CHELMSFORD POLICY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME

26 September 2024

- Review of Local Plan Preferred Options (Regulation 18) Consultation Feedback
- Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy (approval for consultation)
- Appoint Members to and Re-establish the Waterways Working Group
 - Appoint 5 members to the Waterways Working Group. It is suggested to appoint 3 Liberal Democrats, 1 Conservative and 1 Independent member to the Group. This can be done at the meeting or groups can inform officers of their appointments after the meeting. Members who are not on the Policy Board can also be appointed.
 - Re-establish the Waterways Working Group to consider proposals for a range of catchment improvements and natural flood management interventions, flood conveyance and storage initiatives to slow the flow of water upstream, coupled with improved physical defences in the city centre. This will improve flood resilience generally and mitigate the risk of serious flooding affecting residential and commercial properties in and around the City Centre. It is intended that this scheme will incorporate navigation improvements and associated water retention devices as well as opportunities to improve access to and the environment around the rivers and waterways in Chelmsford.

The Chelmsford Flood Resilience Scheme is a partnership scheme with the Environment Agency.

The Waterways Working Group will review proposals prior to submission of an outline business case for approval by the Environment Agency [currently scheduled for December 2025]

7 November 2024

- Co-Living Planning Guidance approve for consultation
- Strategic Housing Land and Economic Availability Assessment (SHELAA)
 2024 Update
- ARU Masterplan Approval (recommendation to Cabinet)

17 December 2024

 Review of Local Plan – approve Pre-Submission (Regulation 19) documents for publication (recommendation to Cabinet)

16 January 2025

- Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy (recommendation to Cabinet)

20 March 2025

- Feedback from the Waterways Working Group

Standing or other items not currently programmed

 Recommendation and referral to Full Council to submit review of Local Plan (Regulation 22) for Independent Examination