

Renewal for the county of Essex

The Essex Renewal Project: June 2023

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What is the Essex Renewal Project?

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Partners

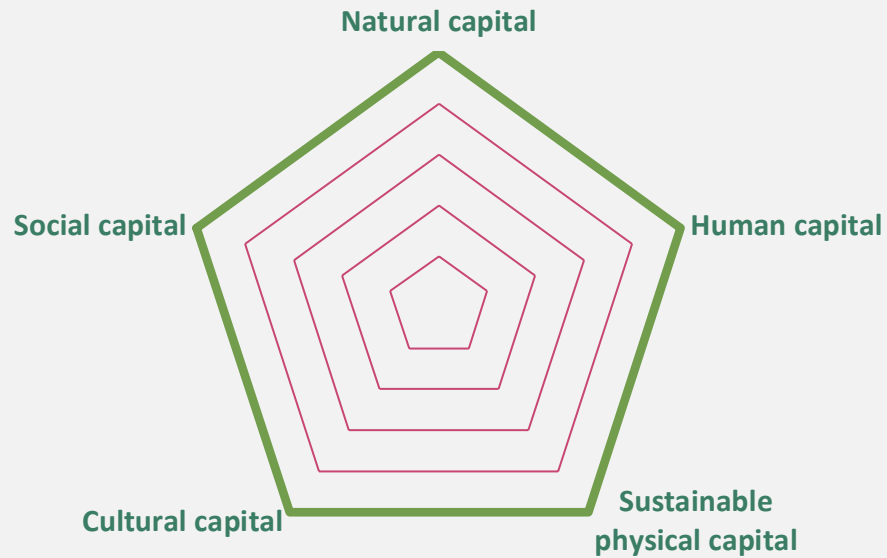
Independent from
national and local
government structures

Identify practices and
policies to support Essex
Renewal in the long term

System level,
collaborative approach
to change

*“Renewal in Essex **cannot be achieved by one organisation alone**. But by working together to deliver the recommendations in the report, we can **build on** the great work already happening, **maximise our resources** and **increase the benefits** for Essex residents and businesses.”*

Five Regenerative Capital Assets for Renewal



Natural capital: the stocks of natural resources in whole ecosystems (clean air and water, flood control, tree and soil carbon, biodiversity) which provide benefits that underpin all economies and societies making human life possible;

Social capital: the trust, reciprocity and relationships that increase togetherness, kindness, connectedness and collective action between and within communities, and that reduce the costs of transactions;

Human capital: the capability of individuals, expressed in knowledge, skills, health and nutrition, the value of which is magnified when these individuals in public, private and third sector organisations work together, and which grows across healthy and long lifecourses;

Cultural capital: the assets created by people that comprise customs, arts, language, stories, innovation, laws, science, technology and spiritual traditions.

Sustainable physical capital: the human-made resources and infrastructure of buildings, housing, factories, utilities, energy, transport, communication systems, all of which can be driven by renewable energy.



Social Justice

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Green economy

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Frameworks for Action and Implementation

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The Digital Divide

Improving Careers' Advice

Facilitating a New System for Social Prescribing

Access and Participation in Natural and Green Spaces

The New Opportunities from the Green Economy

Protect and Enhance Public and Community Assets

Tackling and Reducing Attainment Gaps

New Models for Ageing Communities and Social Care

Community Engagement, Co-Production and Education

Coastal Community and Seaside Economic Revival



Social Justice

Trust between Public Services and Essex's Minority Communities

Public sector partners should establish a series of **Community Involvement Panels** to improve engagement with minority ethnic groups, so as to **embed their voices in the policy development process and to improve decision-making across Essex.**

The Digital Divide

Create an **Essex Digital Inclusion Network**, where public services, private businesses, voluntary organisations, and community groups will work in partnership to co-ordinate and strengthen work on digital inclusion across the county.

Protect and Enhance Public and Community Assets

Evolve **community spaces to draw together partners' activities, and the services** they provide for communities, making these accessible to all through a network of local community assets. The mix of local services, and the sites through which these are provided, should be **tailored to the needs of local residents**



Young people

Giving Young People
a Voice

Senior officials and elected decision-makers from across Essex public services should commit to regular engagement with the Young Essex Assembly (YEA), Children in Care Council, and Multi School Council.

Improving Careers'
Advice

Work with all schools to ensure that all young people across Essex, regardless of where they live, have access to high quality, practical careers guidance by 2024

Tackling and
Reducing Attainment
Gaps

Support the implementation of the key initiatives of the Essex Education Task Force (EETF) by encouraging a system-wide response through Essex Partners



Community Well-being

Growing capability in the voluntary sector

Grow capability within the Essex Voluntary Sector by linking capacity building for smaller, grass root organisations to community development and micro-grants processes.

Facilitating a New System for Social Prescribing

Create a comprehensive Social Prescribing Network to link Essex Integrated Care Systems, voluntary organisations, and other community groups in an inclusive, social and prevention-pays model of health by 2024.

New Models for Ageing Communities and Social Care

Place the concept of age and disability-friendly communities at the centre of social care provision, integrating decisions on housing, health, care and support to enable residents to live well and independently into older-age



Climate and nature crises

Frameworks for Action and Implementation

Establish a commitment from Essex Partners to work to a policy framework that puts nature recovery, net-zero, environmental sustainability and implications at the heart of decision-making

Access and Participation in Natural and Green Spaces

Improve access to natural Green/Blue infrastructure across Essex so that all residents are able to participate and benefit from current and future natural assets

Community Engagement, Co-Production and Education

Support local communities to self-mobilise, and implement pro-environmental initiatives, by educating on what can be done at a local level and enabling collaboration across community groups



Green economy

Demonstrating the opportunities to innovate

Enhance the Net-Zero Innovation Network (NZIN) to strengthen working partnerships with Essex Partners, anchor institutions, the community and local businesses, to increase diversity of membership and implement models to improve capacity and spread innovative projects

The New Opportunities from the Green Economy

Develop communication links, resources and tools between industry leaders, educational institutions, and local communities to raise awareness of green skill opportunities by 2024.

Coastal Community and Seaside Economic Revival

Establish 'Green and Blue Jobs Hubs' in all coastal areas of Essex to promote regeneration through the development of green sectors and green/blue employment.