

Essex Chief Executives' Association
Thursday 17 July held at Essex Records Office

Present:

John Mitchell (Chair)
Adam Eckley (Essex Fire & Rescue)
Adrian Pritchard (Colchester)
Andy Lewis for Rob Tinlin (Southend)
Bala Mahendran (Basildon)
David Marchant (Castle Point)
Derek Macnab for Glen Chipp (Epping)
Fiona Marshall (Maldon)
Sue Kempster (Minutes)

Mary Archer (ECRC)
Graeme Bloomer for Malcolm Morley (Harlow)
Ian Davidson (Tendring)
Joanna Killian (Essex CC)
Nicola Beach (Braintree)
Shaun Scrutton for Rob Tinlin (Southend)
Sonia Davidson-Grant (Essex CC)
Steve Packham (Chelmsford)
Stephen Kavanagh (Essex Police)

Apologies:

Andrew Pike (NHS)
Amar Dave (Rochford)
Glen Chipp (Epping)
Graham Farrant (Thurrock)
Jo-Anne Ireland (Brentwood)

Malcolm Morley (Harlow)
Rob Tinlin (Southend)
Julia Wortley (Essex Police)
Susannah Hancock (PCC)

Item

Action

1 **Apologies:** Noted

2 **Local Policing Changes**

The Chief Constable, Stephen Kavanagh, talked to ECEA about the Local Policing Model. His presentation covered the context and challenges in terms of the national funding position and financial constraints, the vision which included the improved use of technology to enable predictive policing to help deliver the savings required. The presentation also covered the local partnership hubs and public engagement including changes to the current meeting programme.

ECEA welcomed the Chief Constable's commitment to local policing and partnership working. John thanked Stephen for a very useful and informative presentation.

3 **Emergency planning, resilience and Fire & Rescue five year strategy**

Adam Eckley and Paul Hill attended the meeting. Adam Eckley set the context in terms of operational savings to be made. He advised that there is political commitment not to take resources out of the local communities. Demand has reduced by 50% over the last 10 years by increased emphasis in community safety. Noted that change has been difficult to implement in Essex but progress is being made.

Paul Hill explained the statutory duty to promote fire safety and the work of the team in this area. There was a discussion on the predictive and preventative work which is intelligence led (across all agencies) and the positive difference this makes in the community.

In terms of emergency planning there was a discussion on the issues faced during the flooding with lack of communication being the key issue. The fire service explained this was covered as part of the de-brief and that a new system of shared messages to every member of the resilience forum should improve communications going forward.

Adam Eckley agreed to recirculate a letter in respect of the Essex Resilience Forum and this would be a good opportunity to share individual concerns. Happy to report back to future ECEA meetings as required. John thanked both Adam Eckley and Paul Hill for the helpful and informative presentation.

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4 **Community Resilience Fund**

Bob Reitemeier from the Essex Community Foundation attended the meeting to present the Community Resilience Fund proposal. ECEA agreed to take it back to their leader with a view to feeding back at the next meeting. Joanna made a plea to Chief Execs to try and find the money as the benefits make such a difference to the local communities. Braintree and Tendring confirmed that the funding request will be going through the budget process later in the year. John thanked Bob Reitemeier for taking the time to attend ECEA.

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5 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Agreed.

6 **Challenges facing Local Government – workstream updates**

Building Control

Adrian Pritchard introduced the item and his thanks were noted for the level of engagement by building control staff and for the work completed to date. Martin Whiteley from Blue Marble presented to the group on the terms of reference, solution centre process, programme plan, a summary of the current operation across Essex, the need for change, operating framework, business strategy and the joint delivery options identified by the team.

ECEA noted the progress to date and agreed to narrow down the options to:

- arms length trading company
- public sector company/social enterprise/ franchise model.

Martin advised that he would be making appointments to discuss with each individual authority and then again collectively at the ECEA meeting on 18 September.

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Waste

David Marchant set the background and handed over to Martin Whiteley from Blue Marble. Martin covered the key issues, long term goals and main priorities for the partnership in the future, draft terms of reference, solution centre process and deliverables, key roles in the programme and the programme plan.

ECEA agreed the terms of reference and to identify a representative for the solution centre group (Chief Execs to send notification to Trudie Bragg at Castle Point). Joanna Killian reminded colleagues of the need to brief IAA members before the next meeting to prevent the situation that arose at the last meeting.

ALL

Sonia Davidson-Grant will be meeting with directors individually in the first instance.

John thanked Martin for presenting to ECEA and agreed to circulate the building control and waste presentation.

In terms of the remaining workstream updates – please email an update to colleagues.

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7 Emerging picture of Essex local government after May elections – agenda planning for Leaders and Chief Execs

There was discussion following the email circulated by the new chair of the ELCE group. It was agreed that Joanna, Steve and John should get together to discuss how the ECEA meeting could feed into the Leaders meeting and the type of topics that should come forward.

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8 Commissioning Strategy Update

Joanna would be grateful to receive your comments.

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9 Essex-wide anti-litter and cleanliness campaign

Due to the full agenda Nicola Beach agreed to circulate a note.

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10 Standing Items

Health & Wellbeing: Not covered due to full agenda

Safer Essex: Not covered due to full agenda

Vine HR: Nicola Beach wrote to Chief Execs recently and thanked those who had already responded. Please send comments through, NB will then review with Vine HR and update ECEA at the September meeting.

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SELEP/Economic Growth Strategy: Not covered due to full agenda

Agenda items noted for next ECEA: Not covered due to full agenda

Matters for ELCE: Discussed as part of item 7.

11 Date of Next Meeting

18 September 2014

Date of Future Meetings

20 November 2014

Dates for 2015

22 January

12 March

14 May

16 July – Venue: Braintree District Council

17 September

19 November

All meetings except 16 July will take place in the Council Chamber, Chelmsford City Council