

Appendix B

Report on Work on Outside Bodies 2021-22

Outside Body	Representatives	No of Meetings attended 2021/22	Purpose of the Group	Work in 2021/22	Issues Arising
Colchester Borough Homes	<p>Cllr Lesley Scott-Boutell (left Board in May 2021)</p> <p>Cllr Nigel Chapman (Board, Finance and Audit until April 2021, Operations and Performance)</p> <p>Cllr Tina Bourne (Board and Operations and Performance)</p> <p>Cllr Michelle Burrows (Board</p>	<p>Board - 5 Finance and Audit Committee - 4 Operations and Performance - 4 Governance and Remuneration - 2</p> <p>Attended: Board – May – Apologies from Cllr Scott-Boutell July – All Cllrs present September – Apologies from</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	<p>Some of the key work done by the Board in 2021/22 was</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To appoint new resident Board Members • To recruit new CEO of CBH • Approval of the Strategic Plan 2022-27 • Approval of Company Accounts • Approval of CBH Budget 2022/23 • Approval of Capital Investment Programme 2022-27 • Approval of the Medium Term Delivery Plan 2022-27 • External Board effectiveness review 	New Cllr members to join CBH Board following elections Chair and CEO in discussion with CBC regarding requirements for Board position and skills.

	and Finance and Audit)	<p>Cllr Nigel Chapman November – All Cllrs present March – Apologies from Cllr Tina Bourne and Cllr Michelle Burrows</p> <p>Finance and Audit April – Cllr Nigel Chapman present July – No Cllr Members October – Apologies from Cllr Michelle Burrows February – Apologies from Cllr Michelle Burrows</p> <p>Operations and Performance May – Cllr Tina Bourne and Cllr Nigel Chapman present October – Cllr Tina Bourne and Cllr Nigel</p>	<p>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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and Approval of Corporate/Strategic Policy Changes • Approval of Risk Strategy and Framework <p>As well as the official meetings recorded above, members attended a number of stand-alone meetings, away days and training/conference events throughout the year.</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/ Philip Sullivan (exiting and incoming 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>	
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North Essex Parking Partnership Joint Committee	Cllr Simon Crow	4	Operational decisions made at NEPP are verified by a Joint Parking Committee (JPC). The JPC is made up of a Chairman, NEPP representative officers as well as a representative officer and Member from each of the partner authorities. This ensures that we are accountable to all authorities and allows each authority to look after the interests of their own district.	The Committee received Operational and Project updates throughout the year in addition to Financial updates and reports. In addition the Committee received and considered the following substantive matters/items: an annual review of Governance and Risk Management, Consideration of Traffic Regulation Orders for each District, Agreement of permit and pay to park prices and strategy for 22/23, Review of proposed new NEPP agreement for 2022 and beyond.	
Essex Waste Partnership	Cllr Simon Crow	0	The Essex Waste Partnership includes Essex County Council, the 12 district and borough councils and the unitary authority of Southend-on-Sea	Started the review into the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy	No Waste Partnership meetings have been held in 2021/22, however officers and the Portfolio Holder

			<p>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 Essex Waste Partnership Board will be responsible for the development and steerage of all pan Essex waste management partnership working including, but not limited to: strategic planning, financial framework, strategic investment, optimisation and joint working, communication and education.</p>		<p>have been invited and attended workshops to develop the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. The Covid pandemic significantly impacted on the operations of the partner authorities for the last two years, hence no official meetings. However, the launch of the Strategy review and a review of the terms of reference, will see meetings being scheduled for 2022/23.</p>
<p>Dedham Vale (AONB) and Stour Valley Joint Advisory Committee</p>	<p>Cllr Nigel Chapman, Cllr Darius Laws</p> <p>Officer rep Adam John</p>	<p>2 (out of 3)</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</p>	<p>The Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) comprises funding partners from all the local authorities within the Stour Valley and DEFRA. 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</p>	

			Outstanding Natural Beauty. Representatives are given voting rights. Meetings are held 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.	Sub- regional Economic Partnership as well as other bodies with an interest.	
Bradwell Local Communities Liaison Committee	Cllr Robert Davidson	1 (covid reduced meetings)	To inform on progress of any plans for a replacement nuclear reactor at Bradwell	UK Permission granted for new Chinese design. Site is still in top 10 of UK locations.	Important to liase with BAANG in Mersea and reinforce Colchester Borough Council motion against any new reactor at Bradwell. Ideally a Mersea Colchester Borough Council Councillor should be appointed.
Children's Partnership Board and Community Safety Delivery Board	Cllr Beverley Oxford	8	Both are multi partnership groups. The Children's Partnership Board remit it to work with a range of system partners across Colchester and Essex	Community Safety Delivery Board work includes the Delivery of a Strategic Assessment of Crime, setting of clear priorities and then working with partners to address those priorities and a range of activities which ultimately aim to	None

			County Council to better the lives of Young People. The Community Safety Delivery Board is a sub-group of The One Colchester Partnership, which includes the statutory Safer Colchester Partnership. The purpose of the delivery board is to work with a range of statutory partners to deliver against agreed priorities.	keep people safe and reduce crime. The Children's Partnership works has worked with a range of partners to agree priorities that focus on skills, safety and improved outcomes for children and young people and a clear programme of activities and work is monitored and fed into the Essex Health and Wellbeing Board.	
Colchester and Ipswich Joint Museums Committee (JMC)	Cllr Darius Laws	Two	To oversee the partnership arrangements of the Joint Museums Service between Colchester and Ipswich Councils	Ongoing review of work programmes and performance of the joint museums service. Agreement of new policies and procedures, an example is the new Decolonisation Policy for Ipswich Museums. Agreement of Budget and review of annual spend and income into the service against agreed budgets. Review of Joint Business Development Plans.	None
We Are Colchester (Town Deal) Board	Councillor Paul Dundas	4	The objective of the Board is to deliver a successful Town Deal strategy, vision, and Town Investment Plan to government, for Colchester. The purpose of the Board is	The Board considered, brought challenge to, and ultimately supported submission of project summary documents to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC - formerly MHCLG) in readiness for approval of release of funds to	No issues - due consideration is being given to the future role of the Board to effectively support project delivery phase.

			to act as 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).	deliver the 14 projects making up £18.2m Colchester's Town Deal programme.	
Mercury Theatre	Cllr Lynn Barton	9 meetings plus theatre events eg official opening : open days/guided tours	To produce dramatic works which enrich /educate/change and connect with residents	Main focus has been overcoming difficulties in our building programme owing to COVID and the difficulty in getting building supplies. This has required careful management and support and input from the Board. Obviously a large amount of time has been spent ensuring we have the necessary funding to keep the theatre going in unprecedented times.	I am grateful we have such a strong inspirational dedicated management team at the Mercury
Essex County Travellers Unit	Councillor Beverley Oxford	0	To evaluate the support given to the traveller community	Has not met	None
Essex Police and Crime and Panel	Councillor Beverley Oxford	4	To discuss police issues with Police and Crime commissioner	Electing deputy Police and Crime Commissioner agreeing proposed police precept.	None
Campaign for Protection of Rural Essex	Councillor Peter Chillingworth	0	The organisation tries to protect the countryside from inappropriate development, also	With no approaches or invitations to meetings, I do not know what the local Essex group are doing.	Suggest writing to the Council's contact and asking whether

			campaigns on rural issues such as replanting hedges, more rural affordable housing, sustainable farming. Has an effective national lobbying team.		they wish us to still have a representative. In the 1990s and 20s when I was Chairman, we held regular meetings with our Council reps and other bodies, but no idea whether they still do as I have not been invited while the Council's rep.
Colchester Arts Centre	Councillor Darius Laws	3 out of 4 held	Governing board of Colchester Arts Centre.	<p>Learnt and contributed to discussions around:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proactive green policy – plastic free – paper free – switched to methane gas and fully sustainable electric suppliers – commissioned artist to create website dedicated to wildlife in adjacent church yard. 2. Attracting back lots of younger people (as audience) post Covid with their eclectic mix of music and comedy. Keen proactively in communities who don't always participate in culture. 	None

				<p>3. Big fund raiser for Ukraine (first venue in town to promote such and event) – raised nearly 6k</p> <p>4. Disabled / Neuro diversity champions in making the venue and every touch point accessible and inclusive</p> <p>5. Volunteer sector embracing with bar ops staff encouraged to be advocates and ambassadors for the centre</p> <p>6. Awareness of the need to exploit public realm opportunities - lighting/graveyard etc.</p>	
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