



Essex Association of Local Councils

Supporting Local Town and Parish Councils within Essex

EALC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023

AGM Documents inc. Annual Report 2022-23 and

ECC and PFCC Speaker Information



Dear Member Councils,

The countdown is on! The Staff and Executive Committee have been working hard to prepare for our AGM & Conference next week. A lot of time has been spent liaising with Exhibitors and Colchester Stadium to make the day as informative as it can be.

Not only do we have a wide range of exhibitors and guest speakers from various businesses for you, we are proud to share that we have talks from our most invaluable partners- Essex County Council and the Police, Fire and Crime Commission Team.

Essex County Council and NALC Panel Discussion 'Maximising the Power of Your Community'



The EALC Conference will be host to key officers from ECC and NALC. They will hold a roundtable panel discussion focussing Levelling Up and strengthening communities, particularly thinking about how Parish and Town Councils can better support the work you do. This session is entitled 'Maximising the power of your community.' In essence, it will discuss not only some of the community support already out there that Town and Parish Councils can tap into, but also how members can maximise the assets in their local area.

There will be lots of inspirational examples, to take away, that will inspire you and your members to maximise the benefits of your communities. The panel will also showcase the work ECC are doing with Community360, as well as on the ground support the United in-Kind coaches and Active Essex programmes can offer parishes.

There will be a light touch update on devolution, from a county perspective as well as focus nationally. Justin Griggs, Head of Policy Committee at NALC, considers policy motions from you, member councils through your County Association which shapes NALC's manifesto setting out the changes we would all like the government to make to legislation to make your lives easier.

A key focus of the Policy Committee this year has been to press for the sector to be able to access national grants. The government's community ownership fund was opened to applications from our sector. You will hear an update on other national initiatives such as, the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill including enabling councils to hold remote meetings, allowances for caring responsibilities and clarification of the sector's funding of church buildings. A focus for the year ahead will be influencing the manifestos of the political parties as we approach the general election.

Essex County Council
'Community Energy Schemes'



Cllr Peter Schwier, our Cabinet Czar & Cabinet Member for Environment, Waste Reduction & Recycling and Cabinet Member for Climate Action, as well as Tom Day, our Head of Energy and Low Carbon Programmes, will be focusing on how to get the best out of Community Energy schemes.

With a wealth of experience on climate will be focusing on the future initiatives on managing waste reduction details will be announced.

PFCC and ECFRS
Presentations



Our keynote speakers from the PFCC and Essex County Fire and Rescue Service will be sharing highlights of the year, talking about the fantastic work they are doing to keep our communities safe so we can all live, prosper and thrive. You will be able to engage with exhibitors and officers from the Community Safety team, Special Command team, and officers from the Essex Resilience Forum as well as the Fraud Prevention Team. An opportunity not to missed.

I had previously sent out the documents for our AGM. For your convenience, I have attached them again for you to download and read. They are also available on our website at- www.ealc.gov.uk/ealc-agm-conference-2023

1. [EALC Annual Report 2022](#) (for reference to the draft minutes 2022)
2. [EALC AGM Draft Minutes 2022](#)
3. [Constitution Amendments Track Change Version](#)
4. [Constitution Clean Version](#)

5. [EALC AGM Business Agenda 2023](#)
6. [EALC AGM Order of the Day 2023](#)
7. [EALC AGM Speaker Profiles](#)
8. [EALC Annual Report 2022-23](#)

To save printing costs and for the environment, we have decided this year to not have any printed versions of the AGM documents available on the tables at the event.

Instead, we have all of the documents available to you via 'QR code', all created and designed by our Communications Co-ordinator, Sophie.

If you have any questions or special requests relating to this, please may you get in touch with Sophie at-

communications@ealc.gov.uk, and she will be happy to help.

The EALC Staff, Executive Committee and I are looking forward to welcoming you on the 21st September.

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Kind regards

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