

Team Colchester Regeneration Board Meeting

15 September 2026

(Hybrid meeting)

Decisions and Actions



Councillors present:

Colchester City Council (CCC) - Cllr David King, Cllr Paul Dundas, Cllr Andrew Ellis, Cllr Julie Young

Essex County Council (ECC) – Cllr Jeff Bray

Others present:

CCC – Lindsay Barker, Daniel Barton (notes), James Ryan, Matthew Brown

ECC – Ian Turner, Alex Jeremy, Rob Willis, Ashley Heller

Jacobs – Graham Dean

Apologies:

CCC – Matthew Sterling, Scott Gray-Chick, Simon Thorp



1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

1.1 **Apologies** - Matthew Sterling, Scott Gray-Chick, Simon Thorp

1.2 There were no **Declarations of Interest**.

1.3 The **Register of Interests** will be updated periodically and published to the CCC website.

2. Terms of Reference

2.1 Context. The Board met, in accord with the Terms of Reference, to monitor progress and give feedback and direction to Team Colchester officers, from ECC and CCC.

3. Minutes of meetings

3.1 Board **approved** the minutes of the meeting on 23 July 2026.

4. Transport interchange

4.1 Consultation launch was discussed, with a Member/site launch event planned on 23 September and public launch shortly afterwards. Consultation materials will include concept designs initially, followed by an interactive video several weeks later to maintain public engagement.

4.2 Members discussed the need to ensure consultation questions remain sufficiently open and transparent, alignment with the ongoing bus service consultation led by CCC's Sustainability Team, the need for clear and realistic messaging on delivery timescales and expressed **general support** for the approach and progress made to date.

5. Shopfront grants summary

5.1 Board **noted** an overview from the BID Manager on completed projects and programme outcomes. Members discussed quality assurance arrangements, including evidence requirements before grant payments are released. Feedback highlighted the value of supporting independent businesses and improving the city centre environment.

5.2 Some members **questioned** whether future rounds would benefit from a clearer design framework and colour palette.

6. Digital Forum update

6.1 Board **noted** an update provided on occupancy, activities, and recent progress. Members welcomed continuing tenant interest and community use of the building. Opportunities were identified to promote activity through wider city networks and ambassadors, hold a future Team Colchester meeting at the venue and continue business engagement and training events.



7. City centre programme – comms and marketing update

7.1 Board **noted** a programme and comms update shared before the meeting. No significant issues were raised.

8. Levelling Up programme update

8.1 Board **noted** a LUF programme update share prior to the meeting with no questions raised.

9. Business plan review

9.1 Board **noted** an update on delivery against Team Colchester priorities and future funding allocations.

9.2 Members **endorsed** the proposed £100,000 allocation for Jumbo to enable completion of works.

9.3 Discussion also took place regarding future housing opportunities, including Britannia House, Vineyard Gate and Stanwell House, the potential development of future forward-funding proposals including budget (Team Colchester) for member consideration and unblocking procedural delays within the Heart of Greenstead project including Chief Executive escalation. Board **noted** that Greenstead is however a Town Deal project outside the governance scope of Team Colchester.

10. St Botolphs Circus

10.1 Board raised **concerns** about recent traffic management issues and lane closures. Officers confirmed regular communications are being provided and that issues have been addressed quickly.

10.2 Members **noted** that traffic management is generally being handled well and requested continued updates on communications and advance notices.

11. Decisions

11.1 Transport interchange. Officers to continue coordinated communications and provide consistent messaging on programme timescales. [Action: Scott Gray-Chick]

11.1 Shopfront Improvements. Stronger design guidance to be provided for any future funding rounds. [Action: Board Members]

11.2 Digital Forum. Explore links with Colchester Ambassadors and related promotional opportunities. Consider holding a future Team Colchester meeting at the Digital Forum. Clarify website/event promotion arrangements offline. [Action: Daniel Barton, Victoria Hanley]

11.3 Jumbo project. The transfer of £100k to the project was approved. [Action: Daniel Barton, Simon Thorp]

11.4 New funding opportunities. Initial allocations were approved, Officers to keep these options for future Team Colchester funding under review. [Action: Daniel Barton, Alex Jeremy]

11.5 St Botolphs Circus. Officers to maintain regular Member briefings and provide advance notice of significant traffic management changes. [Action: Daniel Barton]

12. Next meeting

19 November 2026

