

OUR COMMITMENT

By the Borough, Town and Parish Councils of Colchester

We, the Borough, Town and Parish Councils of Colchester, believe passionately about being able to represent the views and aspirations of our local communities and providing them with the high-quality, good value, local services they deserve. We want our residents and communities to enjoy the quality of life expected in a prestigious regional centre and its environs. We commit to do this jointly by:-

- Exchanging information about our services, personnel and contact details;
- Regularly talking together and, where appropriate, attending each others' meetings to ensure we understand each others' issues and concerns;
- Consulting each other on proposals which are likely to impact upon the other party and allowing at least 28 days for this where no statutory timescale exists;
- Considering ways in which we can better co-ordinate, align or join- up service delivery to best local advantage;
- Offering training to Councillors to assist in all this;
- Establishing a mechanism where we can regularly test and review whether these commitments are being fulfilled.

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