

Member Working Groups

Appointed by the Council

Member Working Group	Lead Officer	To appoint	2026/27 nominations
Environmental and Sustainability Working Group (previously Member and Officer Net Zero Working Group)	Head of Environmental Health, Waste, Environment and Sustainability	Eight Members of the Council	8 Members: D O Bown S Dodsley L J Haywood K M H Lagan R H Siddall P L Spenceley E L Stephens J C Stilts
Finance Member Group	Director of Finance (Chief Finance Officer)	Ten Members of the Council consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Group Leaders • Chairperson of the Strategy and Resources Committee (S&R) • Vice-Chairperson of the S&R • Chairperson of the Performance, Governance and Audit Committee (PGA) • Vice-Chairperson of the PGA 	Political Group Leaders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservative Group (S J N Morgan) • District Support Group (J C Stilts) • Liberal Democrat Group (J Driver) • Reform UK (A S Fluker) • The Maldon District Independent Group (R H Siddall) Chairperson of the S&R (<i>to be appointed</i>) Vice-Chairperson of the S&R (<i>to be appointed</i>) Chairperson of the PGA (<i>to be appointed</i>) Vice-Chairperson of the PGA (<i>to be appointed</i>) One Member: A Fittock N D Spenceley M E Thompson

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Leisure Partnership Board (Working Group)	Head of Health Integration and Wellbeing	Eight Members of the Council (plus Places Leisure representatives)	8 Members: M F L Durham L J Haywood A S Fluker K M H Lagan A M Lay R H Siddall P L Spenceley E L Stephens
Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution Working Group	Chief Executive	Ten Members of the Council, inclusive of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader of the Council • Opposition Leader(s) 	10 Members: <u>Leader of the Council</u> <i>To be appointed</i> <u>Opposition Leader(s):</u> <i>To be confirmed</i> <u>Members:</u> J Driver A S Fluker R H Siddall P L Spenceley W Stamp CC M E Thompson <i>To be nominated</i> <i>To be nominated</i>
Member Training and Development Member Working Group	Director of Legal and Governance	Eight Members of the Council	8 Members: L J Haywood S J N Morgan P L Spenceley E L Stephens M E Thompson <i>To be nominated</i> <i>To be nominated</i> <i>To be nominated</i>

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Planning Policy Working Group	Director of Place, Planning and Growth	Eight Members of the Council	8 Members: M G Bassenger J R Burrell-Cook J Driver A Fittock A S Fluker S J N Morgan P L Spenceley W Stamp CC M E Thompson
Strategic Asset Working Group (previously Strategic Asset Group)	Director of Neighbourhood Services and Communities	Ten Members of the Council	10 Members: S Dodsley J Driver A Fittock A S Fluker L J Haywood K M H Lagan S J N Morgan R H Siddall P L Spenceley M E Thompson
Strategic Housing Working Group (previously Strategic Housing Board)	Head of Housing and Building Control	Nine Members of the Council	9 Members: S Dodsley K Jennings R H Siddall P L Spenceley E L Stephens J C Stilts M E Thompson <i>To be nominated</i> <i>To be nominated</i>

PANEL (not a Working Group)

Panel	Lead Officer	Panel Details	2026/27 nominations
Where Quality of Life Matters Assurance Panel (Appointed by the Council on 10 July 2025 – Minute No. 148 refers)	Director of Strategy and Improvement	<p>Role: To provide final ratification of the applications proposed for support by the Scoring Panel.</p> <p>Rationale: To offer an additional later of validation, ensuring medium and large grant applications meet the Council's strategic needs and the protection of public funds</p>	<p>Leader of the Council (<i>to be appointed</i>)</p> <p>Chairperson of the Strategy and Resources Committee (<i>to be appointed</i>)</p> <p>R H Siddall L J Haywood P L Spenceley M E Thompson</p>