

**A warm welcome to all Member Councils, Vice-Presidents and Guests to the 79th Annual General Meeting of the Essex Association of Local Councils.**

**Cllr John Jowers has completed his second term of office and before I make my proposal to the AGM to elect John for a third term of office as our president for those of you who do not know John ( if by chance there is someone out there that doesn't) I would like to highlight John's exemplary career and his achievements to date:**

#### **Colchester City Council Activities**

**First Elected as a Cllr in 1996. (27 Years ago) For Mersea and Pyfleet and is the current Mayor of Colchester**

**John became an ECC Councillor in May 2005 (18 Years ago)**

- **Cabinet Member for Libraries, Communities and Planning**
- **Introduced and Implemented the Community Initiatives Fund**
- **ECC representative on and Chair of Police and Crime Panel**
- **Chair of Essex Countrywide Traveller Unit Committee**
- **Vice-Chairman of the Council**
- **Chairman of the Council from May 2018 to May 2021**

#### **Other Primary Committees, Panels and Authorities**

- **Essex Rural Partnership Member and Chairman**
- **First Chair of Essex Police and Crime Panel**
- **First Chair of Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel**
- **Member of the Fire Authority**
- **Member of the Police Authority**

#### **And President of the EALC since 2015**

**I therefore propose Cllr John Jowers as President of the EALC for a Third term of office for a further 4 year period. Do I have a seconder? Thank you. The voting members of the AGM will now be asked to vote on this proposal. Those in favour? Those against? The vote is unanimous, congratulations John, please take the Chair for the rest of the AGM.**