

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:	12 October 2026
Decision Maker (Officer):	Paul Woods, Planning Policy Manager
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	<p>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).</p> <p>The Corporate Director (Planning and Community) has delegated operational matters relating to Planning Policy and Local Plan preparation to the Planning Policy Manager.</p>
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Councillor Andy Baker, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Planning.
Ward Member(s) consulted?	N/A
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To submit Tendring District Council's response to the Regulation 19 consultation on the Submission Draft Local Plan prepared by Colchester City Council.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	Colchester City Council is consulting on its Submission Draft Local Plan under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 prior to submission for independent examination.

	<p>Having reviewed the Plan, Tendring District Council considers it appropriate to submit a consultation response. The response confirms that the Council does not object to the soundness of the Plan and supports Colchester City Council's continued efforts to progress its Local Plan towards examination. It also highlights the desirability of maintaining a consistent position between the respective authorities regarding anticipated housing delivery from the Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community, informed by the most up-to-date evidence.</p> <p>The proposed consultation response is attached to this decision.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>There are no direct financial implications arising from this decision.</p> <p>Submission of a consultation response forms part of normal engagement in neighbouring authorities' plan-making processes and supports ongoing cooperation on strategic planning matters. No significant legal, financial or governance risks have been identified and there are no specific equality implications arising from this decision.</p>
NEW : Details of Local Government Reorganisation and/or Devolution considerations	<p>On 7th September 2026, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government announced in Parliament that a review of the Local Government Reorganisation programme was commencing and that the decision made in March 2026 for Greater Essex (and other areas) had been withdrawn in light of new legal advice. Following this announcement, local authorities received correspondence from the Minister of Housing, Communities and Local Government requesting that until this review has concluded, Councils cease work on implementing the decisions that have previously been announced. The timetable for completion of the review is unknown at this time.</p> <p>This decision relates to a consultation response on the emerging Local Plan of a neighbouring authority and has no direct implications for the ongoing review of Local Government Reorganisation proposals.</p>
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	<p><u>Alternative option considered: not submitting a response to the consultation.</u></p>

	This option was rejected as it would not provide the Council with an opportunity to formally record its support for Colchester City Council's continued progression of its Local Plan towards examination, nor highlight matters where continued alignment between the authorities would be beneficial.	
<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>	N/A	
<p>Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published:</p> <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>	X	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
		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>		

	Reasons:
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Officers

Signed: Paul Woods

Title: Planning Policy Manager

Signed: William Fuller

Title: Senior Planning Policy Officer

Dated: 12/10/2026