

Chief Officer Report 14th March 2023

BENCH REPAIRS

Condition survey report to be discussed at the meeting on all memorial benches.

IT EQUIPMENT AND WEBSITE

Website

The general overhaul of the website is still ongoing the full site update and compliance will be completed by the end of March 2023.

TOWN MAINTENANCE

To receive a quotation for the planting of the beds across town ready for the spring.

ROAD MARKINGS

13 requests have been sent into ECC to cover all the necessary road marking requirements, including parking bays, zebra crossings and yellow lines.

DEMENTIA GARDEN UPDATES

To receive quotations for the upgrade of the dementia garden patio.

LEGISLATION AND UPDATES

EALC 79th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023 SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023 and is open to chairs, councillors, Clerks and partners. This is a free of charge event, taking place in Colchester, refreshments and a finger buffet lunch will be provided. Any members wishing to attend please let me know and I will collate a list to send out.

CITIZENS ADVICE ESSEX- NEW EVENING AND WEEKEND ADVICE LINE

ECC has provided additional funding to support the citizens advice to bring in a new evening and weekend help line. An injection of £185k will support the community charity network and help to increase capacity and deliver new services, which will include the out of hours help line.

The new "out of hours" advice line is available from 4pm to 8pm during the week and 9am to 1pm on Saturday mornings on **0808 250 5724**.

NALC- NEW COST OF LIVING SUPPORT PAGE

Last week, the National Association of Local Councils released its new Cost-of-Living Support Page to help local town and parish councils support their communities through the cost-of-living crisis. The webpage provides valuable resources, practical advice and examples of local councils demonstrating good

practises to support their community. Please feel free to direct any of your constituents to the website or indeed to the office where we can assist them in providing information.

[Cost-of-living \(nalc.gov.uk\)](http://nalc.gov.uk)

CIVILITY AND RESPECT NEWSLETTER- MARCH EDITION

The March newsletter includes articles on:

- Councillors responsibilities as employers podcasts
- Launch of civility and respect e-learning
- Sector specific guidance on the LGA code of conduct
- Second early day motion
- Update on the Pledge
- Training workshops still available

If you are interested in attending any of the workshops please do let me know and I can submit the forms on your behalf.

EVERYONES ESSEX

Just over a year ago, Essex County Council launched Everyone's Essex, In brief they cllr Kevin Bentley lays down the key areas they will be focussing on which are:

economy, environment, health and family.

Within these areas they will be setting out 20 commitments with a view to making Essex a stronger county, not just for ourselves, but also for our children and their children.

you can review the full plan by following the link below

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/everyones-es...>

RIDE LONDON-ESSEX 2023 UPDATE

Public engagement events hosted by Essex County Council and the organisers of RideLondon-Essex are taking place across the county. Residents can learn about the plans for 2023, meet the team, ask

questions.

To keep up with the latest information, you can check their website on-

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/ridelondon-essex-2023>.

SAFER ROADS PARTNERSHIP- 'IS YOUR VISION ROAD WORTHY?'

Under legislation known as Cassie's Law, drivers who fail a roadside number plate test can have their driving licence revoked on the spot if a police officer deems them unsafe to be on the road. Essex Police issued 335 revocations between 2014 and 2022, coming second to Sussex Police with 346 revocations – that's the equivalent of 13.8% and 14.2% (respectively) of the total number of recorded revocations by 44 police forces. Essex Police's Road Policing Team will carry out on-the-spot eyesight tests throughout the campaign, which runs between 27 February and 12 March