

Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	13/11/23
Decision Maker (Officer):	Mike Carran, Assistant Director Economic Growth, Culture and Leisure
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.3 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.38). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.3 (4(ii) – Part 3.39). The Corporate Director of Place and Economy has delegated operational matters relating to the signing of a memorandum of understanding with key partners to
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	the Assistant Director, Economic Cllr Mark Stephenson, Leader & portfolio for Finance & Governance
Ward Member(s) consulted?	N/A
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To sign an agreement with key partners on a collaborative agenda, to support improved opportunities, prosperity and wellbeing for local people.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	The signing of this agreement will support the prosperity and wellbeing of communities across North Essex
	The agreement is inspired by the national Civic University Network which is campaigning to ensure

universities maximise their impact within their communities and embed civic aspirations in their work to drive forward positive social change.

As well as Tendring District Council, the agreement is signed by the following partners: University of Essex

- Colchester City Council
- Essex County Council
- North East Essex Health and Wellbeing Alliance

The MOU is attached to this decision and sets out the basis for the agreement to work in collaboration, but the key points are set out below:

- 1. To work together as anchor institutions to tackle challenges in health inequalities, deprivation, and skills to improve the opportunities available and regeneration outcomes that are particularly relevant to local communities.
- 2. To support economic growth in Essex.
- 3. To work together on the Centre for Coastal Communities.
- 4. To contribute to the growth of the University.
- 5. To ensure the developing Tendring / Colchester Borders Garden Community represents an opportunity for growth in jobs, improved transport links, economic prosperity and well planned housing as well as providing skills development and opportunities for residents.
- 6. To further develop opportunities and a programme of work that contributes to each organisation's strategies for net zero and reduces carbon emissions.

Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:

The agreement is high level and there are not considered to be any risks to the Council in signing. The spirit of the agreement will serve to support local challenges in health inequalities and life chances for local people.

Details of any Alternative Options Considered and

Option 1 - As above

Option 2 - Not to Sign the Agreement. This was not considered an alternative option, as the Council would

rejected (together with reasons):	have lost the opportunity to work collaboratively with key partners to strive for improved opportunities for local people.
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision) If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the	N/A
Monitoring Officer:	
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published:	✓ Not applicable – Decision to be published If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:
	The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information
Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,	The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:
<u>and</u>	Relates to an individual
	Likely to reveal the identity of an individual
Give more information in the final box with regards to why	Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation
the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of	Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings
disclosure).	Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment
	Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
	And is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information
	Reasons: [insert]

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Signed:

Title: AD Economic Growth Leisure

Dated: 31/03/2023