



Essex Association of Local Councils
81st Annual General Meeting – Business Agenda

 **Date:** Thursday, 25th September 2025

 **Time:** 6:30 PM

 **Online Meeting Platform (Opens at 6:15 PM)**

1. Welcome

- **Opening Remarks** by the President, *His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Essex*, **Mrs. Jennifer Tolhurst**.
- **Apologies for Absence.**
- **Signing of the Minutes** from the 2024 AGM.

2. Vice-Presidents

- The EALC may appoint up to six Vice-Presidents.
- **Current Vice-Presidents:**
 - Mrs. Anne Brown.
 - Cllr. Sheila Jackman, MBE.
(Term of Office concludes in 2027).
- **No Retiring Vice-Presidents.**
- **No New Appointments at this time.**

3. Annual Report

- **Presentation** by the Chair, **Cllr. Mike Eldred**.
- **Questions from Membership.**
- **Approval of the Annual Report.**

4. Accounts 2024/25

- **Presentation** by the Chair of Finance, **Cllr. Stephanie Gill**.
- **Overview of Financial Position.**
 - Acknowledgement of **Essex County Council** for grants and support.
- **Questions from Membership.**
- **Approval of Accounts and Annual Financial Report.**
- **Affiliation Fee Proposal:**
 - Recommendation to increase the fee for 2026/27 by **3.5%**
- **Auditor Appointment:**
 - Approval of **Trevor Brown (CPFA)** as Auditor for 2025/26.

5. Motions

- **Presentation of Motions** by the Chair, **Cllr. Mike Eldred**.

6. CEO Report

- **Presentation** by the Chief Executive Officer.
- **Questions from Membership.**

7. Final Questions

- **Open Floor for Final Questions.**
- **Closing Remarks** by the President.
- **Confirmation of Date** for the next AGM (TBC).
- **Meeting Closed.**



Order of Events
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6:15 PM – Early Bird Arrival

- Online meeting opens for attendees to join early.

6:30 PM – Welcome

- **Opening Address by the President,**
His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, Mrs. Jennifer Tolhurst.
- **Welcome to Member Councils and Guests.**

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM - Business Agenda Items

7:30 PM – Guest Speaker and Presentation on Local Government Reorganisation

- **Tom Walker**
Executive Director, People, Policy, Economy and Public Health – Essex County Council.

8:00 PM – Questions

- Open Q&A session following the guest speaker's presentation.

8:30 PM – EALC Awards

- Announcement of the Winner for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

8:50 PM – Closing Address

- Final remarks from the Chair of the EALC Executive Committee.

Meeting Closed.