

Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Meeting

**Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, High Street,
Colchester, CO1 1PJ**

Wednesday, 25 September 2019 at 18:00

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COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL
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The Scrutiny Panel Members are:

Councillor Phil Coleman	Chairman
Councillor Martyn Warnes	Deputy Chairman
Councillor Christopher Arnold	
Councillor Helen Chuah	
Councillor John Jowers	
Councillor Derek Loveland	
Councillor Lee Scordis	

The Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Substitute Members are:

All members of the Council who are not Cabinet members.

AGENDA
THE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING
(Part A - open to the public)

Please note that Agenda items 1 to 5 are normally dealt with briefly.

1 Welcome and Announcements

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participating in any vote upon the item, or any other pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest.

- 5 **Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Minutes 31 July 2019** 7 - 14
- 6 **Have Your Say!**
The Chairman will invite members of the public to indicate if they wish to speak or present a petition on any item included on the agenda or any other matter relating to the terms of reference of the meeting. Please indicate your wish to speak at this point if your name has not been noted by Council staff.
- 7 **Public Initiatives**
The Chairman will invite members of the public who wish to suggest ideas for review by the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel. Speaking arrangements for this item would be the same as Have Your Say.
- 8 **Public Engagement – Survey Results and Contributions at the meeting** 15 - 44
This report provides the Committee with a summary of the responses received from the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel survey, which was created to give members of the public the opportunity to make suggestions about what the Panel could review as part of its future work programme. The report also provides a summary of the methods used to publicise the survey.
- 9 **Work Programme 2019-20** 45 - 48
This report sets out the current Work Programme 2019-2020 for the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel, providing details of the items of business that are scheduled for each meeting during the municipal year.
- 10 **Exclusion of the Public (not Scrutiny or Executive)**
In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information (for example confidential personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

Part B
(not open to the public including the press)

POLICY AND PUBLIC INITIATIVES PANEL

31 July 2019

Attendees:	Councillors Chuah, Jowers, Loveland, Scordis and Warnes.
Substitutes:	Councillor Chapman (for Councillor Arnold) Councillor Scott-Boutell (for Councillor Coleman)
Also Present:	Councillor Mark Cory and Councillor Adam Fox

35. Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

36. Public Initiatives

Councillor Jowers (by reason of being a member of Essex County Council) declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(5).

Councillor Robert Johnstone (of Myland Community Council) addressed the Panel to suggest that the Council investigate ways to recommend improvements to the manner in which the Highways Authority installs cycleways on existing footpaths, especially where this results in a mixed-use, unsegregated cycleway/footpath.

Councillor Johnstone described the example of the mixed-use foot/cycleway on Mile End Road, raising concerns regarding the lack of consultation, poor planning and problematic implementation. The concerns raised included lack of transparency regarding funding, and the lack of before and after traffic studies to assess the impact of the installation. Only one 'information' (rather than consultation) session had been held prior to work commencing, and public dissatisfaction was such that the design was then altered. Implementation work lasted 28 weeks, rather than the 14 weeks scheduled. The approximate cost was £0.75m, funded by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP).

The Panel were informed of the range of dangers to cyclists and pedestrians from unsegregated cycle/footways and Local Transport Note 1/12 was noted, regarding its summary of the potential disadvantage of using unsegregated cycle/footways.

The Panel discussed Councillor Johnstone's request, as to whether there should be a recommendation submitted to Cabinet that the matters raised be formally reviewed and, if so, how this should go forward.

Panel members agreed that there were examples in Colchester of problems arising

from the installation of certain cycleways. The Panel noted that the installation of cycleways was a matter for Essex County Council, as the local Highways Authority, and that there was little that Colchester Borough Council could do directly regarding problems with the way in which installation is conducted. A member informed the Panel that Councillor Kevin Bentley (Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Infrastructure) had agreed to examine the use of 'shared spaces' and demarcation options. It was suggested that a letter of support for Councillor Bentley's work on this could be written by the Council.

A Panel member asked whether any information had been provided to Colchester Borough Council by Essex County Council regarding the cycleway installation on Mile End Road. It was stated that local consultation should be a necessary part of any future plans to install cycleways and that it would be good practice for a protocol to be in place for local authorities to advise highways authorities as to where a need for cycleways had been identified.

Councillor Johnstone addressed the Panel to note that Colchester Borough Council was the local planning authority and had powers to direct how cycleways be planned within new developments. One recent development had been permitted with on-pavement cycleways on footpaths, next to 14-meter-wide roads. He stated that Local Transport Note 1/12 guidance had not been followed by Essex County Council regarding cycleways. The Panel noted that Highways Authority views would have been sought as part of the planning process for this.

RECOMMENDED to CABINET that a letter be sent to Essex County Council, supporting the work of Councillor Bentley in examining this issue, noting protocols and statutory consultation rights regarding cycleway installations, and stating Colchester Borough Council's support for segregated cycleways, wherever feasible.

37. Use of the River Colne

Councillor Jowers (by reason of being a member of West Mersea Yacht Club and having allocated locality budget funding to assist local user groups for gigs) declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(5).

Mr Darius Laws addressed the Panel pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 5(1). He explained his concerns which had led him to request that the Panel consider recreational use of the Colne and ways to improve it. These included environmental problems (such as algal blooms and overgrown weeds leading to death of fish) and physical difficulties at certain points, such as lack of access and portage points. It was his view that, in relation to its potential, the Colne is not currently well used.

Mr Laws urged the Council to examine ways to improve access and gave examples of where portage points would be useful, including at East Gates and Middle Mill where portage to avoid weirs/obstructions is currently difficult. It was suggested that developers of riverside properties could be asked for contributions to assist with the funding of this work. Mr Laws also suggested that a jetty could be installed close to North Bridge (North Station Road). Mr Laws posited that quick wins could be gained by improving the number of easy-access points, both in the upper and lower Colne.

Mr Mark Nowers, RSPB Conservation Officer, addressed the Panel pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 5(1). He stressed the importance of the Colne, from a conservation viewpoint, and the need to balance recreational activities with ensuring that the conservation areas are not damaged.

Mr Nowers gave a detailed explanation of the damage done by disturbance of wintering birds, present along the Colne from July to April, by noise, wash from powered water craft and a range of antisocial behaviours. The Panel was informed that damaging disturbance can occur, even in instances where birds do not take flight. There are a number of scheduled species of birds which nest in or use the Colne Estuary, which is one of the two most-important sites in the UK.

Mr Nowers supported engagement with river users to give them positive contact with nature, whilst avoiding damaging behaviours and directing certain activities away from the more sensitive areas of the Colne.

Mr Tony Evans, Chair of the WivGigs rowing club, addressed the Panel pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 5(1). WivGigs were happy to contribute and support the review into recreational river use. A key issue identified by Mr Evans was the need to look at access points for mid-sized craft (such as gigs). There were currently two points, both at Wivenhoe and leased to the Wivenhoe Sailing Club, and no free launching/recovery access along the length of the Colne from Colchester to Brightlingsea. Of the two, the hard at the bottom of Anchor Hill presents several difficulties for use, with the new hard being preferable, but use of either requires payment to be made to the Sailing Club. The floating pontoon at Wivenhoe was only appropriate for use by very small craft such as canoes, kayaks and paddleboards. WivGigs requested that consideration be given to the provision of free launching/recovery access points along the Colne.

Mr Evans stressed his organisation's support for efforts to cut antisocial and damaging behaviours along the river, including work to tackle speeding. Enforcement was key, and a request was made for consideration to be given to the banning of high-powered craft upriver from Alresford Creek.

Mr Chris Parkin, Chair of Colchester Canoe Club, addressed the Panel pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 5(1). Mr Parkin gave the Club's history and background, operating from the old pumping room of the former lido at Colne Bank Avenue, leased from the Council. The activities and river and sea canoeing training offered by the Club was described, with most activity focused on the stretch from Spring Mill to East Gates.

The Club holds a license with the Council for exclusive use of this part of the river for boating activity and regularly works with the Council to identify problems relating to water quality and preserving the river's visual and practical amenities. Problems such as weed build up (leading to de-oxygenation) were detailed. The Club works with River Care and Colchester in Bloom to rectify obstructions and other issues within its area of operation. The Club is keen to continue working with the Council and asked that it be noted amongst the existing user groups and stakeholder groups, and that increased canoe and paddleboard use be listed amongst the options for future use of the Colne.

Mr Colin Bachelor, Secretary of Colchester Canoe Club, addressed the Panel pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 5(1). An offer was given to assist the Council in developing a plan for the use of the upper Colne, and a request was made for additional Council help to allow the Club to increase its environmental protection/enhancement and community-based work on the river.

A sewage leak had been identified by the Club from a local sewage pumping station and this was contrasted with the current inability of the Club to provide toilet facilities, due to a lack of functioning drainage. Council help was requested for rectifying this, with the Club then being responsible for upkeep.

The Club has been lobbying the Environment Agency to take a more proactive approach to managing issues on the Colne, such as water quality and removal of obstructions. Council involvement was requested in lobbying and in removing low tree branches which contribute to blockages forming.

Mr Bachelor offered help to identify appropriate portage points on the upper Colne.

Councillor Adam Fox, Portfolio Holder for Housing attended and, with the consent of the Chairman, addressed the Panel to confirm the Council's commitment to developing the green assets of the Colne and its riverside areas. Recreational use would continue to be balanced with environmental conservation and cleanliness. Councillor Fox committed to ongoing support for the Colchester Canoe Club's work to make the river usable and pleasant.

Councillor Fox drew attention to the residential use of the Colne, such as by the Hythe Boaters, based around King Edward Quay, and the potential for the gaining of developer funding for the purposes of improving the riverside areas for use by residents and visitors.

Uses of the river around Rowhedge were described, and Councillor Fox stated that there was a high level of support for the installation of a footbridge across the Colne and noted that a temporary bridge had been installed during World War One to allow soldiers to walk to Wivenhoe and access the station. In 2018, Councillor Bentley had suggested that he would provide funding to investigate the possibility of a new bridge that would not impede the navigation channel.

Councillor Cory, Portfolio Holder for Strategy and Leader of the Council attended and, with the consent of the Chairman, addressed the Panel to emphasise his view that a vision is needed for the Colne, produced in consultation with users and stakeholders and covering fair and safe use of both the upper and lower river and the operational foci of tackling antisocial behaviour and safeguarding the environment. The Council was being proactive to address biodiversity and ecological issues and has recently set up a Conservation and Environmental Sustainability Task and Finish Group to help avoid harmful policies and protect green assets. Councillor Cory backed the creation of a vision document, especially given the need for the Council to be proactive in the wake of cut backs to the Environment Agency, and the effect this has had in reducing the action it took. Such a vision document could then be consulted whenever river-side planning applications are decided.

Mandy Jones, Assistant Director (Policy and Corporate) presented the report and its main points, supported by Stephen Collis, Parks, Contracts and Volunteering Specialist. She clarified that the user groups and potential ideas for increased use, as given in the report, were not prescriptive or fully comprehensive, but meant to be illustrative of the groups and options available. Further user groups were invited to make themselves known and take part in any future engagement regarding this subject.

The Assistant Director reiterated that there was currently no plan/strategy for the Colne and that the Panel was being asked whether it wished to recommend that Cabinet have one produced, underneath the Council's Strategic Plan 2018-21, whilst being mindful of the financial implications of any content.

Dr Jonathan Scales, representative of ColneWatch, attended and, with the consent of the Chairman, addressed the Panel to describe the work done by his organisation. ColneWatch was not a formally-constituted organisation but was a collection of active groups which address the level of antisocial behaviour experienced on the Colne, especially in relation to high-powered craft and speeding. It was also a forum for issues to be discussed regarding river usage.

An increase in speeding and low-level antisocial behaviour has been noted, with some caused by ignorance and other incidents the result of intentional transgression. There are concerns regarding potential environmental damage (including by noise and wash of craft) and regarding safety of other river users, e.g. swimmers. Dr Scales noted that there was currently very limited Police resource for taking preventative and enforcement action and that patrols by the Dracula Pilot Vessel, operating from Brightlingsea, had been restarted and were proving effective but would require future funding to continue.

ColneWatch and its organisations' actions were described, including efforts to encourage reporting of incidents and speeding, use of social media and training sessions by the Nottage Maritime Institute on responsible river use. Better signage along the river had also been requested by ColneWatch.

Future potential for the work of ColneWatch was discussed, including the potential for a new Colne Estuary Partnership to be formed. It was noted that such an organisation would require funding, and that in order to obtain funding, it would need to formally constitute itself as a not-for-profit entity, and that hard work and time would need to be volunteered for such a partnership to be successful.

James Thomas, Brightlingsea Harbour Master, and William Coulet, representing Exo Environmental Ltd, attended and, with the consent of the Chairman, addressed the Panel and gave a presentation on current and potential future work to improve use and conservation of the Colne and its estuary. Their presentation covered challenges experienced by recreational users of the Colne, such as siltation, limited clearance along certain stretches at low tide, and antisocial or inconsiderate behaviour by a minority of users. Efforts were being made to move excess mud and silt from navigational channels and use this to form saltmarshes to protect the coastline and improve biodiversity conservation.

Regarding antisocial behaviour, much is due to unwitting behaviour. Speeding is policed by the harbour whilst Colchester Oyster Fishery polices the use of sailing

craft in the lower Colne, however there has been limited investment in this. The use of buoys is overseen by Trinity House, who also audit navigational audits carried out by the Brightlingsea Harbour. In addition to speeding issues, danger to swimmers and unlicensed/impromptu mooring and abandoned craft, incursions into the restricted area surrounding the nearby firing range have caused disruption to the armed forces and enforcement activities. There is currently no authority managing Arlesford Creek whilst Wivenhoe is mostly overseen by the Wivenhoe Sailing Club, although without any enforcement powers.

The need for new activities to generate income was highlighted, and it was suggested that funding for river improvements could be raised by instigating a river levy for user groups and companies. Current levels of income were not sufficient to pay for thorough management. James Thomas suggested the formation of a management group to identify ways to raise funding, with a board incorporating borough and district councils and stakeholders in the river. He advised that this be done in-house, in consultation with stakeholders, and that resources should be provided and maintained going forwards, and that the management group take a stewardship role regarding the Colne. Ineffective stewardship would lead to greater costs in comparison (e.g. from needing to clear wrecks/abandoned craft, dealing with effluent and other hazards to conservation).

It was noted that EU funding had been obtained to help resource projects around Brightlingsea, including efforts to tackle siltation. William Coulet explained the effect and dangers caused by siltation, including increased likelihood of flooding and a reduction in river use which, in turn leads to more-rapid siltation. It was argued that, as a first step towards dealing with the siltation issue, a survey of the river bed should be carried out.

With reference to regeneration of the Hythe area, the challenges facing the area were summarised, including unpleasant views caused by mud stretches, deteriorating residential boats in poor condition, caravan users along the riverside, rubbish and hazardous substances and difficulty in establishing retail businesses in the area. Mr Coulet provided a case study of Breda, in the Netherlands, where the infilling of a disused harbour area had been reversed, and the riverside successfully developed to attract visitors and additional river users. He argued that such a development project could successfully improve the Hythe. This could include regeneration of the waterside areas, additional moorings and facilities, add marina facilities and welcome in private enterprise and services.

The Panel thanked their guests for presenting. A member of the Panel gave a brief summary of the history of commercial port operations at Colchester (including Rowhedge). A weir had been investigated as an option following the end of commercial operations, however this had been ruled out on cost grounds. A less-costly turning basin had been installed, at the cost of around £1m, but had been rarely used. It was highlighted that the commercial port had meant that recreational use had not been possible and that this had started almost from nothing in the wake of the closure. Difficulties included that there was no statutory power held by the Council regarding the river, that the majority of oversight powers regarding the riverbanks had been divested to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), that the leasing arrangement regarding the river bed was restrictive, and that it had been difficult to install access points and ensure that they remain available for public use.

Councillor Nigel Chapman, Chair of the Dedham Vale Area of Natural Beauty, compared the Colne to the Stour and stated that the Colne was as good as the Stour, but had been neglected. Partnership working and research of options were identified as necessities, and it was explained that the Council had worked with Braintree District Council on the Colne Partnership in the upper river area, but both had pulled out. Councillor Chapman informed the Panel that parish councils in the upper river area were interested in setting up partnership arrangements to improve amenity and protection for the river.

Options suggested by Panel members included a fish-gate weir at Rowhedge, allowing higher water and more recreational potential upstream and increased portage points. However, it was noted that the options for increasing water levels at the Hythe had been explored in past years and had been found to be prohibitively expensive (including a 2002 study on the feasibility of a tidal lock at the Hythe). Drainage problems, water quality concerns and habitat issues had also been factors raised. A member of the Panel asked whether a half-tide gate could be possible and would mitigate any drainage issues.

The Panel was briefed on current work to improve the Hythe area, including the tackling of caravans and the waste produced, work to increase mooring numbers, facilities and revenue, and improvement of public realm areas. Future work would be needed to manage and protect public access, police antisocial behaviour, provide information boards and to bring user groups, residents and other stakeholders together.

The Colne Bank Lido was discussed, and the increased popularity of outdoor swimming noted. Brightlingsea lido is well-used and well-regarded. One member recalled discussions that had been held in the past regarding whether a yacht basin could be created in that area, attracting visitors. The mooring of historic vessels could also bring in further visitors, as evidenced by the success of Brightlingsea and Maldon harbours.

The Panel suggested that the Council's neighbouring district councils along the course of the river be approached, and their views sought regarding the Colne. It was also noted that Environment Agency input would be valued and that there may be value in conducting dialogue with owners of the banks. It was also noted that Councillor Bentley could be asked to provide an update on whether the County Council would be investigating the potential for a new swing bridge between Rowhedge and Wivenhoe. It was stated that there had been some concern in Rowhedge regarding the possibility that a bridge would lead to commuters parking in the village and walking to Wivenhoe Station.

The Panel stated that a phased approach would be best, with quick actions where possible, whilst longer-term actions are put into place. Panel members considered the improvement of access to be possible in the short-term, with longer-term projects including reducing the mud deposits and siltation. Funding should be sought, with options including the requirement of residential developments in riverside areas to contribute financially to river improvements.

Councillor Cory agreed that more could have been done in the past to proactively steward the Colne and that he was keen to take back control of the river, in

partnership with stakeholders and interested parties. The administration was currently working to improve the rights and powers it held over the river and had already started examining options for reducing the mud and siltation problem. Funding options could be examined, as although EU grants were likely to be unavailable in the near future, other sources such as UK Government and the South East Local Enterprise Partnership were still available. The possibilities of dredging and installing weirs could be investigated and feasibility assessed.

In response to a question, Councillor Cory explained that the Safer Colchester Partnership had been approached regarding whether they can take enforcement action over antisocial behaviour on the river in the Colchester Borough area, but the Partnership have maintained that this was not possible for them to do. Alternative enforcement options would be examined, including the possibility of volunteer involvement in identifying antisocial behaviour.

RESOLVED that the Panel noted the information provided within this report.

RECOMMENDED to *CABINET* that: -

- a) The Cabinet approves the drafting of a vision document for a River Colne partnership involving all local authorities along the Colne, stakeholders and interested others to seek out funding and implement a vision that accounts for the upper, middle and lower River Colne and estuary, to be developed in a phased way starting with access and control and with the Hythe and funding options as focal points, and;
- b) This document be brought back to the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel for further discussion and public comment before being sent to the Cabinet for approval.

38. Work Programme 2019-20

The Panel considered the draft Work Programme for 2019-20, presented by Owen Howell, Democratic Services Officer, including the proposed scheduling for new items covering secure cycle storage, feasibility of the Council providing a Youth Zone and a review of the Leader and Cabinet model of local authority administration.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme for 2019 be noted and the proposed items be scheduled as noted within it.

25 September 2019

Report of	Assistant Director Policy and Corporate	Author	Owen Howell ☎ 282518
Title	Public Engagement – Survey Results and Contributions at the meeting		
Wards affected	Not applicable		

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with a summary of the responses received from the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel survey, which was created to give members of the public the opportunity to make suggestions about what the Panel could review as part of its future work programme. The report also provides a summary of the methods used to publicise the survey.
- 1.2 At the time of publishing the report 25 different responses had been received on a variety of different issues, with two responses not containing any substantive content or suggestions for the Panel.

2. Action Required

- 2.1 To assess the responses received to the survey to date, and to invite members of the public at the meeting to inform the Panel of their ideas.
- 2.2 To establish any issues or suggestions relating to existing work programme items, and which the Panel wants to include in the scope of their review of those items.
- 2.3 To identify suggestions of new public initiatives or policy areas which the Panel wish to add to the work programme and to make a recommendation to Cabinet for their inclusion.

3. Reason for Review

- 3.1 A fundamental element of the Policy Review and Public Initiatives Panel is to listen to suggestions from members of the public about what ideas the Panel could review as part of its work programme.
- 3.2 This report follows agreement by the Panel to hold a public engagement session at this meeting, following a similar format to the public engagement session held in September 2018. The public engagement is built around an online survey and the opportunity for members of the public to attend this meeting to have their say regarding ideas for the Panel to consider.
- 3.3 Following on from the suggestions received, the Panel will need to consider what ideas and suggestions could be included within the scope for existing items on the work programme, and those ideas which could be added to the work programme following a request to Cabinet for approval.

4. Background Information

- 4.1 At the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel meeting on 19 June 2019, it was agreed that the agenda for the meeting in September should be focused on collecting public ideas and initiatives. This would be done using an online survey as well as an opportunity for members of the public to submit ideas at the meeting.
- 4.2 In advance of the meeting, the survey was published and circulated through a number of different outlets. This included social media, e-newsletters and press release to media outlets, advertising the survey hosted on the Council's website. Provisions within recent data protection legislation (General Data Protection Regulation 2016 and Data Protection Act 2018) meant that it was not possible to advertise this survey through use of the Granicus/govdelivery mailing list of people who have requested to receive notifications relating to the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel and this is thought to have reduced the number of responses received. For future consultations, work will be carried out to enable greater participation of elected members in publicising the survey/consultation.
- 4.3 The survey asked members of the public to submit their ideas related to the Strategic Plan 2018-21, those items that are already scheduled on the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Work Programme, and on new initiatives which they might wish the Panel to consider.

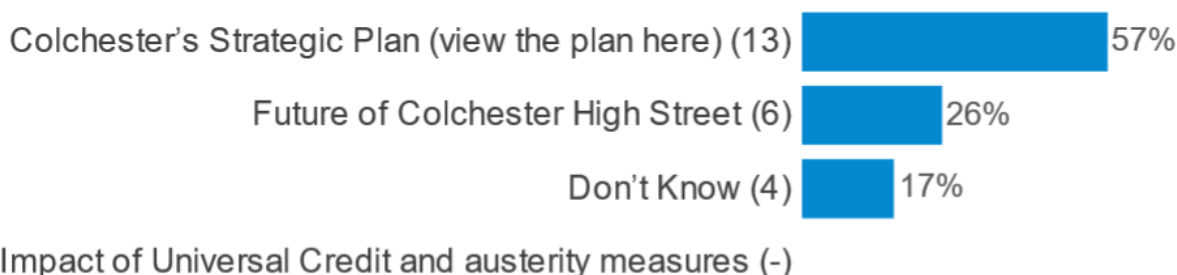
5. Process at the meeting

- 5.1 As part of the process at the meeting members of the public will be able to propose their idea or initiative to the Panel as part of this item using the same rules as Have Your Say!
- 5.2 In addition, members of the public will be able to write ideas on flip charts provided at the meeting. The Panel may wish to adjourn the meeting to decide which should be discussed and considered to take forward as recommendations to Cabinet for inclusion on the Panel's Work Programme.

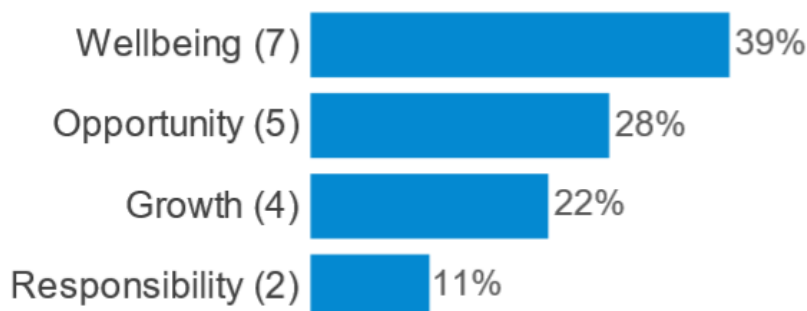
6. Responses

- 6.1 The survey ran until 7 September on the Council's website. A full list of the responses received to date are included in **Appendix A**. Responses are categorised by theme, e.g. those relating to the Town Centre/High Street are grouped together.
- 6.2 A total of 25 responses were received, however one of these was a duplicate and has therefore been removed from the submissions in the appendix. Two responses contained no submission of ideas and have likewise been removed.
- 6.3 Shown overleaf are graphics illustrating the spread of topics covered by suggestions received in the online survey. A heatmap illustrating the location/ Borough Council wards from where submissions were received is included in **Appendix B**.

To what does your idea relate?



If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?



7. Strategic Plan References

7.1 Consideration of the initiatives brought forward under this item will involve an assessment as to how they address the themes and priorities within the Strategic Plan 2018-21. The Strategic Plan can be found on the Colchester Borough Council website and by using the link provided here:

[Strategic Plan 2018-21](#)

7.2 This consultation itself acts to promote the following Strategic Plan priorities:

Responsibility

- Promote responsible citizenship by encouraging residents to get involved in their communities and to identify solutions to local issues.

Opportunity

- Promote initiatives to help residents live healthier lives.

Wellbeing

- Encourage belonging, involvement and responsibility in all the Borough's communities.

8. Consultation and Publicity Considerations

- 8.1 Consultation and publicity considerations have been addressed within the above report.

9. Standard References

- 9.1 There are no particular references to financial, community safety, health and safety or risk management implications.

Appendices

Appendix A – Summary of Responses

Appendix B – Location Heatmap of responses

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

This report was generated on 13/08/19. Overall 25 respondents completed this questionnaire. One duplication and two contentless responses have been removed.

The questions and multiple-choice response options offered to the public were as follow:

To what does your specific idea relate?

- Colchester's Strategic Plan (view the plan here)
- Future of Colchester High Street
- Impact of Universal Credit and austerity measures
- Don't Know

If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?

What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

What do you estimate this would cost?

- £20,000 - £100,000
- £0 - £1,000
- £1,000 - £5,000
- £5,000 - £20,000
- £100,000 - £1million
- £1million+
- Don't know

How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?

- Days
- Weeks
- Months
- Years
- Don't know

Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.

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Yes, No, or Maybe

Would you be interested in presenting your ideas at the meeting?

Yes, No, or Maybe

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received - Response 1.**To what does your specific idea relate?**

Colchester's Strategic Plan

If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?

Opportunity

What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?

Get in early on growth of great new (to the UK) sport of Padel Tennis. Opportunity comes as several courts built in Essex over last 2 years at Prested Hall, Kelvedon; Park Drive Health Club, Maldon and at Brentwood Hard Court Tennis Club. As important, the LTA have in last weeks adopted Padel Tennis as part of their offering. Courts in Castle Park (e.g where the bowls was) would make a huge attraction and statement.

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

Padel is a fast-growing sport, very popular in parts of Europe (particularly Spain) and now has important support from the LTA. It has grown through private small-scale entrepreneurs [I play, but have no oth

What do you estimate this would cost?

£20,000 - £100,000

How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?

Months

Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.

Please visit indoor and outdoor courts at Prested Hall, outdoor courts at Park Drive Health Club, Maldon and Brentwood Hard Court Tennis Club. Essex entrepreneurs have been instrumental in setting these courts up

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Yes

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Responses received – Response 2.

To what does your specific idea relate?

Colchester's Strategic Plan

If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?

Wellbeing.

What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?

Colchester has no open-air free-to-play table tennis tables. These are common in Chelmsford and other progressive areas. Colchester has plenty of suitable spots to install these facilities and should do so to encourage greater participation in the sport.

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

This would directly contribute to the Wellbeing priorities listed in the strategic plan - Help residents adopt healthier lifestyles by enabling the provision of excellent leisure facilities...

What do you estimate this would cost?

£5,000 - £20,000

How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?

Months

Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.

The organisation <https://www.pingengland.co.uk/> provides full information on the existing provision in places such as Chelmsford.

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No.

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 3.**To what does your specific idea relate?***Colchester's Strategic Plan***If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?***Wellbeing***What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?**

Being a former resident of Britain's oldest city still we are having NOSTALGIC FEELING towards this beautiful city , nice nad relevant initiatives were taken -Please see my article published in FACEBOOK!!!!

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

the Brave Borough of Colchester should take into consideration the large Muslim population within this town and try to help them for instance the erection of a Mosque will be highly appreciated by all dwell

What do you estimate this would cost?*£5,000 - £20,000***How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?***Years***Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.**

*to be honest have no idea***We would like to invite you to the Policy and Public Initiatives meeting on the 25 September 2019, is this something you would be interested in attending?***Yes*

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 4.**To what does your specific idea relate?***Colchester's Strategic Plan***If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?***Responsibility***What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?**

*Littering and cigarette butts in Colchester***Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?**

*Bins for litter, bins for cigarettes, people fined for littering, encouragement of litterpicking, employ street cleaners, sweeps paths and roads.***What do you estimate this would cost?***£20,000 - £100,000***How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?***Don't know***We would like to invite you to the Policy and Public Initiatives meeting on the 25 September 2019, is this something you would be interested in attending?***Yes***Would you be interested in presenting your ideas at the meeting?***Yes*

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 5.

To what does your specific idea relate?

Don't know

If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?

Wellbeing

What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?

A tram system to be set up to service the whole of Colchester to cut down on congestion and pollution in the town centre and a more reliable, cheaper and frequent service for people to get to train stations, across different areas of Colchester and into town.

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

Pollution Traffic congestion Make the town a more green place to be Make it more inviting for shopping, entertainment and tourism

What do you estimate this would cost?

£1million+

How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?

Don't know

Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.

Croydon

We would like to invite you to the Policy and Public Initiatives meeting on the 25 September 2019, is this something you would be interested in attending?

Yes

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 6.

To what does your specific idea relate?

Don't know

If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?

Growth

What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?

Make Colchester clean and tidy, be proud of heritage and tourism sites, market and advertise what Colchester has to offer in regards to tourism. Make Colchester an inviting place to visit. Setting up 'lanes' of independent shops, cafes and restaurants, make Colchester free of litter and cigarettes, clean the streets, fix pot holes and pavements, set up tram system, boutique hotels set up for visitors, open top tour bus for sites in the city, various different tours for tourists, historical, cultural, Instagram ones.

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

Create jobs, create wealth, boost local economy for more money to be put back into local services, make Colchester a more desirable place to live, make Colchester a green place to live

What do you estimate this would cost?

Don't know

How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?

Don't know

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Yes

Would you be interested in presenting your ideas at the meeting?

Yes

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 7.**To what does your specific idea relate?***Colchester's Strategic Plan***If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?***Opportunity***What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?**

We urgently need a large indoor / undercover market in the town in order to bring people into the town centre from outlying villages and towns. A decent market is the backbone of all thriving towns.

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

It will increase footfall in the town centre and help other struggling shops

What do you estimate this would cost?*Don't know***How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?***Don't know***Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.**

Many other towns at home and abroad.

We would like to invite you to the Policy and Public Initiatives meeting on the 25 September 2019, is this something you would be interested in attending?*Maybe*

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 8.**To what does your specific idea relate?***Colchester's Strategic Plan***If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?***Opportunity***What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?**

*How the money is being distributed for the Business Improvement District. A lot of it has stalled***Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?**

*Revitalise the Independent shops***What do you estimate this would cost?***£5,000 - £20,000***How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?***Months***Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.**

*There are various initiatives already, which are attempting to achieve revitalisation. It is important to weave these together and get everybody pulling in the same direction***We would like to invite you to the Policy and Public Initiatives meeting on the 25 September 2019, is this something you would be interested in attending?***Yes*

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 9.**To what does your specific idea relate?***Future of Colchester High Street***If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?***Opportunity***Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?**

*Look into financial support for high street initiatives for independent and small business in the town centre. Distribution of finance to organise street festival, branding for the lanes in Colchester and c***What do you estimate this would cost?***£1,000 - £5,000***How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?***Months***Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.**

*Norwich lanes, Brighton lanes, York lanes.***We would like to invite you to the Policy and Public Initiatives meeting on the 25 September 2019, is this something you would be interested in attending?***Maybe*

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 10.**To what does your specific idea relate?***Colchester's Strategic Plan***If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?***Growth***What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?**

*Formulate a better structure around the imultiple initiatives in the town centre and start to release money***Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?**

*Funds alloted to the Independents, remain unspent due to paralysis in the allocation proxess***What do you estimate this would cost?***£0 - £1,000***How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?***Weeks***We would like to invite you to the Policy and Public Initiatives meeting on the 25 September 2019, is this something you would be interested in attending?***Yes***Would you be interested in presenting your ideas at the meeting?***Yes*

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 11.**To what does your specific idea relate?**

Colchester's Strategic Plan

If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?

Opportunity

What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?

To improve the attractiveness of the streetscape of the area defined by, and including Eld Lane, Scheregate Steps, Trinity Street, and Sir Isaac's Walk, and permit the regular late opening of businesses in this area.

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

This important area of the town centre dies after 5pm and becomes very unattractive. It has the potential to attract residents and tourists, who could bring life to this area, and help institute an evening c

What do you estimate this would cost?

£5,000 - £20,000

How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?

Months

Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.

Madrid, Valencia, Avignon, Bruges, Venice, Birmingham, Norwich.

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Yes

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 12.**To what does your specific idea relate?***Colchester's Strategic Plan***If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?***Growth***What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?**

Establishment of a new tour coach station, in the old bus garage on Queen Street, with the establishment of facilities for coach drivers to layover, public toilets for visitors on the tour coaches and a small visitor information centre on, as part of a comprehensive regeneration of the cultural quarter comprising a simple open access amphitheatre, open space for markets and festival activities, maybe a container village for street food, green spaces with public benches and planters, a wild area and to open up links to Berryfield, Firstsite, the Minories, and the Curzon There should also be a significant piece of public art, perhaps not as big as the angel of the north but something equally good which would attract visitors from everywhere. Who will then go on to see our castle, Roman Circus, two Roman theatres. Jumbo and everything else that we have to offer. (Apologise for any spelling mistakes I'm dictating this on the train on a tiny phone)

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

The future of Colchester town centre long is in tourism, Heritage, and the arts. At present tour coaches will not come to Colchester in any quantity, although Colchester has much to offer because there is n

What do you estimate this would cost?*£1million+***How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?***Years***We would like to invite you to the Policy and Public Initiatives meeting on the 25 September 2019, is this something you would be interested in attending?***Yes***Would you be interested in presenting your ideas at the meeting?***Yes*

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 13.

To what does your specific idea relate?

Don't know

If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?

Don't know

What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?

A new bus park is needed to replace the excuse for one The buses need a review of where they stop and pickup . Services need to be in place adequete before more planning of houses ispassed reduce charges in townparking Pot holes need to be repaired properly not boded as is done. Cleanup the shrub end resycling facility, Take a look at the one inStone Staffordshire for a great example

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

Yes all this and more is needed to make Colchester agood placeto live And be worthy of Britains first city and espire to become a modern city.

What do you estimate this would cost?

£100,000 - £1million

How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?

Months

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Maybe

Would you be interested in presenting your ideas at the meeting?

[No response]

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 14.**To what does your specific idea relate?***Future of Colchester High Street***If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?***Wellbeing***What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?**

*Pedestrians only excluding buses, taxis and disabled vehicles between the hours of 9:00am and 6:00pm***Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?**

*Buses likely to be more reliable and therefore encourage more people away from their cars; the high a cleaner and greener area, with possibility of more trees and plants, and more pleasant to spend time in;***What do you estimate this would cost?***£1,000 - £5,000***How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?***Weeks***We would like to invite you to the Policy and Public Initiatives meeting on the 25 September 2019, is this something you would be interested in attending?***Maybe*

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 15.

To what does your specific idea relate?

Don't know

If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?

[No response]

What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?

Review and study the reasons why Colchester is so committed to personal car use. And then commit to change!

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

This is needed for environmental reasons and the well-being of residents. It could result in efficient public transport, improve air quality and make the town much pleasanter for those who live, work, study

What do you estimate this would cost?

£20,000 - £100,000

How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?

Months

Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.

Utrecht ! There are many large cities and towns in Europe who have taken a positive step towards changing the travel patterns of their residents and workers.

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Yes

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 16.**To what does your specific idea relate?***Colchester's Strategic Plan***If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?***Responsibility***What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?**

*We are in a climate emergency. We need to take drastic action now to reduce consumption and our impact on the planet. We need more rewilding in conjunction with town expansion, improved cycle and pedestrian links, emission free and *free* public transport. Car free days. Community action on tackling litter in public spaces, bring us all together in the right for our lives. More solar, more greenery, carbon neutral development, creation of green jobs.*

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

As Britain's first city we can be a leader in adopting green strategies across the board. Raise profile of Colchester nationally and internationally, look at initiatives in Holland and Denmark to make their

What do you estimate this would cost?*Don't know***How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?***Years***Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.**

The Netherlands, Denmark

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Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 17.**To what does your specific idea relate?**

Colchester's Strategic Plan

If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?

Wellbeing

What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?

A Learning Shop - providing an information and signposting service for post-school learning opportunities of all kinds. An unbiased person-centred helpdesk to suit the enquirer, not to fill courses.

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

Although there is still a wide range of lifelong learning on offer in the area it is not coherently presented and as a result is often inaccessible to those who most need it. Consequently the town loses opportunities.

What do you estimate this would cost?

£20,000 - £100,000

How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?

Months

Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.

Colchester! We once had one. The Borough was a major partner through its Economic Development dept. It was very successful and only ceased through the closure of the lynchpin partner, the adult college at Gr

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Yes

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 18.**To what does your specific idea relate?***Future of Colchester High Street***If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?**

Not applicable

What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?

*Colchester High Street has a dingy feel about it. It is not welcoming and vibrant. When will it be appreciated that reviving the High Street and it's shops is not the answer. Internet shopping is here to stay***Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?**

*More community outlets. Smaller shops the day of the Department Stores is disappearing.the entrance from High Street to the Red Lion Yard needs brightening up to attract people into it it just looks like a***What do you estimate this would cost?***Don't know***How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?***Years***We would like to invite you to the Policy and Public Initiatives meeting on the 25 September 2019, is this something you would be interested in attending?***No*

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 19.**To what does your specific idea relate?***Future of Colchester High Street***If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?**

Not applicable

What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?

*Remove the bus lane only from high street to queen street***Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?**

*Prevents dangerous turning of cars at other locations such as firstsite and then taking left in to queen street. We need to turn right from high street***What do you estimate this would cost?***£0 - £1,000***How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?***Days***Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.**

*I'm believe there are campaigns regarding this but as I've just read your are planning a block people turning at firstsite you need to open us the high street bus lane to all traffic. This will only force pe***We would like to invite you to the Policy and Public Initiatives meeting on the 25 September 2019, is this something you would be interested in attending?***No*

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 20.**To what does your specific idea relate?***Future of Colchester High Street***If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?**

Not applicable

What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?

Persuade ECC to remove the yellow, ugly, dangerous signs that are placed in the High Street warning of the cameras at the Bus gate at the junction with Queen Street. The bus lane has been in existence for some time now. The road surface is clearly marked, and proper signs are in place. These "temporary" signs are redundant. CBC got rid of the A boards that cluttered the High Street but these two signs remain. They regularly fall or are blown over posing danger to pedestrians and road users.

Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?

Would help with the CBC policies aiming to smarten up the High Street.

What do you estimate this would cost?*£0 - £1,000***How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?***Days***We would like to invite you to the Policy and Public Initiatives meeting on the 25 September 2019, is this something you would be interested in attending?**

Yes

Would you be interested in presenting your ideas at the meeting?

Yes

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 21.**To what does your specific idea relate?***Colchester's Strategic Plan***If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?***Wellbeing***What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?**

*Zone wardens and police to work together to stop anti social cyclists who ride on the footway, in pedestrianised areas, on zebra crossings, through red lights and the wrong way in one way streets.***Why do you think this is needed and what are the specific benefits of your proposal to the Borough of Colchester?**

*It would make the town centre a safer and more comfortable place for pedestrians and motorists. Actually enforcing the law in this area might also help reduce other anti social behaviour.***What do you estimate this would cost?***£0 - £1,000***How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?***Days***Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.**

*The law in this area is enforced in many other police and local authority areas. It is actually dealt with in Colchester town centre in the pedestrianised shopping areas under the control of property compani***We would like to invite you to the Policy and Public Initiatives meeting on the 25 September 2019, is this something you would be interested in attending?***Yes*

Responses to Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Consultation

Responses received – Response 22.

To what does your specific idea relate?

Don't know

If your idea relates to the Strategic Plan, to which of its priorities does your idea mainly relate?

Wellbeing

What is your idea and what would you like the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel to review?

Botolph remains garden. This should contain more historical related information.

What do you estimate this would cost?

Don't know

How long do you estimate this would take to roll out?

Months

Are there other areas where you have seen this idea already in place? If so, please provide further information below.

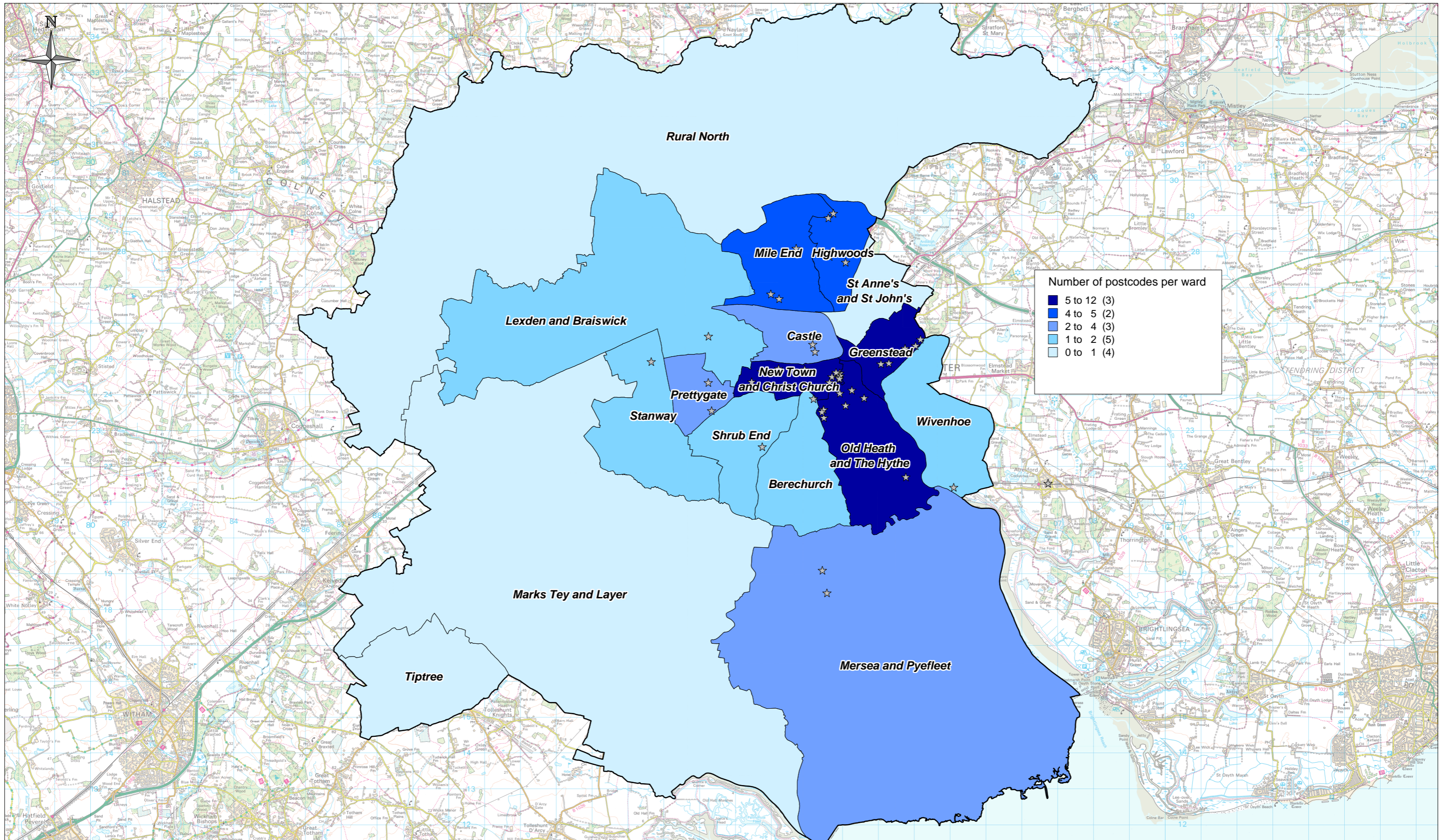
Numerous where historical remains exist.

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Maybe

Would you be interested in presenting your ideas at the meeting?

No



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Policy and Public Initiatives Panel

Item
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25 September 2019

Report of	Assistant Director Policy and Corporate	Author	Owen Howell ☎ 282518
Title	Work Programme 2019-20		
Wards affected	Not applicable		

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the current Work Programme 2019-2020 for the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel, providing details of the items of business that are scheduled for each meeting during the municipal year.

2. Recommended Decision

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to note the contents of the Panel's Work Programme for 2019-2020 as set out below and to confirm the appropriate scheduling of work for the next municipal year.

3. Alternative Options

- 3.1 This function forms part of the Panel's Terms of Reference and, as such, no alternative options are presented.

4. Background Information

- 4.1 The Policy and Public Initiatives Panel's Work Programme will evolve as the municipal year progresses. Items can be added to the Work Programme in two ways, either through Cabinet approving a request from the Panel, or Portfolio Holders and Cabinet requesting policies, strategies or other issues be reviewed. The Panel may also receive outline scoping reports on service reviews that are taking place across the Council and these will be added to the work programme when appropriate.
- 4.2 On 4 September approval was given by Cabinet for the drafting of a vision document for the River Colne, which will then come to the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel for examination and public comment before being sent to Cabinet for approval. Officers are currently examining the ramifications of this and the resources and time required to produce the draft document for consideration. This will be added to the Panel's Work Programme once a timescale for drafting has been set.

5. Standard References

- 5.1 There are no specific references to publicity or consultation considerations; or financial; equality, diversity and human rights; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications.

6. Strategic Plan References

- 6.1 Policy review is integral to the delivery of the Strategic Plan's priorities and direction for the Borough as set out under the four themes of growth, responsibility, opportunity and wellbeing.

7. Appendix

- 7.1 Appendix A – Provisional Work Programme for 2019-20

Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Work Programme 2019-20

19 June 2019
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Responsible Dog Ownership 2. Work Programme 2019-20 and suggestion of items for consideration
31 July 2019
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The use of the River Colne in terms of encouraging more effective use from environmental and activity aspects.
25 September 2019
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Engagement – Survey Responses and Contributions at the meeting.
27 November 2019
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Impact of Universal Credit and Austerity Measures 2. Potential for providing a Youth Zone sports and social centre
15 January 2020
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Next steps regarding options for Colchester High Street: agreeing objectives, gathering data and consulting stakeholders and the public. 2. Secure and covered cycle storage options
4 March 2020
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of the Cabinet and Leader model of Council administration and the alternative committee model

Requests awaiting consideration by Cabinet:

- None currently outstanding.

