

Planning & Environment COMMITTEE A G E N D A

**For a Meeting to be held on Tuesday 28th January 2025
at 7.30pm
at Champions Manor Hall, Hullbridge Road,
South Woodham Ferrers**

**Membership:
Councillor D Thompson Chairman
Councillor S Wilson Vice-Chairman**

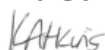
Councillor M Sismey
Councillor P Ferry
Councillor A Shearring

Councillor G Piesse
Councillor J Birch
Councillor I Roberts

Councillor A John
Councillor M O'Brien
Councillor P Price

Local residents are welcome to attend this meeting. At the meeting, your elected Councillors will take decisions affecting YOU, the Community, and the Town. At the beginning of the meeting there is an opportunity for you to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda. The public may participate for up to 15 minutes for this purpose. If you have any queries, please telephone the Town Clerk on 01245 321 817. Please join us.

**Karen Atkins
Town Clerk
22nd January 2025**



1. Apologies if Absence

To RECEIVE apologies for absence.

2. Dispensation considerations

To consider any dispensations, as required. Standing Order 12. Dispensation requests shall be in writing and submitted to the Town Clerk as soon as possible before the meeting, or failing that, at the start of the meeting for which the dispensation is required.

3. Declarations of Interest

Any Member declaring an interest is asked to state whether this is a pecuniary registerable or non-registerable interest. Clarification, if required, can be sought prior to the meeting with the Chairman or the Town Clerk.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2025 as a true record.

5. Public Questions

In accordance with Standing Order 3.e to allow up to 15 minutes for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business covered by the Committees terms of reference. At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Committee; Members with pecuniary interests will also not be permitted to speak, address the Committee on those interests and must leave the meeting when the item in relation to their interest is being discussed.

6. Budgetary Position

The budgetary position at 22/01/2025 is attached to the agenda.

7. Previous Planning Decisions and Appeals

To note the City Council planning decisions which differ from the Town Council recommendations will be circulated prior to the meeting.

8. Planning Applications

To consider and agree comments on the planning applications as detailed on the list circulated and displayed on the Town Council noticeboards and website.

9. Items to Note

- Granite bench located in Trinity Square - Officers at Essex County Council are in contact with the original manufacturer and are endeavouring to replace like for like with the original specification material, this process is still ongoing. No timescale can be given but Officers are working to have this resolved as quickly as possible.
- Update from Greater Anglian – The tree works at Tanners Way/Station Approach were carried out after extensive complaints from residents to have them cut back. The land does not belong to the Council and City Council were approached before work and declined consultation.

10. Love Your Bus Grant Funding

Committee to consider applying for the Love Your Bus Grant Funding. Applications to be submitted online by 21st February 2025. Information attached to agenda.

11. Garden of Remembrance

Update from the Environment Officer -

- Committee to consider the quotation for the work to maintain the benches.
- Committee to consider the planting of two permanent Christmas trees in the Children's memorial garden.
- Committee to consider ideas for the maintenance and revamp of the sensory garden area.

12. Coastal Footpath Signs

Committee to receive a report and update from Environment Officer.

13. Essex Air Quality Strategy

Committee to consider the launch of the public consultation for the new draft Essex Air Quality Strategy by Essex County Council. The strategy sets out a shared vision, aims and a series of actions the consortium plans to take to improve air quality in Essex and help reduce the impact of air pollution on people's health.

A request to promote the consultation and a response from the Town Council providing feedback on the strategy. The consultation is from Monday 20th January 2025 for six weeks closing on Sunday 2 March 2025.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/2025/have-your-say-improving-air-quality-essex>

Additional information is attached with agenda.

14. Report to Council

To note items for report to the next Council meeting is on 18th of March 2025.

15. Media Coverage

To consider whether any items on this agenda warrant a media release and if applicable agree a Councillor to comment.

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee will be on 25th of February 2025 at 7.30pm.

Any member who is unable to attend the meeting should send their apologies and reason to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.