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

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

- 1. New grant fund launched to support unpaid carers in Essex** - A new grant programme has launched in Essex that will see £1.75million allocated to support unpaid carers of all ages, through local projects. To apply and for more information visit www.essex.gov.uk and search 'Carers Community Fund' or email essex.carers@essex.gov.uk. Deadline 30 January. Received 29 November.
- 2. Essex Registry Offices refurbishment programme** – Nearly all Registry Offices will receive a face lift with redecoration, comfortable seating, improved technology and signage. Received 1 December.
- 3. DigiGo service extended for a further 2 years.** The initial 2 year pilot scheme has been extended to March 2026 with a further possible extension to 2028. Received 6 December.
- 4. Highways Highlights** – November/December issue. Received 14 December.
- 5. Storm Henk damage/repair work** – Essex Highways received more than 450 weather related enquiries, including reports of flooding, wind damage and more in the 24 hours following the storm. Tree surgeon partners mobilised 12 crews overnight on Tuesday and attended more than 75 fallen trees across Essex. Received 3 January.
- 6. Visit Essex Tourism Survey** – Please go to the survey to tell us more about what the future of tourism in Essex should look like <https://survey.zohopublic.eu/zs/nADXwa> . Received 7 January.
- 7. ECC Bus Consultation Review** – Result of the review. A total of 7 Essex bus services will be withdrawn but our DaRT3 service will continue for another 2 years, with a possible further extension to 2028. Received 9 January.
- 8. Reporting Highway issues – What3Words visual Guide** - A visual guide to help Councils (and residents) to utilise What3words to report various highway issues in photo mode. Received 10 January.