
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND
PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE, HELD ON MONDAY 22 MAY 2017 AT 7.30 PM,
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, THORPE ROAD, WEELEY**

Present:	Councillors Fairley (Chairman), Baker (Vice-Chairman), Amos, I Henderson, King, Land, Newton, Pemberton, Poonian and Yallop
Also Present:	Councillors McWilliams and Stephenson
In Attendance:	Anastasia Simpson (Head of People, Performance and Projects), Karen Neath (Management and Members' Support Manager) and Katie Sullivan (Committee Services Officer)
Also In Attendance:	Kevin Wilby (Essex County Councils School Organisation Officer), Joe Chell (Essex County Council's Lead Organisation Officer), Graham Lancaster (Essex County Council's Lead Commissioner for SES Project Work), Tracy Eve (Essex County Council's Employability and Skills Manager) and Kay Chapman (Essex County Council's Team Leader for North Essex)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were apologies for absence received from Councillor Broderick (with Councillor King substituting).

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on Monday 20 March 2017, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor I Henderson declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in items 4 and 5 by virtue of the fact that he was an Essex County Councillor.

Councillor Land declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in items 4 and 5 by virtue of the fact that he worked for Essex County Council within the Education Department.

4. EDUCATION UPDATE

School Places

Essex County Council's School Organisation Officer (Kevin Wilby) and Lead Organisation Officer (Joe Chell) were in attendance and gave the Committee a presentation on School Places. The presentation covered the following:-

- Strategic Planning;
- Forecasts;
- Creating Solutions;
- 2017 – 2026, 10 year plan information for Tendring;
- Reception year forecasts – Primary Schools;
- Year 7 forecasts – Secondary Schools;
- General Conclusion; and

- Next steps.

At the meeting, Members were given a paper copy of an extract for the Tendring District from Essex County Council's 2017-2026 10 Year Plan 'Meeting the demand for school places in Essex'.

Following on from the presentation Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Chairman thanked Kevin Wilby and Joe Chell for their very informative presentation.

Recruitment and Retention

Essex County Council's Lead Commissioner for SES Project Work (Graham Lancaster) was in attendance and gave the Committee a presentation on Teacher Recruitment and Retention. The presentation covered the following:-

- The National picture;
- Particular challenges in Essex;
- Retention strategies;
- Recruitment;
- What TDC may be able to do;
- The performance of Essex Schools; and
- Continuing priorities.

The Council's Head of People Performance and Projects (Anastasia Simpson) informed Members about Teach First, Key Worker Housing - which was part of the Council's Local Plan and Education Forums.

Following on from the presentation Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

After discussion, it was **AGREED** that **CABINET** be informed:

That the Committee would like to stress how important Key Worker Housing is and that the issues and concerns in relation to this should be treated as a key priority.

The Chairman thanked Graham Lancaster for his very informative presentation.

Careers Advice

Essex County Council's Employability and Skills Manager (Tracy Eve) was in attendance and gave the Committee a presentation on Careers Education and Information, Advice and Guidance in Schools. The presentation covered the following:-

- Statutory duty on Schools;
- Quality in careers standard;
- Tendring Schools;
- Careers Advisors;
- Activity survey for year 11 leavers in Essex and Tendring 2014-2016;

- Other employment and skills board activities to support CEIAG; and
- Other activities.

Following on from the presentation Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

After discussion, it was **RECOMMENDED to CABINET** that:

A letter be sent to the local MPs after 8 June 2017, to support the findings and recommendations of the House of Commons Sub-Committee on Education, Skills and the Economy contained in their report on Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance. In particular, that the recommendation that Ofsted have a greater role in assessing careers advice in schools be supported.

The Chairman thanked Tracy Eve for her very interesting presentation.

School Attendance

Essex County Council's Team Leader for North Essex (Kay Chapman) was in attendance and provided the Committee with information on school attendance. The following areas were covered:-

- Attendance data;
- Monitoring attendance;
- Enforcement;
- Children out of School places;
- Helping to improve attendance;
- Encouragement for Schools to engage with families;
- Good attendance = Good attainment;
- Referrals / Missing children; and
- Raising awareness and support.

At the meeting, Members were given a paper copy of the 2015-2016 Full Year Absence Data for Primary and Secondary Schools.

Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Chairman thanked Kay Chapman for the information she had provided to the Committee.

5. REVIEW OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY AND ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

The Committee had before it, a Briefing Paper, prepared by the Council's Executive Projects Officer (Rebecca Morton) to consult/seek feedback from the Committee on the review of the Memorandum of Understanding with Anglia Ruskin University and Essex County Council.

The Council's Head of People, Performance and Projects (Anastasia Simpson) informed Members that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) had been established with the

partner organisations Anglia Ruskin University, Essex County Council and primary and secondary schools in the Tendring District in June 2014.

Members were informed that the aim of the MOU was to raise educational attainment and the aspiration of young people across the District. Tendring District Council was seeking to work closely with Anglia Ruskin and to both support schools and local businesses achieve these aims through joint working.

The Briefing Paper stated that Anglia Ruskin had been actively involved in the District over the past three years which included:-

- Attendance at Tendring Education Improvement Group;
- Working with primary and secondary schools in the District to provide opportunities for University taster/open days;
- Joint investment of £1.2 million with IntoUniversity, to provide a Learning Centre in Clacton to support children and young people in the District - The Centre was due to open in September 2017; and
- Primary education courses to support teacher recruitment and degree apprenticeships currently in development.

Members were informed that the MOU was now under review with the intention of a new one being agreed with effect from June 2017.

It was stated that Tendring District Council was very pleased with the support and partnership working arrangements as set out in the MOU and the positive impact this had brought to the children and young people in the area. Significant progress had been made by schools in terms of attainment levels, 85% of schools were now good or outstanding.

It was reported that Tendring District Council were consequently very keen to continue the very positive partnership arrangements that were in place with the MOU.

It was proposed that the aims of the MOU for the next three years should include:-

- Maintaining attainment levels in schools across the District;
- Working with ECC and other partner organisations e.g. Teach First to continue to address the challenges of recruiting and retaining teachers and Head teachers; and
- To continue to develop the appropriate skills for employability of young people in the area and in turn working with and supporting local businesses.

Attached to the Briefing Paper was Appendix A - Current Memorandum of Understanding agreement.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- (a) the Committee supports the recommendations for a new Memorandum of Understanding to be agreed across partners and to be effective from 10 June 2017;

- (b) the revised Memorandum of Understanding will be shared with the Committee following agreement; and
- (c) the Committee would like to thank Anglia Ruskin University and partners for all their support for schools within the Tendring District over the past three years.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.04 p.m.

Chairman