



# COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Tuesday, 28 June 2022</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>Committee Room - Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE</b>

**MEMBERSHIP:**

**Councillor Chittock**  
**Councillor S Honeywood**  
**Councillor Clifton**  
**Councillor Codling**  
**Councillor Davidson**

**Councillor King**  
**Councillor Miles**  
**Councillor Nash**  
**Councillor Steady**

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DATE OF PUBLICATION: Monday, 20 June 2022

## AGENDA

### **1 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

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

### **2 Minutes of the Last Meeting (Pages 1 - 4)**

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 9 May 2022

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

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 Scrutiny of Proposed Decisions (Pages 5 - 6)**

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### **6 Recommendations Monitoring Report (Pages 7 - 10)**

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.

### **7 Work Programme for 2022/23 and Review of the Year 2021/22 (Pages 11 - 22)**

To review the Committee's work undertaken during the year 2021/22 and to seek the Committee's approval to its draft programme of work for the 2022/23 year for recommendation to the Council meeting on 12 July 2022.

### **Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting**

*The next scheduled meeting of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to be held in the Committee Room - Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 4 October 2022.*

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE,  
HELD ON MONDAY, 9TH MAY, 2022 AT 7.30 PM  
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, STATION ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA,  
CO15 1SE**

<b>Present:</b>	Councillors Chittock (Chairman), S Honeywood (Vice-Chairman), Codling, Davidson, King, Miles, Nash and Steady
<b>Also Present:</b>	Councillor P Honeywood
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Lisa Hastings (Deputy Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer), Lee Heley (Interim Corporate Director (Projects Delivery)), Keith Simmons (Head of Democratic Services and Elections), Hattie Dawson-Dragisic (Performance and Business Support Officer) and Matt Cattermole (Communications Assistant)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Paul Clifton (no substitution).

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Monday 21 March 2022 be approved as a correct record.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest by Councillors in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting.

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

On this occasion no Councillor had submitted notice of a question.

**5. FREEPORT EAST PROPOSALS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS TO DELIVER THE PROPOSALS**

The Community Leadership Overview & Scrutiny Committee (“the Committee”), at its meeting held on 9 May 2022, was reminded that Council (on 13 July 2021, Minute 53 refers) had requested the Committee to undertake an enquiry into the issue of Freeports generally, and specifically, into 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 maximum socio-economic benefit from them into the local community.

To support the Committee’s enquiry, it was provided at that meeting with a report in the name of the Leader of the Council, Cllr Neil Stock OBE. Unfortunately, Councillor Stock was not able to attend this particular meeting of the Committee. Lee Heley, Interim

Corporate Director (Projects Delivery) spoke to the report and he was accompanied at the meeting by the Deputy Chief Executive, Lisa Hastings.

The Committee was informed of the progress of the Freeport East Development as follows:

- *Throughout 2020, the Council had worked with public and private sector partners on a bid to present the case for developing Freeport East as one of the Government's nominated Freeports.*
- *In the March 2021 Budget, Government had announced the intention to designate sites in Essex and Suffolk as 'Freeport East'.*
- *At their meeting on April 2021, Cabinet had received the initial Freeport East report, which set out the purpose of Freeports and the process and roadmap the public / private sector partnership would follow to receive formal designation by Government.*
- *The Council's Freeport East Portfolio Holder Working Party took place on the 2 September 2021 and agreed to support the Leader of the Council in providing a letter of support in respect of the Freeport East Outline Business Case.*
- *That Working Party also recommended that the Council pursue steps that Hutchinson Ports Ltd could undertake as part of its commitment to Harwich International Port, the skills agenda so the local population could take on careers that would become available as a consequence of Freeport East, and the need to actively pursue the improvements to the A120 from the A12 through to Harwich.*
- *In September 2021 Cabinet had endorsed the urgent decision taken by the Leader of the Council, on behalf of the Cabinet, to provide a letter of support for the principles in regard to retained business rates generated within the Freeport East Tax Site, to accompany the Freeport East Outline Business Case, which was submitted to Government on 10 September 2021.*
- *On the 13 December 2021 the Outline Business Case was formally approved by Government, the three tax sites in Felixstowe, Harwich and at Gateway 14 near Stowmarket were agreed, published on GOV.UK and Statutory Instruments laid to enshrine them in legislation.*
- *Tendring District Council supported the approach to the Freeport East Full Business Case at Cabinet in March 2022 and included Freeport East in its Policy and Budget Framework at Full Council that month.*

- *East Suffolk Council as the Lead Authority, alongside Freeport East, submitted the Full Business Case (FBC) to Government for Freeport East on behalf of partners on 14 April 2022.*
- *Government will now respond to Freeport East's FBC, with the final Full Business Case to be agreed between Government and Freeport East by August 2022.*

The Members of the Committee had developed key lines of enquiry in relation to this matter and through their questioning, and the answers provided, the Committee explored the issues related to the Freeport concept and the particular proposals for Freeport East. The Committee's discussion looked at the infrastructure required in, around and to/from the Freeport East site at Bathside Bay, Harwich and the planning processes that would seek to ensure the necessary infrastructure was provided (alongside investment by agencies such as Highways England).

The Committee also enquired into the number of jobs that were estimated to be created through the development. The Committee was informed that the estimation was that around 10,000 jobs would be created over the three Freeport East sites (Harwich, Felixstowe and Stowmarket) and that 3000 of these could be created within this District. The Committee was also advised that, whilst the details of the Full Business Case were confidential, the Government in its Guidance expected local skills supply to be a key competent of Freeports and that Freeport East were committed to provide apprenticeships as part of its overall offer and to engage closely with schools to promote opportunities that would be coming forward. The benefit from Freeport East was envisaged as being at a regional scale.

The Committee thanked Lisa Hastings (Deputy Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer) and Lee Heley (Corporate Director Projects Delivery) for the report and attending the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** to **CABINET** that:

- (1) The approach of the Council, in wholeheartedly supporting and embracing the Freeport East proposal, be welcomed and endorsed as something that had the potential to radically transform in a good way the Town of Harwich, the wider District of Tendring and beyond;
- (2) The jobs and skills commitments in the Full Business Case for Freeport East should be kept to the fore by the Council and that the development of the first careers hub be encouraged as swiftly as possible.
- (3) The urgent need to enhance the A120 from its junction with the A133 at Great Bromley Parish to Harwich was something that could delay or prevent the full potential of Freeport East being realised if commitments were not given to achieve those enhancements in the immediate forthcoming period:
- (4) There was a need to ensure that pro-active steps were taken to offer solutions to any issues that arose in achieving advantage across all parts of the District in developing supply chains, business to business links, skills development, supportive public investment and jobs creation associated with the Freeport East;

The meeting was declared closed at 8.45 pm

**Chairman**

## AGENDA ITEM 5

### Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee 28 June 2022

#### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 13 – SCRUTINY OF PROPOSED DECISIONS

(Prepared by Keith Simmons)

The below forthcoming decisions are those published since 11 March 2022 – the publication date for the Committee’s last ordinary meeting.

In presenting the following, the Committee’s attention is drawn to the agenda item notes in respect of Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13.

DESCRIPTION OF DECISION	KEY DECISION – YES/NO	DECISION MAKER	Decision Due Date
Highlight Priorities 2021/22 – Outturn Report	NO	Cabinet	15/07/2022
Sport and Activity Strategy	YES	Cabinet	15/07/2022
Highlight Priorities 2022/23 – Q2 Progress Report	NO	Cabinet	07/10/2022
2023/24 Initial Highlight Priorities	NO	Cabinet	16/12/2022
Highlight Priorities 2022/23 – Q3 Progress Report	NO	Cabinet	27/01/2022
2023/24 Finalised Highlight Priorities	NO	Cabinet	27/01/2023

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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
<p><b>Date of meeting: 21 March 2022</b> <b>Minute: 53</b></p> <p><b>That Cabinet agrees to:-</b></p> <p><b>(1) Send a letter of support to the Secretary of State for Education for the introduction of the following powers/measure to safeguard the position of those de-registering from mainstream schools and opting for Elective Home Education (EHE) namely:-</b></p> <p><b>(a) That the details of the proposed Elective Home Education should be documented and submitted to the Upper Tier Local Authority in advance of the child being de-registered.</b></p> <p><b>(b) That a backstop right of access for the Upper Tier Local Authority be provided to the</b></p>	<p>At the Cabinet meeting on 17 June 2022.</p> <p>The Cabinet had before it the responses of the Portfolio Holder thereto as follows:-</p> <p><i>“With reference to the enquiry into Children Missing Education, I fully support the recommendations of the Committee and I will action the following:-</i></p> <p><i>a) Writing to ECC giving the Cabinet’s support to strengthening home education.</i></p> <p><i>b) Writing to the Secretary of State for Education outlining support for the powers/measures as indicated above, as well as giving support to the Essex County Council Cross-Party Response to the House of Commons’ Education Committee Report entitled “Strengthening Home Education” (published 26 July 2021).</i></p>	

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<p>home and to the child where Elective Home Education is provided with a view to confirming the position.</p> <p>(c) That Academies be urged to provide access on their sites in a locality for those being home schooled to undertake examinations close to home.</p> <p>(d) That parents of children being home schooled be required to provide regular updates to the Upper Tier Local Authority on the progress of the children being home schooled.</p> <p>(2) That an email be sent to all Tendring District Councillors, prepared by Essex County Council, to explain the position on those missing from mainstream education and the routes for reporting concerns about those children (which, if recommendation (1) above is also approved) could be accompanied by the letter to the Secretary of State as referred to in that recommendation.</p>	<p><i>In summary the cross party response further outlines the urgent need for a number of additional safeguarding measures for Upper Tier local authorities together with the financial support per pupil to set standards to ensure consistency regarding regular monitoring, communication and assessment of the suitability of home education.”</i></p> <p>Having considered the recommendations of the Community Leadership Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee, together with the response of the Portfolio Holder thereto:-</p> <p>The recommendations were noted and that the response of the Portfolio Holder thereto approved.</p>	
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<p><b>Date of meeting:</b> 9 May 2022 <b>Minute:</b> 5</p> <p><b><u>FREEPORT EAST</u></b></p> <p><b>That Cabinet :-</b></p> <p>(1) <b>Endorses the approach of the Council, in wholeheartedly welcoming, supporting and embracing the Freeport East proposal, as something that has the potential to radically transform in a good way the Town of Harwich, the wider District of Tendring and beyond;</b></p> <p>(2) <b>Recognises that the jobs and skills commitments in the Full Business Case for Freeport East should be kept to the fore by this Council and that the development of the first careers hub be implemented as swiftly as possible;</b></p> <p>(3) <b>Recognises furthermore that the urgent need to enhance the A120 from its junction with the A133 at Great Bromley to Harwich is</b></p>	<p>At the Cabinet meeting on 17 June 2022.</p> <p>The Cabinet had before it the responses of the Leader thereto as follows:-</p> <p><i>“I welcome the report from the Committee and agree that Freeport East has the potential to radically transform in a good way the Town of Harwich, the wider District of Tendring and beyond. Jobs, skills and transport are key benefits the Council wants to see come forward as a result, including investment in the A133 / A120 junction, and I recognise that these benefits, if the Freeport is successful, have the potential to reach all corners of the District.”</i></p> <p>Having considered the recommendations of the Community Leadership Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee, together with the response of the Leader thereto:-</p> <p>The recommendations were endorsed and that the response of the Leader of the Council thereto was approved</p>	
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<p>something that could delay or prevent the full potential of Freeport East being realised if commitments were not given to achieve those enhancements in the immediate forthcoming period; and</p> <p>(4) Agrees that there is a need to ensure that pro-active steps are taken to offer solutions to any issues that arise in achieving any advantage across all parts of the District in developing supply chains, business-to-business links, skills development, supportive public investment and jobs creation associated with the Freeport East.</p>		
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### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & ELECTIONS

#### A.1 WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022/23 AND REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021-2022 FOR THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(Report prepared by Keith Simmons and Hattie Dawson-Dragisic)

##### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To review the Committee's work undertaken during the year 2021/22 and to seek the Committee's approval to its draft programme of work for the 2022/23 year for recommendation to the Council meeting on 12 July 2022.

##### **BACKGROUND**

The Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee is one of two overview and scrutiny committees established by the Council to specifically focus on the following areas of Council work (as detailed in Article 6.02(i) of the Council's Constitution):

*"To perform the role of Overview and Scrutiny and its functions in relation to:*

- *Community Leadership developing the external focus of overview and scrutiny on "district-wide" issues (and where appropriate sub-regional, regional and national issues), in particular, through collaborative work with local partner authorities, providers, stakeholders and members of the public.*
- *Approval of discrete researched and evidenced reviews on the effectiveness of partnership operating in the area with particular focus on:*
  - *Community Safety*
  - *Health and Well-being*
  - *Economy, Skills and Educational Attainment*
- *Community engagement, development and empowerment*
- *Leisure and Tourism (except matters relating to budgets)*
- *Housing strategy and Homeless Service (except the Housing Revenue Account)*
- *Emergency Planning"*

The Constitution provides for the two overview and scrutiny committees to submit a work programme to full Council for approval. Rule 7 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules sets out the position as follows:

*"Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee will submit a work programme for the year ahead and a review of the previous year's activities to the full Council for approval. In addition it will be responsible for co-ordinating and prioritising its work programme on an ongoing basis.*

*In preparing, co-ordinating and prioritising its programme, each Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take into account:-*

- *The General Role and Principles of undertaking its functions, as set out in Part 2 Article 6;*
- *The planned work on the preparation of elements of the Budget and Policy Framework, as set out in the Council's Business Plan;*
- *The need for statutory timetables to be met;*
- *The wishes of all members of the committee;*
- *Requests from the Cabinet to carry out reviews; and*
- *Requests from Group Leaders in accordance with Rule 8."*

In considering the Work Programme of enquiries, the Committee must have regard to the Corporate Plan 2020-24 and the themes of that Corporate Plan are:

- Delivering High Quality Services
- Building Sustainable Communities
- Strong Finances and Governance
- A Growing and Inclusive Economy
- Community Leadership through Partnerships

#### **WORK CARRIED OUT TO DATE**

In developing a draft Work Programme for 2022/23 the timetable below sets out the process undertaken. Work still to be undertaken is also set out below.

Action	Start Date	End Date	Proposal
Invite Officer ideas	25/04	06/05	Management Team, email to Directors and TDC user email.
Invite Councillor ideas	25/04	06/05	Email to Members (with reminder day before end date.
Invite Cabinet/Portfolio Holder ideas	25/04	06/05	
Invite Parish Council ideas	25/04	06/05	Email to Parish Council Clerks
Invite the public's ideas	25/04	06/05	Smart Survey, Press Release, Social media post
Invite other partner ideas	25/04	06/05	Partnerships communicated with others asking for ideas
Hold Cabinet (Leader/Deputy) –OSC	09/05	13/05	Meeting held on 17/05

Chairmen meeting			
Training on Task and Finish Groups etc.	25/05		Using the first of the Councillor Development Sessions in the schedule of meetings
Submit proposals to the OSC's	27/06	01/07	Community Leadership OSC is scheduled for 28/06. A special Resources and Services OSC has been arranged for 30/06.
Determine Memberships of Task and Finish Groups etc	TBC	TBC	To be determined. Some work could be undertaken prior to Council on a provisional basis only.
Submit proposals to Council for approval	12/7		Council meeting that evening
Programming of Task and Finish Groups and them starting their work	N/A	N/A	Throughout the year – hopefully taking account of the advice from Management Team about capacity and programming.

The above shows that a consultation took place to invite the various stakeholders to give their ideas for items to be added to the work programme. 22 responses were received, 1 of these were a Parish Council, 3 were from this Council's own staff, 5 were TDC Councillors and 13 were from the public. These responses have been assigned to the two OSCs based on their respective terms of reference and those for this Committee are set out at Appendix A to this report.

A meeting was also held on 17 May including the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, the OSC Chairmen, the Chief Executive and the Deputy Chief Executive. The purpose was to provide the forum envisaged in paragraph 9.2 of the Council's Cabinet-Overview & Scrutiny Protocol. That paragraph highlighted the advantage of such meetings in building on the positive working relationship between representatives of the two elements of the governance structures of the Council. It also referenced the opportunity such meetings provided for Cabinet to input into developing Work

Programmes for the Overview & Scrutiny Committees. The following suggestions were made as a result of this meeting:

- *The future viability of leisure centres - given fuel price increases, inflation generally and wage inflation.*
- *Beach Huts – the current strategy, commercial rental of the Huts, storing of inflammable materials in them and the future strategy for the Huts.*
- *The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and levels of enduring depression – picking up the Active Essex Local Delivery Pilot Scheme locally and the work of Family Solutions*
- *Freeport East – including the transport infrastructure around the District to maximise the benefit of the Freeport, looking at development investment into Harwich and the skilling of local people for the jobs at the Freeport.*
- *Tendring-Colchester Border Garden Community*
- *The £1.5m of funds transferred from the Health Service to the Council and the Council delivering schemes for those Health bodies.*
- *Examining the delivery of projects to tackle alcohol and drug misuse and violence against women and girls (Essex County Council had put funding into a Multi-Disciplinary Teams to tackle these issues).*
- *Tackling low aspirations of the local population – including looking at the INTU programme and accessing Adult Education (picking up on the work by Essex County Council on its ambition for the Adult and Community Learning).*

*The Leader and Deputy Leader identified the following two subjects as ones that thought would most warrant prioritisation for scrutiny enquiries in 2022/23:*

- *Planning Enforcement for the Council. The review would look at the Council's powers, policies, procedures, data on use of those powers and the effectiveness of the approach.*
- *Cyber Security for the Council. Looking at the threats, our approach to those threats and the future vulnerabilities.*

*The proposals would be considered and fed into the process of determining the proposed Work Programmes.*

### **Proposed Work Programme**

The Committee is further invited to identify the intended progress with the relevant enquiries in respect of the programmed meetings of the Committee (as below):

4 October 2022  
13 December 2022  
7 March 2023

Following on from the Councillor Development Session on 25/05/22, the Committee is invited to draft a Work Programme seeking to make appropriate use of the following approaches to enquiries:

- Overview and Scrutiny Workshops

- Task and Finish Groups
- Standing Panels
- Enquiry Days
- Off Agenda briefings
- Site Visits
- Consultation

To assist the Committee a pro-forma scoping document for any proposed Work Programme items is set out at Appendix B. In addition at Appendix C to this report is a draft scoping document picking up the issue of “Jaywick Sands” which is an item from 2021/22’s Work Programme that was not undertaken in view of the published intention to develop a Place Plan for Jaywick. Appendix C also includes a proposed scope for an enquiry into the Tendring-Colchester Border Garden Community.

#### **Review of the Year 2021/22**

The review of the work undertaken by the Committee during the year 2021-22 is being prepared in conjunction with the Chairman of the Committee and will be provided prior to the meeting for consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (a) That the Committee receives and considers the range of proposals for work programme items from stakeholders as set out at Appendix A to this report.**
- (b) That the Committee agrees draft 2022/23 Work Programme for enquiries for the Committee, utilising the pro-forma scoping document set out in Appendix B, for submission to Full Council; and**
- (c) to note that a review of the year 2021 – 2022 is being prepared in conjunction with the Committee’s Chairman and will be circulated prior to this meeting of the Committee for consideration of it.**

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

There are none.

### **APPENDICES**

Appendix A – Submitted ideas for scrutiny from Councillors, the public, Parish Councils and Stakeholders.  
 Appendix B – Pro-forma Scrutiny Scoping Document.  
 Appendix C – Draft Scrutiny Scoping Document for two possible enquiries

**Work Programme 2022/23 – Ideas from Stakeholders**

Officers:

**Thoughts**

Sport and leisure

- Sports and Activity strategy, including any project deliverable that are adopted from the strategy
- Activity levels for Tendring (if new data is readily available) and how to increase activity levels using TDC land, including the seafront
- Seafront heritage projects
- Beach hut strategy
- Activity space outside the district leisure centres, a sports / activity hubs

Economic Growth

- A focus on the skills gaps within Tendring and in particular for green energy linked to Freeport.
- Transportation and how we can support low income families to access all areas within Tendring especially in relation to jobs and education.
- Repurposing the high streets and providing a sense of place.
- Supporting new and existing businesses to thrive in the area.
- Jaywick Business Units and Covered Market, and how it will supports businesses, jobs and the community.

## Councillors:

<p>CLlr C Griffiths</p>	<p>I read your report on children missing school with interest. One group of children that the report has missed is those being home schooled, with an Education Health Action Plan because the local authority is not able to meet their needs in the local schools and there are no places available at other more specialized schools like Market Fields, so the local authority funds tutors to come to the child's home on a daily basis.</p> <p>I know that the local authorities do not like to focus on this particular group, as they claim that as the child is being educated at home and on the role of a school so they are not missing education and being educated, and fall into the home school category. The fact is that the child is being home schooled because mainstream education is unable to meet their needs, and there are no places available anywhere else.</p> <p>My daughter, who is on the autistic spectrum, has been in this situation for the last eighteen months and while her academic levels have drastically improved, she has had rather limited interactions with anyone outside of the household, which has not helped her social skills and has led to isolation from her peers.</p> <p>I know from personal experience, that there is a significant number of children who fall into this category but show up as home schooled.</p> <p>One question to ask, may be how many children are home schooled and fully funded by the state, because mainstream education cannot meet their needs, and there are no places available in other education facilities. This often means that mainstream schools are trying to support children and parents at home, using the schools SEND team, which very often is not geared up to deal with some children's very complex needs.</p>
<p>CLlr D Miles</p>	<p>The following are key areas I consider to be of real importance to continue to scrutinise:</p> <p>Education - attendance (including unauthorised absenteeism), performance, adequate provision especially for SEN pupils etc.</p> <p>Police - their priorities vs the priorities of the public ie Tendring residents. There may be specific areas that need scrutinising such as the e-scooters etc on our programme last year. Increase in anti social behaviour by young adolescents and what action the Police are taking to tackle this (especially with those parents who fail to supervise their children) is becoming a very serious issue in some areas of the District.</p> <p>Social Services - both Adult and Child and Adolescent Services. There seems to be a dearth of qualified Social Workers in Essex and the effects on our residents is quite profound.</p> <p>Health - lack of GPs and how difficult it is in some of the areas within Tendring for patients to have face-to-face appointments. How can this be resolved?</p> <p>Housing - in particular social housing and private lets - shortages/cost of rentals etc.</p>

Public:

As both historically and to a lesser extent today a holiday destination, please can you investigate etc the attractiveness of Clacton town, especially the centre.

So ideas such as more flower planting, hanging baskets, tree planting etc in the town centre. And alongside this can the issue of public drinking by a fairly small group, perhaps a total of 30, usually a group of 10ish at any one time, of people who spend much of the day drinking alcohol in the town square, opposite McDonalds.

I would argue this is the central area of Clacton that many, if not all visitors pass through, and through the provision of benches and takeaways outlets, visitors stay in the square.

Currently though the sight and sound of many public drinkers in the square I expect is having a negative effect on the town's visitors, and I presume most residents of the town.

Maybe carry out a survey, and talk to visitors and residents as to possible proposals to ban public street drinking from the town centre, as is actually suggested by the blue signs in the square and around town.

State of the roads in and around Brightlingsea

Yes, I fully understand that this is an issue for Essex Highways, but please exert some pressure on them to replace (not patch) the roadways in our vicinity. We live on the Manor estate in Brightlingsea, which was constructed in the early 70s with roads constructed of concrete topped with a layer of tarmac. They are now over 50 years old and are disintegrating in many places. The roads are sinking, the blacktop is coming away, there are potholes, manhole covers are proud and much more. My wife has MS and the pathways are appalling; rutted, patched, uneven – I challenge any of you reading this to push my wife in her wheelchair around the estate; it is not pleasant for her or the person pushing the chair. The same issues are there for young mothers with prams and pushchairs.

As I see it, these issues will NEVER be rectified. Essex Highways will keep restating that they do not have the finance to do anything apart from urgent repairs – and that's the issue. As the money has dwindled, they have taken to short-term fixes, ignoring the long-term effects of this policy. In another 10 years the roads and pathways on the estate will have disintegrated. Perhaps additional wording could be added beneath the Brightlingsea sign on the B1029 stating – Welcome to Brightlingsea, road system twinned with Mariupol, Ukraine.

Also, the B1029 road from Frating crossroads through Thorrington to Brightlingsea is in a dreadful state. Virtually all of the kerbside drain gratings have sunk or have seriously eroded edges. This is a result of the heavy lorries using this road to access Eastern Waste Disposal, the various gravel workings in the area and the shipyard. These vehicles often loaded with heavy scrap metal, aggregates and waste and due to the limited width of the road they have

to travel close to the kerb, especially when two similar vehicles are passing in opposite directions. Their weight is the issue as the drain surroundings have not been constructed to withstand these forces.

Another challenge for you is to ride this route on a bicycle – you will be constantly swerving to avoid the hazards; a danger to yourself and other road users.

I could go on and on but, hopefully, you get my drift. As I stated earlier, my biggest fear is that these issues will NEVER be addressed, at local, regional and national government level.

#### Parity with Frinton seafront

We all know that Frinton is TDC's jewel-in-the-crown, despite your protests that this is not the case. The closure of the Sports Centre here, while spending £100,000s in Clacton is testament to the second-class nature of our town. Dogs on the beach by the childrens' paddling pool are an issue during summer months and the signage here is woeful! If you walk the promenade in Frinton, at every access to the beach there is a prominent sign stating that dogs are banned from 1 May – 30 September. There are three main entrances to the paddling pool area – at Splash Point, at the accessible ramp by the Beach Patrol hut and the ramp by the partially completed café. There is now a sign near the Beach Patrol hut and others on the sea wall surrounding the promenade, but the sea wall signs are virtually useless as they are low down and not easily seen. There needs to be large 'in-your-face' signage at each entrance to the area, to ensure clarity. Those of us that use the area on a regular basis have become unofficial and unpaid dog wardens, often attracting abuse when we point out the seasonal regulations to owners. We should not be put in this position when adequate signage would provide the necessary information. Providing the Beach Wardens with more powers would also go some way to alleviating the problem. At one meeting last year with the Beach supervisor the reason given for lack of signage was 'overload' – too much signage! This does not appear to be the case in Frinton, where there is a sign at EVERY entrance.

I also understand that TDC is responsible for the paddling pool area, but Brightlingsea Town Council keeps it looking good for residents and visitors, but you don't support them financially to do so. This does not appear democratic to me. Why should the council tax payers of Brightlingsea fund the maintenance of this area for TDC.

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<i>[Broad description of the subject of the enquiry]</i>	<i>[Set out whether there is a specific time frame for this enquiry]</i>	<b>Which Theme does it relate to:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Delivering High Quality Services</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Building Sustainable Communities for the Future</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Strong Finances and Governance</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A Growing and Inclusive Economy</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Community Leadership Through Partnerships</b>	<i>[Outline what information is critical to the success of the enquiry. Also identify whether site visits and consultation are envisaged]</i>	<i>[Who should attend to answer questions based on the key lines of enquiry:</i>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Councillors</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Officers</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Outside representatives</b>	<i>[Set out what the outcome of the enquiry is proposed to achieve]</i>

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<p>Jaywick, social issues, crime and deprivation, housing.</p> <p>Private Sector Housing and rental build quality. Plus a look at the action to address health inequality through addressing housing conditions.</p>	To be Allocated	<p>Community Leadership Through Partnerships/Joined up public services for the benefit of our residents and businesses</p> <p>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</p> <p>Delivering High Quality Services/A6 - Effective Regulation and Enforcement</p>	<p>The emerging Place Plan for Jaywick.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Essex Levelling Up proposals for the area and how they seek to address issues in the locality</p>	<p>Cllr P Honeywood as Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Jaywick Corporate Director, Operations and Delivery, Interim Director for Planning and Assistant Director, Housing and Environment Representatives from Essex County Council, the Environment Agency, the Clinical Commissioning Group/Primary Care Network/ICP Representatives from Community Groups in Jaywick</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The enquiry may also be able to inform the emerging Place Plan for Jaywick</p>
<p>Progressing the proposals for development as part of Tendring-Colchester Border Garden Community</p> <p>Considering the emerging Development Plan</p>	September-November 2022	Community Leadership Through Partnerships	<p>The emerging Development Plan Document for the Garden Community.</p> <p>Responses to consultation with the</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance and Governance</p> <p>The Chairman of the Tendring Colchester Borders</p>	<p>Reassurance that the Development Plan Document for the Garden Community (and related plans for the Garden Community)</p>

<p><b>Document for the Garden Community</b></p> <p><b>Opportunities for enhancing the Garden Community through links to the Freeport East project.</b></p> <p><b>Examining stewardship/governance of the Garden Community.</b></p> <p><b>Assessing risk and challenges for the District as a whole.</b></p>			<p><b>public/stakeholders on the Development Plan Document.</b></p> <p><b>The plans of Essex County Council for roads and for the rapid transit arrangements.</b></p> <p><b>Relevant plans of the University of Essex.</b></p> <p><b>Plans of public service providers such as health, fire and police for provision in respect of the Garden Community.</b></p>	<p><b>Joint Committee and the other Members of the Committee.</b></p> <p><b>The Planning Portfolio Holder</b></p> <p><b>The Deputy Chief Executive, Interim Director for Planning and the Corporate Director for Project Delivery</b></p> <p><b>Representatives from Essex County Council (Highways), North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance</b></p>	<p><b>are robust and address the needs for that community.</b></p> <p><b>This process can itself inform the full Council's consideration of the Development Plan Document for the Garden Community – scheduled to be considered in January 2023.</b></p>
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