

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:	21/03/2025
Decision Maker (Officer):	Ian Davidson, Chief Executive of Tendring District Council
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).
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Cllr. Mark Stephenson, Leader of Tendring District Council
Ward Member(s) consulted?	N/A
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To allocate £20k to each of the North Essex Councils Collaborative Activities and Joint Health Post with Health Partners as agreed on the 15 th November 2024 Cabinet Meeting as set out in the Financial Performance Report 2024/25 – General Update at the end of September 2024.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	To continue with collaborative opportunities with the Council's partners. <u>Contribute £20k to the North Essex Councils.</u> North Essex Councils (NEC) is a partnership of councils in North Essex, including Braintree District Council, Chelmsford City Council, Colchester City Council, Epping Forest District Council, Essex County Council, Harlow

District Council, Maldon District Council, Tendring District Council, and Uttlesford District Council.

The aim of the NEC is to work together collaboratively on issues such as housing, infrastructure and economic development.

The Council contributed £20,000 on a trial basis in 2023/4. That supported the development of North Essex Councils as a collaborative group, and work has continued in 2024/5, including the recruitment of a Director to support NEC. The Director has supported the development a themed approach to joint working, with workstreams on economic growth, climate change and housing. In 2025 councils became part of the Devolution Priority Programme, with plans developing for Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation. This has enabled, for example, the Economic workstream, to run a series of workshops to develop draft proposals for a high-level economic plan for North Essex, which has the potential to feed into proposals within the new Mayoral Combined Authority as it develops during 2025/6.

As a result, it is proposed to provide £20,000 for 2024/5 to support the work of North Essex Councils.

Allocate £20k to the Joint Health Post

The Head of Place Partnership for Tendring is employed by the North East Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB) to develop the Place approach for the district of Tendring. The post operates within the North East Essex Alliance, which is a collective of government, healthcare and voluntary organisations, who work together to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities have an increasing focus on Place.

The Post is employed by the ICB, focused on Tendring District, and will work closely with Tendring District Council. Health and Wellbeing is very important to the Council. The Council is out to consultation on a Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which sets out the importance of public health, and the role of the Council in promoting the wider determinants of health through many of its services, such as housing, planning, benefits, sport and leisure and economic growth. We are also spending funding from the health system, for example on the health homes for Jaywick programme.

This post will support the joint working between the Council and the health system, both on the Council's aspirations set out in the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and health partners approach to public health, focused on targeting activity and services within places (the 'place approach'). The ICB has agreed to provide full backstop funding for this post, which has been filled subject to standard Human Resource checks. The Council has been asked, as a

	<p>partner, to make a contribution to the costs of the post, given the works on the shared public health agenda with the District Council.</p> <p>It is noted that reductions in staffing budgets have been announced nationally related to the ICB. However, we understand the post will be progressed from the ICB side.</p> <p>Link to the original report: Report Template Part A</p>						
<p>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</p>	<p>The on-going review of cost pressures has continued on a 'live' basis which includes the items above. These broadly reflect items where it is felt prudent to respond to opportunities for collaborative working with partners.</p> <p>The NEC contribution is monitored on a value for money basis and with Devolution and Local Government Reform a continuation of this contribution will be considered as a budget in 2025/26. A report will be presented if this is required.</p> <p>If the Joint Health is successful there may be a request, under separate decision, for a further £20,000 next year.</p>						
<p>Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):</p>	<p>To not fund these initiatives and miss the opportunities of working with partners and being able to shape the future of the district.</p>						
<p>Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision)</p> <p>If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:</p>	<p>N/A</p>						
<p>Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published:</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="576 1783 635 1854" style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td data-bbox="635 1783 1385 1854">Not applicable – Decision [and report] to be published</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="576 1854 1385 1928" style="text-align: center;">If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="576 1928 635 2002"></td> <td data-bbox="635 1928 1385 2002">The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information</td> </tr> </table>	✓	Not applicable – Decision [and report] to be published	If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:			The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information
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<p><i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i></p> <p><u>and</u></p> <p><i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i></p>		The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relates to an individual
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likely to reveal the identity of an individual
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
<p><u>And</u> 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</p> <p>Reasons: [insert]</p>		

Officers

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Title: Ian Davidson, Chief Executive Officer

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In consultation with:

Signed:

Section 151 Officer (if required)

Signed:

Monitoring Officer (if required)

Dated: