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| Committee: Environment, Enforcement & Housing Committee | Date: 13 th October 2021 |
| Subject: Chairs Update | Wards Affected: All |
| Chair: Cllr Mrs Pearson | |
| Report of: Tracey Lilley, Corporate Director – (Housing and Community Safety) Greg Campbell, Corporate Director -(Environment & Communities) | For Information |

The Environment, Enforcement & Housing Committee met on the 20th September with the updates set out below:

Housing staff survey

A survey for Tenants and Leaseholders (STAR) survey was sent out to all tenants and leaseholders week commencing 23rd August asking them to share their views on the services we provide so we can use the feedback to improve our services. The survey is being carried out for Brentwood by MEL Research who are a social research and behavioural insights consultant. All surveys are anonymous but customers are able to leave their contact details should they want to be contacted about specific issues and customers are able to opt out if they wish.

The survey closes on 15 September and then results will be analysed by MEL research. We expect to get feedback from the results at the end of October and will develop an action plan and will report to Committee in December with the results and action plan.

Tree Planting

Two public consultations have been successfully completed with a third proposed for the evening of 23rd September covering the whole topic of tree planting for climate change.

Work to prepare the ground will be ongoing with a meeting of all participants (Forestry Commission, Thames Chase, Essex County Council) due soon. Opportunities for voluntary input by residents groups and charities are being worked up with the Arbicultural Officer talking to Rotary on the evening of 20 September.

Consultation work on the Essex Joint Municipal Waste Strategy (JMWMS)

The Waste and Emissions Trading (WET) Act 2003 obligates local authorities to maintain a **Joint Strategy** which considers how household and other similar wastes are managed. It requires the authorities to formulate and keep under review appropriate policies to deliver the strategy, consider government guidance and all relevant legislation and consult with the public and other bodies.

Essex County Council are the lead authority and required to bring together the joint strategy, as such they have approached all authorities with a view to developing a new fit for purpose strategy. The present strategy has been in place since 2007. The Essex Joint Municipal Waste Strategy (JMWMS) is therefore considered no longer fit for purpose as it is no longer aligns with national waste strategy, does not consider the latest legislation, lacks future targets and is not reflective of the ambition of other local council's.

ECC have engaged with a consultant to work through a programme of work with local authorities to develop a new joint strategy. This work will:

- Develop a partnership vision
- Identify suitable service delivery options (including waste collection, treatment and disposal techniques)
- Evaluate options and baseline position
- Prepare evidence base suitable for consultation
- Refine options/modelling post consultation phase
- Prepare interim report and summary for discussion

The work will include consultation and workshops with final draft versions available for consultation. It is intended that this work will be complete in 2022 with adoption in 2023. It is intended to regularly feedback to this group on updates as the work develops.