

Team Colchester Regeneration Board Meeting

16 April 2026

(MS Teams meeting)

Decisions and Actions



Councillors present:

Colchester City Council (CCC) - Cllr David King, Cllr Paul Dundas, Cllr Chris Pearson, Cllr Andrew Ellis

Essex County Council (ECC) – Cllr Lee Scott

Others present:

CCC – Lindsay Barker, Matthew Sterling, Scott Gray-Chick, Matthew Brown, Simon Thorp (notes)

ECC – Ashley Heller, Ian Turner, Alex Jeremy

Jacobs – Graham Dean, Virginia Hernandez Jara

Apologies:

CCC – Cllr Julie Young, Pam Donnelly, Simon Cairns, Daniel Barton

ECC – Cllr Kevin Bentley, Debbie Toseland, Robert Willis



1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

1.1 **Apologies** were noted from Cllr Julie Young, Pam Donnelly, Simon Cairns, Daniel Barton, Cllr Kevin Bentley, Debbie Toseland and Robert Willis.

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 22 January 2026.



4. Parking Strategy Update

4.1 Board **noted** an update on progress and options and governance requirements to support any decisions.

4.2 Board questioned the reasons for the length of time one scheme is taking to achieve valuations for the sites under consideration and were assured by Officers that this was due to the specialist nature of car park valuations.

4.3 Board **directed** that a full business case to support the purchase of the relevant site by CCC should be developed for CCC Full Council consideration.

5. Transportation Interchange Update

5.1 Board **noted** an update, evidence base and future requirements to develop one or more of the three options presented. The update included a potential timeline which included public consultation in 2026, funding confirmation by 2027, scheme development from 2027 to 2029, contractor procurement in 2029 and construction by 2030. Commercial confidentiality limits what can currently be published.

5.2 Board reviewed the cost range estimates, opportunities and risks for each option and raised questions about the level and balance of bus, bicycle and taxi provision.

5.3 Board **agreed** that Officers should develop two layouts as options for the Transport Interchange site, including communications and engagement plans, prior to public consultation in Summer 2026.

6. City Centre Programme Update (including Comms and Marketing)

6.1 Board **noted** an advance update, along with a brief verbal update.

6.2 Board **noted** that the risk register for the CCC Levelling Up programme (now part of the wider Local Regeneration Fund portfolio) has been updated due to the Iran conflict and associated materials cost volatility. The financial risk RAG is currently Red, with mitigations and consequences under review.

7. Joint Delivery Unit Update

7.1 Board **noted** an update, including budget review.

7.2 Board **agreed** that Officer discretion should be used to spend £50,000 in a balanced way on street care, public realm and sustainable travel initiatives.

7.3 Board **directed** that the Joint Partnership Agreement between ECC and CCC should be signed.

7.4 Board **acknowledged with thanks** collaborative working between Members and Officers since the establishment of Team Colchester.



8. Decisions, Recommendations and Points Noted

8.1 Parking. Board **directed** that a full business case should be developed for the purchase of the relevant site by CCC, for Full Council consideration. **[Action: Richard Walker]**

8.2 Transport Interchange. Board **directed** that two layouts be developed for review at the next meeting, prior to public consultation in Summer 2026. **[Action: Ian Turner]**

8.3 Joint Delivery Unit unspent budget. Board **directed** that £50,000 of budget should be used on street care, public realm and sustainable travel initiatives. **[Action: Lindsay Barker]**

8.4 ECC-CCC Joint Partnership Agreement. Board **directed** that the agreement should be signed without delay. **[Action: Alex Jeremy]**

9. Next meetings

14 May 2026

23 July 2026

10 September 2026

19 November 2026

