

Member Working GroupsAppointed by the Council

Member Working Group	Lead Officer	To appoint	2026 / 27 Representatives
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 R H Siddall U G C Siddall-Norman 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"> <li>• Political Group Leaders</li> <li>• Chairperson of the Strategy and Resources Committee (S&amp;R)</li> <li>• Vice-Chairperson of the S&amp;R</li> <li>• Chairperson of the Performance, Governance and Audit Committee (PGA)</li> <li>• Vice-Chairperson of the PGA</li> </ul>	Political Group Leaders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservative Group (S J N Morgan)</li> <li>• District Support Group (J C Stilts)</li> <li>• Liberal Democrat Group (J Driver)</li> <li>• Reform UK (A S Fluker)</li> <li>• The Maldon District Independent Group (R H Siddall)</li> </ul> Chairperson of the S&R (A Fittock) Vice-Chairperson of the S&R (M G Bassenger) Chairperson of the PGA (W Stamp) Vice-Chairperson of the PGA (M G Neall) One Member: N D Spenceley

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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"> <li>• Leader of the Council</li> <li>• Opposition Leader(s)</li> </ul>	10 Members: <u>Leader of the Council</u> S J N Morgan  <u>Opposition Leader(s):</u> J Driver  <u>Members:</u> M F L Durham A Fittock A S Fluker C P Morley R H Siddall P L Spenceley W Stamp CC M E Thompson
Member Training and Development Member Working Group	Director of Legal and Governance	Eight Members of the Council	8 Members: S Dodsley L J Haywood A M Lay W J Laybourn S J N Morgan P L Spenceley E L Stephens M E Thompson

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<p>Planning Policy Working Group</p>	<p>Director of Place, Planning and Growth</p>	<p>Nine Members of the Council (Council on 14/05/26 agreed to increase Membership to nine Members)</p>	<p>9 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</p>
<p>Strategic Asset Working Group (previously Strategic Asset Group)</p>	<p>Director of Neighbourhood Services and Communities</p>	<p>Ten Members of the Council</p>	<p>10 Members: J Driver A Fittock A S Fluker L J Haywood K M H Lagan A M Lay S J N Morgan R H Siddall P L Spenceley M E Thompson</p>
<p>Strategic Housing Working Group (previously Strategic Housing Board)</p>	<p>Head of Housing and Building Control</p>	<p>Nine Members of the Council</p>	<p>9 Members: S Dodsley M F L Durham K Jennings S J N Morgan R H Siddall P L Spenceley E L Stephens J C Stilts M E Thompson</p>

**PANEL (not a Working Group)**

Panel	Lead Officer	Panel Details	2026/27 Representatives
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><b>Role:</b> To provide final ratification of the applications proposed for support by the Scoring Panel.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> 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 (S J N Morgan)</p> <p>Chairperson of the Strategy and Resources Committee (A Fittock)</p> <p>R H Siddall L J Haywood P L Spenceley M E Thompson</p>