

Belchamp St Paul and Belchamp Otten Parish Council

Details of e-mails received from County Councillor Peter Schwier, since the July 2025 PC meeting

Item 5 on the Agenda

27 August 2025

Regular e-mails have been received from County Councillor Peter Schwier since the last meeting. Please find below a list of the mails with brief details. If you have an interest in any particular mail listed, please let me know and I will forward the full document to you. *John*

1. **Adult Social Care Services rated as Good** - The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has rated Essex County Council Adult Social Care services as good. This follows an assurance process that began in May 2024. (27/6).
2. **May Highway Highlights** - Please find attached ECC Highway Highlights for your information (27/6).
3. **Essex - raises the standards with ambitious and innovative housing policy** - An ambitious and innovative housing policy for new homes in Colchester and Tendring has been adopted by the two councils. This follows an independent examination by a government-appointed inspector. (8/7).
4. **Housing growth plans set back as government cancels A12 improvements** - Essex County Council has expressed strong concerns that residents and businesses will bear the brunt of the Government's decision yesterday to cancel the long-planned A12 widening scheme between Junctions 19 and 25 — a move that threatens to derail planned housing growth across the county. (10/7).
5. **MPs and national experts learn about preventative solutions to help address the health and social care crisis** - Essex commissioners have met with MPs and care industry leaders to discuss how urgent challenges facing health and social care apply to the rest of the country. (10/7).
6. **Less means more for Greater Essex** - three council plan revealed - Essex County Council has today revealed the map of how three brand-new unitary councils could replace the 15 current local authorities across Greater Essex. The new councils would mean the abolition of all the existing councils, including the existing unitaries of Thurrock and Southend on Sea, as well as all the councils in the county council area (17/7).
7. **Essex welcomes major investment in new National Biosecurity Centre** - Essex County Council is pleased to see a reconfirmation today by the Department of Health and Social Care and the UK Health Security Agency of a multi-billion-pound investment in a new National Biosecurity Centre (NBC) in Harlow.(18/7).
8. **Government gives approval for devolution work to proceed in Greater Essex** - Essex County Council, Southend-on-Sea City Council and Thurrock Council will continue work to establish a Mayoral Combined County Authority (MCCA).(18/7).

- 9. Highways Highlights June 25. (18/7).**
- 10. Essex County Council Appoints ECR HopOn** - Essex County Council has appointed ECR Solutions to deliver a new multipurpose sustainable transport app. This will allow passengers to plan journeys, book demand responsive transport (DDRT), buy tickets and more. (18/7).
- 11. Highways - A Better Connected Essex – Have your say on new Essex transport strategy** - Residents, businesses and visitors are being invited to help shape the future of transport in the county, following the launch of a consultation on the new Essex transport strategy (31/7).
- 12. Essex arts and cultural organisations receive £330k council funding** - The popular arts and cultural venues and hubs contribute to the county's economy by encouraging tourism. They are being recognised for attracting investment, income and creating jobs (31/7).
- 13. Essex County Council prepares for next phase of e-scooter Service** - The current contract for the provision of shared e-scooters in Essex will conclude on Wednesday 13 August 2025, as Essex County Council prepares to transition to the next phase of the service. (11/8).
- 14. Transport Bus Services** - Residents invited to share views on bus services in Essex - Essex County Council is seeking the views of residents on a number of bus services it currently supports. (14/8).
- 15. Highways -Innovative 'Roadmender' method** - A cost-effective and sustainable new technology is helping to keep Essex roads free from potholes. (21/8).