

## Essex County Council Acronym List (Updated)

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Full Term</b>	<b>Definition / Description</b>
ACL	Adult Community Learning	Education services for adults.
ADASS	Association of Directors of Adult Social Services	Professional body for adult social care leaders.
ADSO	Association of Democratic Service Officers	Professional body for democratic services professionals.
AGS	Annual Governance Statement	Annual statement relating to governance across the council, must be published with the annual accounts.
AGSC	Audit, Governance and Standards Committee	Committee with responsibility for audit, governance and standards.
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Protected landscape area.
ASC	Adult Social Care	Services supporting adults with care needs.
ASCOF	Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework	Measures performance of adult social care.
AWD	Adults With Disabilities	Service category for adults with physical or learning disabilities.
CA	Combined Authority	A legal body set up using national legislation that enables a group of two or more councils to collaborate and take collective decisions across council boundaries
CAFCASS	Child and Family Court Advisory Support Service	Advisers who represent children in family court proceedings.
Caldicott Guardian	Caldicott Guardian	Senior role in health and social care organisations responsible for making sure personal information is used appropriately.

CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	The NHS services that provide assessment, support, and treatment for children and young people up to age 18 with moderate to severe mental health problems.
CCA	Combined County Authority	A type of combined authority for areas with two-tier local government, consisting only of upper-tier councils.
CCARO	Combined County Authority Returning Officer	Lead officer for Combined County Authority mayoral elections.
CCN	County Councils Network	Network for County Councils.
CDSS/CDST	Community Dementia Support Service/Team	Local support for people with dementia.
CFO	Chief Financial Officer	The lead finance officer.
CH	County Hall	The headquarters of ECC.
CHC	Continuing Health Care	NHS-funded care for individuals with long-term needs.
CIC	Community Interest Company	Social enterprise structure.
CIPFA	Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy	Professional body for public finance.
CLT	Corporate Leadership Team	Executive Directors as a collective.
CM	Cabinet Member	Portfolio holder with delegated decision-making responsibilities.
CMA	Cabinet Member Actions	Decisions taken by Cabinet Members
CMIS	Committee Management Information System	Where you can find information on committees, meetings and related papers and decisions.
Constituent Authority	Constituent Authority	A local council that is a member of a larger body, most commonly a combined authority or a joint authority.

CPO	Child Protection Order	A court order that allows a local authority to remove a child from a home environment where they are at risk of significant harm or to prevent them from being taken from a place of safety.
CPSC	Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee	The Scrutiny committee with responsibility for corporate matters.
CQC	Care Quality Commission	Regulator of health and social care services.
CSC	Children's Social Care	The service looking after children.
CiC	Children in Care	Any children and young people cared for by Essex County Council.
CiCC	Children in Care Council	A group of children and young people cared for by Essex County Council who help improve services.
D2A	Discharge to Assess	Hospital discharge model assessing care needs at home.
DASS	Director of Adult Social Services	Senior officer responsible for adult social care.
DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service	Criminal record check.
DCM	Deputy Cabinet Member	Deputy to a Cabinet Member, no formal decision-making powers.
DCN	District Councils Network	Network for District Councils.
Devolution Framework	Devolution Framework	Governance and functional arrangements for Strategic Authorities under the English Devolution Bill.
DfE	Department for Education	Government department responsible for children's services, education and apprenticeships.
DMO	Deputy Monitoring Officer	Deputy to the Monitoring Officer.

DOLS	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguard	The procedure prescribed in law when it is necessary to deprive an individual of their liberty who lacks capacity to consent to their care and treatment, in order to keep them safe from harm.
DPP	Devolution Priority Programme	Government programme for fast-tracking areas ready for devolution, including Essex.
DP/DPSS	Direct Payment / Direct Payment Support Service	Funding for individuals to arrange their own care.
D&R	Development and Regulation Committee	The Committee responsible for planning applications for minerals and waste, county council development and village green status.
ECA	Essex Care Association	Represents care providers in Essex.
ECC	Essex County Council	The County Council of Essex.
ECF	Essex Coastal Forum	An outside body that comprises of local authorities within Essex with a tidal frontage
ECIA	Equalities Comprehensive Impact Assessment	An assessment to help us understand how our policies and decisions impact on our residents and communities.
ECL	Essex Cares Limited	A local authority trading company that works on behalf of the Council to deliver certain care and support services in agreement with the Council as its sole Shareholder and primary customer
ECTU	Essex County Wide Traveller Unit	The team who deliver education, health and welfare services to gypsies and travellers and supervise approved sites.
ED	Equality and Diversity	Ensuring fairness in all our service delivery.
EDS	Essex Digital Services	ECC's IT team name.

EH	Essex Highways	The partnership looking after Essex's roads, footpaths and rights of way.
EHCP	Education Health and Care Plan	A plan covering education, health, and care needs for children with SEND.
EHCNA	Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment	An assessment for children and young people on their education, health and care needs.
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment	An assessment on the environmental impact of decisions.
EIR	Environmental Information Regulations	Information provided under the Environmental Information Regulations Act 2004.
EP	Educational Psychologist	A psychologist specialising in education.
EPFCP	Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel	A Panel made up of members from across the 15 constituent authorities, independent members and co-opted members, that holds the Commissioner to account
EPO	Emergency Protection Order	Legal order allowing immediate removal of a child from their home for safety.
EPUT	Essex Partnership University Trust	NHS trust providing mental health and community services.
EQIA	Equality Impact Assessment	Now known as ECIA.
ESAB	Essex Safeguarding Adults Board	A statutory Board made up of ECC and partners that is responsible for safeguarding adults in Essex.
ESCB	Essex Safeguarding Children Board	A statutory Board made up of ECC and partners that is responsible for the safeguarding of children in Essex.

Everyone's Essex	Everyone's Essex	20 commitments focused on the economy, environment, children and families and health, care and wellbeing.
FOI	Freedom of Information	The right to access information held by public authorities.
FP	Forward Plan	Decisions that have to be on the forward plan will have an FP number.
FTE	Full Time Equivalent	Unit of measuring working time.
GECCA/GECA	Greater Essex Combined County Authority / Greater Essex Combined Authority	Proposed combined authority for Essex, Southend-on-Sea, and Thurrock
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation	EU regulation on data protection and privacy.
GDS	Government Digital Service	Responsible for setting, leading and delivering the vision for a modern digital government.
HOPSC	Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee	The Scrutiny committee with responsibility for Health matters.
HWB	Health and Wellbeing Board	Statutory forum that brings leaders from the health and care system together to improve the health and wellbeing of residents.
ICO	Information Commissioner's Office	Organisation to empower individuals through information.
IG	Information Governance	Information governance covers how information is held, obtained, recorded, used and shared. Information is used here as a collective term to cover terms such as data, documents, records and content (electronic and paper).

ISC	Essex Pension Fund Investment Steering Committee	Committee that ensures thew Essex Pension Fund's investments comply with regulations and legislation.
Integrated Settlement	Integrated Settlement	Consolidated budget across housing, transport, skills, and local growth.
IRN	Integrated Residential and Nursing Care Contract	Contract for long-term older people's care.
ISF	Individual Service Fund	Personalised care funding model.
KD	Key Decision	Significant decisions in terms of value and impact and need to be published on the forward plan.
KPI	Key Performance Indicator	A measurable value that demonstrates how effectively objectives are being achieved.
LA	Local Authority	Governing body for a local area.
LAC	Looked After Child	A child under the care of the local authority.
LAH	Live at Home	Domiciliary care contract type.
LAP	Local Authority Placement	Placement arranged by the local authority.
LCF	Local Community Fund	Member fund relating to the community.
LD	Learning Disability	Service category for individuals with learning disabilities.
LDD	Local Development Document	Includes DPDs and supplementary planning documents.
LDF	Local Development Framework	Planning documents guiding development in a local area.
Leaders Council	Leaders Council	Forum for local authority leaders to engage with central government.
LF	Locality Fund	Fund for members to provide local grants.
LGA	Local Government Association	National membership body for local authorities.

LGBC	Local Government Boundary Commission	Organisation who review local government boundaries.
LGR	Local Government Reorganisation	A plan to reorganise local government for two-tier areas and neighboring unitary councils.
LHPs	Local Highways Panels	Local highways panels for decisions on some highway matters.
LLG	Lawyers in Local Government	Professional association for lawyers working in Local Government.
LHOs	Local Highways Officers	Contact point within highways.
LSP	Local Strategic Partnership	Collaboration between local authorities and other sectors.
MCCA	Mayoral Combined County Authority	A CCA led by a directly elected mayor.
MD	Member Development	Development for councillors.
MDS	Member Development Strategy	The strategy to support member development.
MDSG	Member Development Steering Group	The steering group looking at councillor support and development.
ME	Member Enquiries	Service provided to ECC members and Essex MPs to help them find information about and from ECC.
MH	Mental Health	Services supporting mental wellbeing.
MHCLG	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	Oversees housing and local government policy.
MO	Monitoring Officer	Statutory officer responsible for legal governance of a local authority.
My Oracle	My Oracle	System for payroll, expenses and internal systems.
NALC	National Association of Local Councils	Supports parish and town councils across England.

NAPFCP	National Association of Police, Fire and Crime Panels	An LGA Special Interest Group, providing a forum for collaborative discussion of issues relating to and impacting on Police and Crime Panels and Police, Fire and Crime Panels (PCPs / PFCPs)
NEET	Not in education, employment or training	Refers to young people, typically aged 16-24, who are not studying, working, or participating in any form of job training.
NEPP	North Essex Parking Partnership	Administers parking rules for North Essex, administer by Colchester City Council.
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister	Former department overseeing local government.
PAB	Pension Fund Boad	Essex Pension Fund Advisory Board assists with ensuring compliance to relevant regulations and legislation and to ensure effective and efficient governance and administration of the Essex Pension Fund
PAF	People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee	Scrutiny Committee with a focus on people and families.
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer	Civilian staff supporting police in communities.
PDP	Personal Development Plans	Plans to support development.
PFCC	Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	Responsible for the delivery and performance of the police service and fire governance.
PI	Physical Impairment	Service category for physical disabilities.
PRU	Pupil Referral Unit	An alternative education provision which is organised to provide education for children who are not able to attend school.

PSC	Policy and Scrutiny Committee	Name for policy and scrutiny committees.
PSEG	Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee	Scrutiny Committee focusing on places services and economic growth.
PSED	Public Sector Equality Duty	Legal duty under the Equality Act 2010.
PSI	Physical and Sensory Impairments	Combined category for physical and sensory needs.
Pathway Plan	Pathway Plan	A plan for a young person's transition to independence, created around age 15.
RFO	Responsible Financial Officer	Officer responsible for financial administration under the Local Government Act 1972.
RO	Returning Officer	Responsible for the conduct of local government elections.
S151 Officer	Section 151 Officer	Chief financial officer of a local authority.
SAR	Subject Access Requests	Requests for information about an individual – the subject.
SAR	Safeguarding Adult Review	A multi-agency review process to establish if actions could have been done differently to prevent harm in the future.
SAS	Service Assurance Statement	An assessment and statement on the internal controls and assurance within a service area.
SEMH	Social, Emotional and Mental Health	Social, Emotional and Mental Health.
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Coordinator	Coordinator with responsibility for special educational needs.
SEPP	South Essex Parking Partnership	Administers parking rules for South Essex, administer by Chelmsford City Council.
SHLAA	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment	Identifies land suitable for housing development.

SIRO	Senior Information Risk Owner	Accountability for information risks within organisation.
SLCC	Society of Local Council Clerks	Professional body for clerks in local councils.
SLCN	Speech, Language and Communication Needs	Speech, Language and Communication Needs
SMEC	Senior Management Employment Committee	Committee with responsibility for employment of senior managers including appointment and dismissal and performance pay.
SOC	Security Operations Centre	Responsible for detecting and responding to cyber attacks.
SPT	Service Placement Team	Team managing care placements.
Staying Put	Staying Put	Arrangement allowing a young person to remain in foster care after turning 18.
SUDS	Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems	To manage surface water runoff.
TEC	Technology Enabled Care	Use of tech to support independent living.
TFG	Task and Finish Group	Investigates specific issues and reports findings to a scrutiny committee.
TUPE	Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment)	Protects employees when a business is transferred.
VCS	Voluntary and Community Sector	Non-profit organisations supporting communities.
Virtual School	Virtual School	A support system tracking educational progress of looked after children.