.	To examine this issue as part of the safe leisure pursuit of horse riding locally
Housing issues in the district how it impacts residents, socially, mentally and financially. The struggle of finding somewhere to live on low or no wages.	To be allocated	Community Leadership Through Partnerships/ Health and wellbeing - for effective services and improved public health Building Sustainable Communities for the Future/Effective planning policies	Details around housing supply generally and specifically for those with low income.	A representative from Shelter to speak of that organisation's experience of helping house people in the district.	To help inform delivery of policies to assist with quality housing supply to meet need.

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Housing register numbers and how they are categorised in family size and what type of property they want and the locations sought.	Not applicable	This item should be looked at as a member training module for all Councillors so they can understand and explain the Housing process to residents.			