

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:	28.07.26
Decision Maker (Officer):	Damian Williams – Corporate Director
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 Peter Kotz – Assets and Community Safety Cllr Mark Stephenson – Council Leader
Ward Member(s) consulted?	N/A
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To re-consider the amount of £1,130 that Tendring District Council currently annually contribute to ESAB and increase this by £2,223 to £3,353 per council. If this happened, we would be able to maintain the delivery of our lawful, statutory duties – something that is now in question for the future unless we see a sustainable increase in contributions going forward from 2026 to 2028.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	 Letter to CDB Leaders (March 2026).docx

Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	This will be funded within departmental budgets ESAB operate on an exceedingly small budget and have not sought any uplift from partners for 10 years. ESAB achieved this by increased efficiencies, close monitoring and well managed financial projections. However, the challenges that they currently face are now very serious, in so far as if financial contributions do not increase from our partners, they will be unable to continue to fulfil their statutory duties. In addition, it does not help in so far as a) we lack parity, financially with Essex Children's Board – and are seeking partner support to try and remedy this matter and b) having researched in detail, the picture across Essex of statutory financial contributions (made by Essex Police, Essex County Council and three ICBs) we have noted large differences in the amount per head of population in Essex , that is contributed compared to Southend and Thurrock - Essex receiving the lowest amount at £0.20 per person.	
NEW : Details of Local Government Reorganisation and/or Devolution considerations	A partner summit is to be planned, following information awaited from ECC's LGR Consultation to see if we can agree a different forward path for the future that lends parity and fairness to all parties concerned.	
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	No alternatives considered	
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:	Not Applicable	
	Not applicable – Decision [and report] to be published	

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>	If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:	
	☐	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
<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:		

Officers

Signed:

Title: Damian Williams

Signed:

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In consultation with:

Signed:

Leader of the Council

Signed:

Portfolio Holder For Assets and Community Safety

Signed:

Portfolio Holder For Housing

Signed:

Section 151 Officer (if required)

Signed:

Monitoring Officer (if required)

Dated: