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Outside Body	Essex Waste Partnership	
Representative/s	Portfolio Holder for Waste, Sustainability and Transportation – Cllr Goss	Substitute member – Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy – Cllr Cory
No. of meetings	Held in 2020/21 All suspended in response to Covid-10 pandemic	Attended:
Comments	<p>Purpose of the Group The Essex Waste Partnership includes Essex County Council, the 12 district and borough councils and the unitary authority of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council. The Essex Waste Partnership was set up to ensure cost-efficient and sustainable waste management is delivered across the county and Southend. The aim is to reduce and reuse as much waste as is physically possible.</p> <p>Work in 2020/21 Covid response</p> <p>Other members All Waste Collection Authorities within Essex and Essex County Council as the Waste Disposal Authority</p>	
Issues arising or Action required	Review of the Waste Management Strategy	

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Outside Body	North Essex Parking Partnership	
Representative/s	Councillor Lilley	
No. of meetings	Held in 2020/21 Four Committee Meetings (June, October, January, March)	Attended: All meetings
Comments	<p>Purpose of the Group</p> <p>A Strategic Partnership governing on-street parking throughout North Essex on behalf of districts and the county council.</p> <p>Work in 2020/21</p> <p>Decide the budgetary, project, administrative, technical and regulatory work of the Committee.</p> <p>Decide the strategic direction for highway parking, including pricing for permits, and to approve any new parking regulations across the North of the County.</p> <p>Other members</p> <p>Braintree District Council Epping Forest District Council Essex County Council Harlow District Council Tendring District Council Uttlesford District Council</p>	
Issues arising or Action required	Focus on the budgetary implications of the pandemic.	

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Outside Body	Essex Countywide Travellers Unit – ECTU Joint Committee	
Representative/s	Cllr Michael Lilley	
No. of meetings	12 June 2020 13 November 2020	Attended: 12 June 2020 & 13 November 2020
Comments	Purpose of the Group <p>The aim of the ECTU is to deliver an efficient, effective and consistent approach in the management of unauthorised encampments and provide health & fire safety support to the gypsy/ traveller community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essex County Council • Braintree District Council • Chelmsford City Council • Uttlesford District Council • Maldon District Council • Thurrock Council • Tendring District Council • Castle Point District Council • Chelmsford City Council • Rochford District Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essex Fire & Rescue Service • Essex Police 	
Issues arising or Action required	Finance <p>Membership fees. These had been agreed previously for 2020/2021. Upon careful consideration of the committee of the Finance data produced for 21/22 it was agreed that that membership fees for 2021/22 would remain unchanged.</p> Membership status <p>Mr Andrews reported no change in the membership of the Joint Committee with all but three Essex authorities (Epping Forest, Harlow and Southend) signed up.</p>	

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	<p>Harlows injunction - It was advised that Harlow Council did not proceed with their extension application.</p> <p>Operations performance update - key issues</p> <p>Due to Covid and restrictions in face-to-face visits There has been minimal works carried out in terms of supporting health issues and supporting Children into education and Fire Safety. However, still supporting some known families/issues over the phone where possible, and taking some new cases on the same basis. In addition, sending out some general messages via WhatsApp.</p> <p>Health and Welfare: There had been continued welfare support with families to ensure they were getting the correct support and benefits and had access to health services. There had been more engagement with Gypsy / Traveller men who required support due to being unable to get to work during lockdown. Work was taking place with MARAC (Multi Agency Assessment Conference) to help support Gypsy Traveller victims of domestic violence. There had been continued support to other agencies working with the Gypsy Traveller community.</p> <p>Unauthorised Encampments. After the normally quiet winter period, the year started very slowly, with only a couple of encampments throughout March and April. Numbers began to pick up in May and t and by August/September last year's numbers had been exceeded, before declining in October</p> <p>For the first time since the ECTU was formed a repossession order was refused, with the magistrate deciding that Traveller should not be moved during lockdown.</p> <p>The Unit and the Police will respond to unauthorised encampments in accordance with central government guidance. CI Balding confirmed that COVID-19 did feature in the Police's decision-making process, but they would issue Section 61 orders where appropriate.</p> <p>ECC/ECTU Review</p> <p>The Committee received a verbal update from Adrian Coggins, Head of Wellbeing and Public Health. Friday, 13 November 2020</p> <p>The review had been undertaken over the past 12 months, with the aim of establishing what was Essex County Council's best role in the Gypsy and Traveller agenda, relative to other agencies.</p> <p>One of the recommendations of the review was that ECC would divest of the sites, passing responsibility to another provider subject</p>
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	<p>to assurance around good management and accountability. COVID and the local government review had both had an impact on the review, and it had been decided that ECC would currently be retaining the sites but a different approach may be taken in future.</p> <p>The review had also considered the role of ECTU reference the management of unauthorised encampments. It was considered that ECTU worked very well as a partnership and had received good feedback in terms of how it had worked. The rationale that drove the establishment of ECTU remained just as strong as it did in 2012.</p>
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Outside Body	Colchester Borough Homes	
Representative/s	Cllr Nigel Chapman Cllr Lesley Scott Boutell Cllr Cyril Liddy (stepped down on 3/11/2020) Cllr Tina Bourne (From 4/11/2020)	
No. of meetings	Held in 2020/21 Board:6 Finance & Audit Committee: 5 Business Development Panel: 4	Attended: For the 6 Board Meetings, the following apologies were recorded: Cllr Nigel Chapman: 1 Cllr Lesley Scott Boutell: 0 Cllr Cyril Liddy: 1 Cllr Tina Bourne: 0
Comments	<p>Purpose of the Group</p> <p>Colchester Borough Homes (CBH) is an Arm's Length Management Organisation set up by Colchester Borough Council. Part of the local business community since 2003, CBH is an award-winning organisation providing management and maintenance services to around 7,000 residential, commercial and public buildings in the local area, including the Council's housing stock, Colchester Castle, Leisure World Colchester and Colchester Town Hall.</p> <p>CBH offers a range of services to the private, public and non-profit sectors, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings maintenance, renovations, refurbishments and repairs • Lettings, tenancy management and income collection • Housing options and advice • Asset management • Facilities management • Health & safety • Construction projects • Energy efficiency <p>The Board of Directors provides strategic direction for the Company, approves its policies, approves its expenditure and monitors its financial position and its performance in delivering services. It also ensures compliance with the Management Agreement between the Company and Colchester Borough Council and ensures the Company complies with its legal responsibilities. Board Members are also members of one or more Committees (Finance & Audit, Appointments & Remuneration (all NEDs), which allows for greater scrutiny of specific items and for delegated</p>	

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	<p>powers to be bestowed by the Board for certain decisions to be taken at Committee level. Board Members sit on the Business Development Panel, to which decision making powers regarding some commercial trading opportunities have been delegated</p> <p>Work in 2020/21</p> <p>Some of the key work done by the Board in 2020/21 was</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To appoint new independent and resident Board Members • To appoint Committee Chairs • Approve new Governance Structure • Approve adoption of the NHF Code of Governance • Approval of Scheme of Delegations • Review of Strategic Plans • Approval of Company Accounts • Approval of CBH Budget 2021/22 • Approval of Risk Appetite • Approval of Capital Investment Programme 2020-2025 • Review and Approval of Corporate/Strategic Policy Changes • Management Agreement Extension Consultation • Board Covid Briefings and Transformation Programme overview <p>As well as the official meetings recorded above, members attended a number of stand-alone meetings, briefings and training events throughout the year. These focussed on ensuring key skills and knowledge are held by Members.</p> <p>Other members</p> <p>The Board includes three resident Members and four independent Members alongside the three Members appointed by CBC and Gareth Mitchell (CEO and executive director).</p> <p>For more information on other members of the CBH Board, please visit https://cbhomes.org.uk/about-us/how-we-make-decisions/board-members/</p>
Issues arising or Action required	

Stakeholder Governor Report on East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust – Councillor Helen Chuah.

I took over from Annie Feltham as stakeholder Governor of the East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust (ESNEFT) some 3 years ago, and a lot of changes have taken place since then.

Colchester General Hospital (CGH) was put into special measures and there have been changes of Chief Executive and Chairman along the way. Colchester General Hospital merged with Ipswich Hospital to become known as the East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust.

I have made visits to the wards in CGH accompanied by members of the non executive team. Most merges fail, but ESNEFT has proved successful with the clinical teams from both sites working together, and seeing new developments taking place for the wider benefits of patients across Colchester and Ipswich.

Then came the unexpected – Covid 19 pandemic! All grades of staff from both sides – doctors, nurses, clinical, administrative personnel regardless of status or grades worked tremendously under increasing pressure, some wards either closed or adjust to provide care for the many patients admitted with Covid 19 in their different stages of the infection. The Intensive Care Unit as you can imagine was full beyond expectations. Staff from various wards were allocated and volunteered to work in ICU, as well as some retired staff returned to help.

The vaccination has taken place for ALL grades of staff, 80% has had their second dose, but there are 3% of staff who decline. ESNEFT is working with individuals to persuade them to accept the vaccinations. The Trust is also making contingency plans on managing the third surge should it happens.

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Visitors are now allowed into a booked slot system, and for End of Life Care, 4 people are allowed to visit.

As you may expect there is now a long waiting list for outpatients clinics, surgery, medical diagnostic and operations. The Trust continue to maintain emergency services, and wards are slowly adjusting to caring for patients with their individual needs.

Looking ahead, the Trust is waiting to face the outcome of the White Paper. No doubt we will hear more of as it gets debated in Parliament, and hopefully, a presentation on its working will be made to Colchester Borough Council members.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and praise for the manner that ESNEFT organisation especially the medical and nursing professionals, all grades of staff who have worked tirelessly to care for the many patients with Covid 19 symptoms within ICU and wards. Also, the volunteers and retired staff who came forward when we needed them. It was a real compassionate caring attitude.

The Trust is undertaking a staff survey focusing on staff physical and mental well being with the aim to build on and share best practice.

We must All take Responsibility for Our Own Health – Life is Not Free!

From Councillor Helen Chuah

Stakeholder Governor (CBC)

25th April 2021.

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Representative/s	Councillor Arnold and Councillor Chapman	Officer - Adam John
No. of meetings	Held in 2020/21 - 2/3	Attended: all
Comments	<p>Purpose of the Group</p> <p>Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) representatives are involved in steering the work of the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project Management Team on matters affecting and impacting on the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Representatives are given voting rights.</p> <p>Meetings are held 2 or 3 times a year at various times and venues throughout the Stour Valley area, with additional meetings and workshops called as deemed necessary by the JAC.</p> <p>Work in 2020/21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring the 2016-21 Dedham Vale (AONB) & Stour Valley Management Plan and commencing preparation for the 2021-26 Management Plan (a statutory requirement on Colchester Borough Council under the CROW Act). • Commenting on planning applications within & impacting on the Dedham Vale AONB. • Administering the Stour Valley Environment Fund for the benefit of the Dedham Vale AONB. • Applying and securing beneficial project grant funding for the Dedham Vale AONB at all levels. • Dedham Vale AONB representation and lobbying at a national level, including in relation to the current Government commissioned review of Protected Landscapes and the ongoing Dedham Vale AONB boundary review. • Working with wider *Partnership Forum championing the AONB. <p>Other members</p> <p>The Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) comprises funding partners from all the local authorities within the Stour Valley and DEFRA.</p>	

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	<p>*The Dedham Vale Partnership Forum, in addition to the above JAC members, includes non-funding partner's representatives from the NFU, CLA, Environment Agency, Natural England and the Sub-regional Economic Partnership as well as other bodies with an interest.</p>
Issues arising or Action required	None

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Outside Body	We Are Colchester (Town Deal) Board	
Representative/s	Cllr Mark Cory (CBC) Cllr David King (CBC)*	*Cllr King is chair of the Town Deal Advisory Group – a working group to the main board. As such Cllr King has attended several of the board meetings.
No. of meetings	Held in 2020/21 - 7. 10 March 2020 11 May 2020 6 July 2020 1 September 2020 12 October 2020 29 October 2020 10 March 2021	Attended: 7.
Comments	<p>Purpose of the Group</p> <p>To deliver a successful Town Deal strategy, vision, and Town Investment Plan to central government, for Colchester.</p> <p>Work in 2020/21</p> <p>The Board is the governance body responsible for making decisions and monitoring progress of all Town Deal programme and project initiatives, in partnership with the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).</p> <p>The Board oversaw and directed the development and delivery of a Town Deal strategy, vision, and Town Investment Plan; developed and supported extensive community consultation; worked effectively with the Town Deal Programme Office, stakeholder groups, and local authority Officers from Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council.</p> <p>Other members</p> <p>Adrian Pritchard (CBC) Adam Bryan (SELEP) Ashleigh Seymour-Rutherford (COLBEA) Chris Rhodes (Hiscox) Cllr Tony Ball (ECC) Lucy Johnson (University of Essex) Mark Carroll (ECC) Mark Jarman-Howe (North East Essex Alliance, St Helena Hospice)</p>	

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	<p>Shona Johnstone (Homes England) Simon Blaxill (Kent Blaxill & Colchester Business Improvement District) Tracy Rudling (Community 360) Alison Jennings (Homes England) Will Quince MP (Conservative Party)</p>
Issues arising or Action required	<p>Having successfully secured an £18.2M Town Deal award from government, the Board will continue to bring constructive challenge to the development of the Detailed Project Business Case and Implementation phases, and support the development of plans to address any issues identified; seek to leverage further investment into Colchester to supplement the MHCLG award, contribute to the nomination and appointment of Board members, and Monitor and Evaluate outcomes-based delivery of Colchester's Town Investment Plan.</p>

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Outside Body	North Essex Economic Board – NEEB	
Representative/s	Board Member: Cllr David King Director: Lindsay Barker Assistant Director: Mandy Jones	
No. of meetings	Held in 2020/21 11 May 2020 11 August 2020 11 November 2020 11 February 2021 15 April 2021	Attended: Cllr David King & Ian Vipond Cllr David King & Ian Vipond Cllr David King & Ian Vipond Cllr David King & Ian Vipond Cllr David King & Ian Vipond
Comments	<p>Purpose of the Group To advance the economic potential of North Essex which includes the Districts of Uttlesford, Braintree, Colchester, Tendring and Chelmsford (Maldon is also an observer).</p> <p>Work in 2020/21 This has concentrated on designing and funding a strategy to deal with the impact on local businesses of the covid epidemic. A programme of business support and skills development of a value of £1.85m is due to be rolled out over this year.</p> <p>Other members Cllr Tony Ball: Essex County Council Cllr Tom Cunningham: Braintree District Council Cllr Mark Durham: Essex County Council Cllr David King: Colchester Borough Council Cllr Neil Reeve: Uttlesford District Council Cllr Mary Newton: Tendring District Council Cllr Maria Goldman: Chelmsford City Council Dominic Collins: Braintree District Council Mark Carroll: Essex County Council Steve Evison: Essex County Council Paul Price: Tendring District Council Ian Vipond: Colchester Borough Council</p>	

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	<p>Roger Harborough: Uttlesford District Council</p> <p>Tristan Smith: Essex County Council</p> <p>Stuart Graham: Chelmsford City Council</p>
<p>Issues arising or Action required</p>	