

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:	30 th October 2025
Decision Maker (Officer):	Gary Guiver
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3 : Responsibility of Functions Scheme of Delegated Powers 4.4.1 General Responsibilities delegated to Officers: 1. All Corporate Directors have the authority to incur expenditure (with the exception of external legal resources) in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework, Financial Procedure Rules, and Procurement Procedure Rules. Instructing external legal resources remains the responsibility of the Assistant Director (Governance).
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Cllr. Stephenson: Portfolio Holder for Finance & Governance Cllr. Baker: Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning
Ward Member(s) consulted?	
Is it a Key Decision?	Yes
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To authorise payment of the invoice for £50,000 for Tendring District Council's contribution to the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community Project for 2025/26
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to it):	Cost allocated between Tendring District Council, Colchester City Council and Essex County Council. Payment of TDC portion of costs now due.

Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:																	
NEW : Details of Local Government Reorganisation and/or Devolution considerations	The decision to make the contribution has been made with consideration to LGR but at the present time the matter is not impacted and partnership working in respect of the Garden Communities project continues with Colchester City Council and Essex County Council.																
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	N/A																
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 Monitoring Officer:	None																
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published: <i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i> <u>and</u> <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>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td> • Relates to an individual </td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td> • Likely to reveal the identity of an individual </td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td> • Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation </td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td> • Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings </td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td> • 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 </td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td> • Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime </td> </tr> </table>		The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information		The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:		• Relates to an individual		• Likely to reveal the identity of an individual		• Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation		• Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings		• 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
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	<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 Reasons:
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Officers

Signed: Sharon Harwood-Bee Title: Head of Planning Business & Policy

Signed: Gary Guiver Title: Director of Planning & Communities

Dated: 30th October 2025