

Welcome and Introduction to Essex County Council

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Saturday 9 May 2026

Agenda

- 1 Election results**
- 2 Next steps and Welcome Event**
- 3 Before the Annual Meeting of Council**
- 4 Questions and Answers**

Welcome

On Monday 11 May your term of office as an ECC County Councillor will start!



Essex County Council 2026 Political Composition

Party (or Independent)	Number of Members
Reform UK	53
Conservative	13
Liberal Democrat	5
Independents	2
Labour	1
Green	1
People's Independent Party	1
Residents for Uttlesford	1
Vacancy	1
	78



*Chelmsford Springfield division remains vacant following the sad death of Cllr Mike Mackrory who was a candidate in that division. A new election is being held on 18 June 2026.



Blue plaque on the brick building to the left.

Essex County Council
Main Entrance -
County Hall
Members Car Park
No public right of way
Reserved car parking for visitors.
Turn right at the end of Duke Street and
follow signs for Club County.



Duke Street Entrance



Monday 11 May 10am- 3pm

- **Sign your Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
- **Have your photograph taken**
- **Receive your laptop and ECC email address**
- **Attend a welcome session at 11:30am or 2pm in the Chamber**
- **Receive your ECC ID pass with photo**
- **Meet the employees who will be supporting you**
- **Meet one another**



Before the Annual Meeting

- Sign your Declaration of Acceptance of Office
- Complete personal information and register of interest forms
- Attend or watch back ECC induction sessions
- Receive your ECC laptop and check you can access your email/start using your account
- Read the rules of debate in the Constitution
- Attend the Council familiarisation session on Thursday 21 May, at 10:30, County Hall, Chelmsford
- Read the agenda for the AGM, will be published and emailed to you on Tuesday 19 May
- Join a registered political group if applicable.



Next steps

Welcome
event
11 May

Council Chamber Foyer,
County Hall, Chelmsford
Between 10am and 3pm



Induction programme
Sessions will be recorded if you
are unable to attend

Annual
Meeting
28 May

Council Chamber, County Hall,
Chelmsford
10am start

Questions

