

**Subject:** Draft strategy for future library services in Essex

Dear Leader,

I would like to personally invite both yourself and all councillors in your district to a special briefing session on our proposed draft strategy for future library services in Essex, and the consultation which would accompany it. **Please can you cascade this invitation on to all councillors in your local authority.**

Essex County Council's next Cabinet meeting on November 22 is due to consider the draft strategy and a recommendation to consult the public on it.

Subject to Cabinet's approval, the 12-week consultation will run from 29 November 2018 to 20 February 2019.

The draft strategy responds to changing customer expectations and behaviours and is intended to shape a library service that is modern, relevant and fit for the way we live our lives now and in the future. You will be able to view [cabinet papers](#) later today.

The briefing sessions, in the week the consultation starts, are an opportunity for me to outline to you the proposed changes and for you to raise and discuss any questions or suggestions you might have. I would also like to ask for your help spreading the news of the consultation to your constituents.

As all ECC and district councillors have been invited to these briefings – to help manage numbers attending, the briefings have been divided up by district. You may wish to consider attending the briefing for your own area:

Group 1 – afternoon session Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.30pm – 4pm  
Basildon, Maldon, Uttlesford

Group 2 – morning session Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am – 11.30am  
Braintree, Chelmsford, Epping Forest

Group 3 – morning session Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am – 11.30am  
Colchester, Harlow, Rochford

Group 4 – afternoon session Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.30pm – 4pm  
Brentwood, Castle Point, Tendring

Venue  
The Council Chamber  
County Hall,  
Chelmsford  
CM1 1QH

I hope you will be able to attend. Please RSVP your attendance to Liz Luck, Cabinet Assistant ([Elizabeth.Luck@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Elizabeth.Luck@essex.gov.uk)).

Kind regards,

Cllr Susan Barker  
Cabinet Member for Customer and Corporate