

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

Item 5 on the Agenda

27.8.24

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. **Public consultation on draft Essex Cycling strategy** - Just a reminder that the public consultation on the draft Essex Cycling Strategy closes on Sunday 7th July. The new draft strategy sets out a vision for cycling in the county, and details the key actions planned to make it a reality. We now want your feedback to help improve it.
2. **ECC Trading Standards info** - an end of year infographic showing some of the highlights from the work of the ECC Trading Standards team during 2023-24.
3. **ECC -Essex Records Office -Heritage Fund to preserve local stories-** The [Essex Record Office](#) (ERO) will receive £60,000 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to immortalise local communities.
4. **PFCC- Essex - Have your say on the Policing, Crime, Fire & Rescue priorities next 4 yrs** - Following his re-election in May, Roger Hirst, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, is now consulting on priorities to be included in his Police and Crime Plan 2024 and his Fire and Rescue Plan 2024. The Fire and Rescue Plan sets the strategic direction and priorities for Essex County Fire and Rescue Service for the next four years.
5. **ECC adopts new Waste Strategy for Essex** - A new Waste Strategy for Essex has been adopted by Essex County Council.
6. **ECC Remains opposed to pylons proposal. Norwich-Tilbury** - Formal response to latest consultation was submitted ahead of last week's deadline. Essex County Council has confirmed it remains in opposition to latest plans to install hundreds of pylons and miles of cables across parts of the county.
7. **ECC 1,200 additional SEND inclusive summer holiday places across Essex** - Essex County Council is funding additional summer holiday activity spaces across the county this summer for children and young people with SEND, and their families.
8. **Essex & Suffolk DaRT and Arrow Taxis** - I am pleased to be able to update you on the services that were affected following the announcement that Arrow Taxis and Essex and Suffolk DaRT have ceased trading.
9. **The Essex Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is now open and offering grants up to £10,000** - Voluntary organisations, community groups, residents' associations and Town and Parish Councils can now apply for grants through the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF).
10. **ECC Highways Highlights June 24.**
11. **ECC - Park and Ride returns to Broomfield Hospital** - Patients, visitors and NHS staff will be able to catch a shuttle to and from Broomfield Hospital starting this summer.

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12. **ECC - Extra funding announced to radically improve the face of highways across the county** - Essex's road network is in line for a £25 million boost which will power resurfacing on key roads, as well as ensure roadside vegetation is kept in check and signs and lines are repaired and repainted.
13. **ECC Pre-bookable service will now cover more of Essex and operating hours to be expanded** - Digi- Go - On-demand shared public transport service DigiGo has expanded to cover a larger part of Essex.
14. **ECC - Public invited to shape upcoming transport strategy for Essex** - Essex residents, businesses and visitors are being given a first opportunity to help shape an upcoming strategy guiding the future of transport in the county.
15. **ECC - Priority One £25 M boost to help change the face of Essex's road network** - Essex's road network is in line for a £25 million boost which will power resurfacing on key roads, as well as ensure roadside vegetation is kept in check and signs and lines are repaired and repainted.
16. **ECC Grass cutting launched for overgrown verges** - Overgrown grass is being cut back across Essex to keep roads and footpaths safe following unprecedented temperatures and rainfall.
17. **ECC - Rigid Plastic recycling scheme expansion sees two more sites added - Reminder Braintree**- The scheme will now be available at ten recycling centres with another in the pipeline.
18. **ECC Highways - Jet Boost as roads repairs speed up across Essex** - Essex Highways is carrying out even more road repairs thanks to £3 million additional funding announced earlier this year by Essex County Council.
19. **ECC - Environmental skills made more accessible as green economy grows in Essex** - Green skills and careers are being made more accessible in Essex as environmental jobs are expected to nearly double across the county by 2030.