

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION (THE DECISIONS LIST)

Date:	Decision Maker:	Subject to Call-in*
26 June 2026	Cabinet	No

SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Matters Referred to the Cabinet by a Committee - Reference from the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee - A.1 - Adoption of the Revised Essex Coast Recreational Disturbance Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy (RAMS)

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet formally -

- (a) adopts the revised Essex Coast RAMS and associated tariff, as set out at Appendix 1 to this report (A.1), superseding the original Essex Coast RAMS (2018-2038) Strategy;
- (b) approves the implementation of a revised RAMS tariff of £476 per net additional dwelling (or equivalent qualifying development), to take effect from 1 August 2026;
- (c) withdraws the adopted Essex Coast RAMS Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), noting that its content is no longer fully aligned with the revised Strategy, evidence base and tariff;
- (d) agrees to replace the SPD with an Essex Coast RAMS Technical Advice Note (TAN); and
- (e) authorises the Corporate Director (Planning and Community), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning, to finalise and publish the TAN for use alongside the updated RAMS Strategy.

Reasons for Decision:

Having duly considered the recommendations submitted to it by the Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee, together with the written formal comments of the Portfolio Holder for Housing & Planning.

Alternative Options Considered:

Not to approve some or all of the Committee's recommendations.

Conflicts of Interest Declared (and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

N/A

Contact Officer:

Gary Guiver, Corporate Director (Planning & Community)

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SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Leader of the Council's Items - A.2 - Consequential Matters in Respect of the Formation of New Parishes for Clacton-on-Sea, Holland-on-Sea and West Clacton & Jaywick Sands

Decision:

RESOLVED that –

- (a) the contents of the report be noted, including the reference to the Council (in due course) determining the budgets for the three new parish councils for Clacton-on-Sea, Holland-on-Sea and West Clacton & Jaywick Sands and the Council Tax precepts for 2027/28 for those new parish councils;
- (b) the Assistant Director (Corporate Policy & Support) be authorised to commission the Essex Association of Local Councils (subject to an approval from the Leader of the Council and the Council's Section 151 Officer in relation to the Council's Procurement Procedure Rules) to undertake a range of work with the District Council to support the transition from the decision to create the three new parish councils to them commencing in existence from 1 April 2027 in the sum of £52,500 (on the basis that £25,000 would be recoverable from across the three new parish councils);
- (c) the required financial impact in 2026/27 of £27,500 be met from the Corporate Investment Fund (Revenue);
- (d) the associated work, including tax bases and special expenses that will be undertaken as part of the Council's wider annual budget setting processes for 2027/28 later in the year, be noted; and
- (e) it is noted that the costs incurred by the Returning Officer in administering the elections to the three new Parish Councils will be costs to be recovered from those Parish Councils.

Reasons for Decision:

Recognising that the report's recommendations set out requirements and good practice in respect of the move from a decision to establish new parish councils and those new parish councils coming into being.

Alternative Options Considered:

In respect of the recommendations set out in the report the option to not pursue the proposal (or to pursue it in an alternative way) was considered and discounted. The fact that the three separate parish councils will come into existence in little over 9 months from the date of this meeting, and prior to that the initial budgets and separate initial precepts need to be determined means that delay in acting would not be wise.

**Conflicts of Interest Declared
(and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)**

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

N/A

Contact Officer:

Keith Simmons, Assistant Director (Corporate Policy & Support) & Deputy Monitoring Officer

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SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism Portfolio Holder - A.3 - Local Regeneration Fund (LRF) - Milton Road and Victoria Street: Progress Update

Decision:

RESOLVED that Cabinet -

- (a) notes and welcomes the progress on the second procurement exercise in securing a high level of interest from the market and a Preferred Bidder, and enacting the lessons learned from the previous exercise;
- (b) reinforces its ongoing commitment relating to the use and management of the Milton Road and Victoria Street sites, with Milton Road retained for public car parking provision, and the Victoria Street sites retained for housing purposes and being retained within the Housing Revenue Account (together with associated car parking provision), with no current intention to appropriate or dispose of any of the sites; and
- (c) notes and supports the progression of the project to the next stage, including entry into a Pre-Construction Services Agreement (PCSA) with the preferred bidder, in accordance with the existing operational delegated authority.

Reasons for Decision:

Recognising that the appointment of a contractor under a PCSA would enable the Council to work collaboratively with the contractor to refine the design, manage risk and develop a

robust and deliverable contract sum.

Alternative Options Considered:

- **Do nothing** – would risk loss of MHCLG funding and delivery failure;
- **Do not award the contract** – if the officer's decision to award contract were not taken, this would delay or prevent delivery;
- **Do not award the contract at this time** – were the officer's decision to award contract not taken, this would risk the funding due to the required expenditure of all Local Regeneration Fund by March 2028;
- **Undertake a further procurement exercise** – unlikely to improve outcome given current market response and would risk programme delay.

**Conflicts of Interest Declared
(and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)**

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

Yes

Contact Officer:

Lee Heley, Corporate Director (Place and Wellbeing) & Deputy Chief Executive

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SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Environment and ICT Portfolio Holder - A.4 - Adoption of Food & Safety Service Plan & Enforcement Policy

Decision:

RESOLVED that -

- (a) the Food & Safety Service Plan 2026 – 2027 in the form appended as Appendix A to the Portfolio Holder's report (A.4) be approved in so far as it relates to executive functions;
- (b) the Food & Safety Enforcement Policy 2026-2028 in the form appended as Appendix B to the Portfolio Holder's report (A.4) be approved in so far as it relates to executive functions;
- (c) both documents be referred to the Licensing and Registration Committee for consideration of the non-executive functions, which fall within that Committee's responsibility; and
- (d) subject to the decisions of the Licensing and Registration Committee, the Corporate

Director (Operations and Delivery) be authorised to approve amendments or updates as may be required to the Food & Safety Service Plan and Food & Safety Enforcement Policy 2026-2027, and on an annual basis thereafter.

Reasons for Decision:

In order to implement a Food & Safety Service Plan and a Food & Safety Enforcement Policy to protect public health, ensure legal compliance with food hygiene regulations, and maintain food standards and ensure consistent inspections, risk-based targeting of businesses, and appropriate actions against breaches of food law, ultimately reducing foodborne illnesses and safeguarding consumers.

Alternative Options Considered:

There is a mandatory requirement for both the Food & Safety Service Plan and the Food & Safety Enforcement Policy to be implemented as part of the work undertaken by the service and to publish them accordingly. As a consequence, no alternative options have been considered in detail.

**Conflicts of Interest Declared
(and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)**

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

N/A

Contact Officer:

Tim Clarke, Assistant Director (Housing and Environment)

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SUBJECT OF DECISION:

Cabinet Members' Items - Report of the Housing and Planning Portfolio Holder - A.5 - Outturn Performance Against the Regulator of Social Housing's Tenant Satisfaction Measures for 2025/26

Decision:

RESOLVED that –

- (a) the Council's Outturn Performance Report against the Regulator of Social Housing's Tenant Satisfaction Measures for 2025/26, as set out in Appendix A to the Portfolio Holder's report (A.5), for publication on the Council's website and submission to the Regulator of Social Housing by 30 June 2026, be noted;

- (b) the Council's Performance against the Regulator of Social Housing's Tenant Satisfaction Measures for 2025/26 compared with performance for 2023/24 and 2024/25, as set out in Appendix B to the Portfolio Holder's report (A.5) be noted;
- (c) the current progress against the Tenant Satisfaction Measures Action Plan for 2024/25, as set out in Appendix C to the Portfolio Holder's report (A.5) be noted;
- (d) following the Council's Tenants' Panel examination of the data presented in this report and its appendices, the Corporate Director (Operations and Delivery), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning, be required to develop a new action plan for 2026/27 focusing on continuous improvement, with consideration to prioritisation, resources and on-going delivery; and
- (e) the Action Plan for 206/27 be presented to the Council's Audit Committee in due course to review its effectiveness and the monitoring arrangements.

Reasons for Decision:

In order to formally receive the outturn performance report before its submission to the Regulator of Social Housing and publication on the Council's website.

Alternative Options Considered:

The collation and submission of the TSM data is a mandatory requirement of the Consumer Standards for social housing providers. There is, therefore, not an alternative option.

In addition to reviewing the TSMs submitted, the RSH will also carry out regular inspections and investigate organisational complaints to ensure compliance with the new standards. It is fully expected that the Council will receive an inspection in the next two years.

Failure to meet the Consumer Standards could result in the RSH using its enforcement powers which include requiring a registered provider to submit a performance improvement plan or to take particular actions set out in an enforcement notice. The RSH will also be able to authorise an appropriate person to enter a social housing premises to take emergency remedial action and issue penalties or require the housing provider to pay compensation.

Conflicts of Interest Declared (and Dispensations Granted by the Monitoring Officer)

None

Consultation with Ward Member:

N/A

Contact Officer:

Tim Clarke, Assistant Director (Housing and Environment)

* The call-in procedure will not apply to a decision where the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's agreement has been obtained that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest,

or any decision made where such decision is to be referred to the Council or one of the overview and scrutiny committees for their consideration.