

Connecting people, places and businesses



The business potential of Essex is maximised

Introduce a 'Place and Movement' approach to help embed the principles of 'Healthy Streets' and manage the transport network effectively for both existing streets and new developments

Adopt a vision-led approach to planning for new growth and its transport needs, including through all new Local Plans

Prioritise journey time reliability for all modes of transport, including freight and public transport

Work with partners to make the case for investment in our strategic road and rail links, including to the airports and ports to provide enhanced capacity for freight

Work with partners to make the case for investment in better facilities for lorry drivers

Work with the Government to explore how their plans for local government finance, devolution and wider policy objectives can enable Essex to play its full part in supporting national economic growth

Support our airports in preparing and implementing Surface Access Strategies, including the Sustainable Development Strategy for London Stansted Airport

Work with partners and the freight industry to reduce the impact of freight and delivery vehicles on communities and the environment

Work in partnership to implement our Rail Strategy to influence the delivery of nationalised rail services and plan rail improvements

Work with the rail industry to explore how Essex stations can be served by a minimum of two trains per hour

Work with partners to secure better public spaces and access around stations and bring underutilised station buildings into community use



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People have inclusive and affordable access to employment, education and training

Tackle barriers to travel, such as accessibility, complexity and security, to support greater use by everyone

Work with organisations such as bus operators and active travel organisations and funders to make the case for new investment

Work with partners to improve walking, cycling and public transport connections between residential and employment areas

Work with partners to secure better facilities at stations for onward travel via all modes of transport, including step-free access

Provide measures to enable more children to walk and cycle to school via safe, direct routes

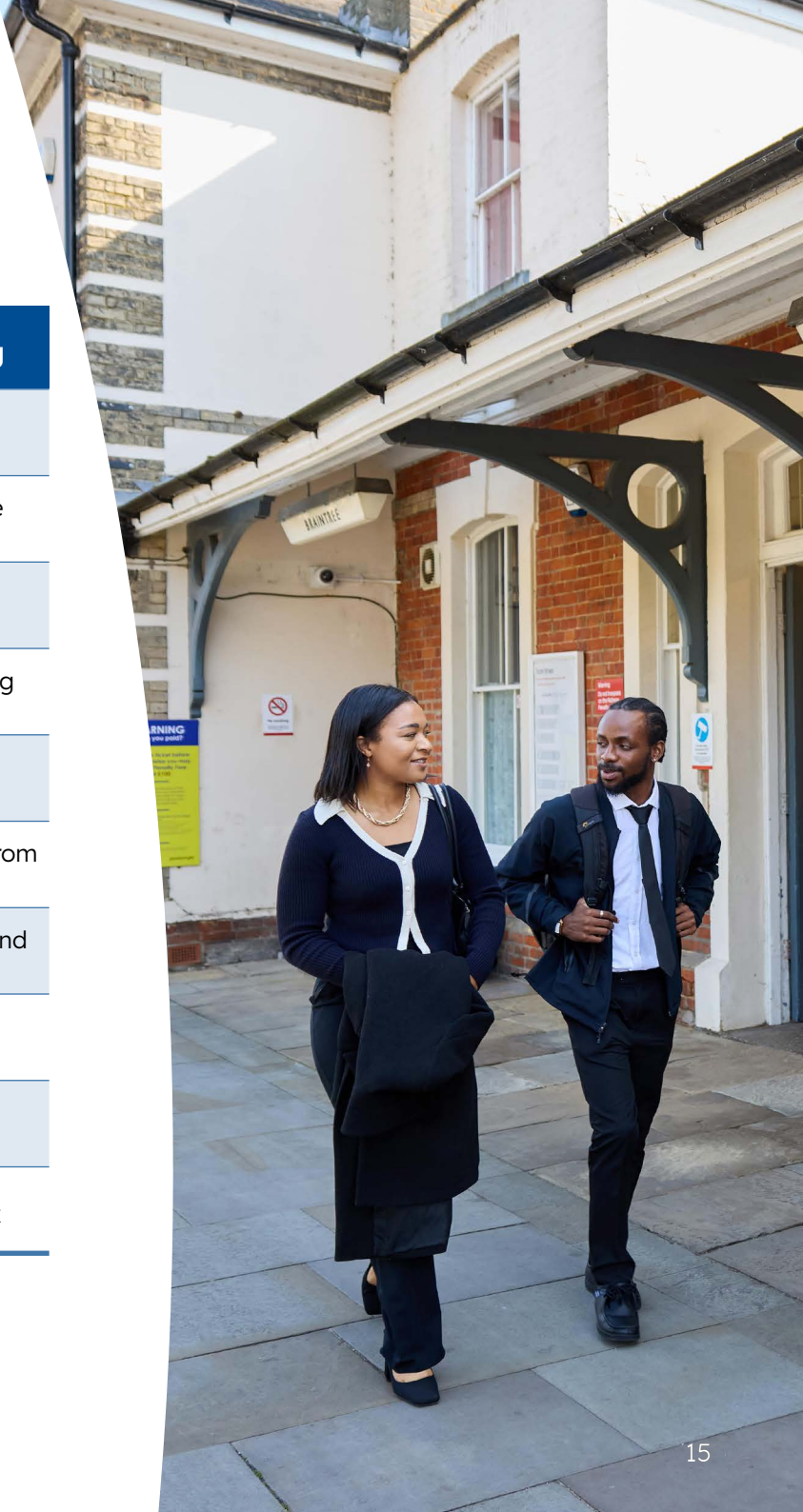
Deliver locally relevant training programmes to address skills gaps holding people back and stopping firms from investing

Support the rollout of gigabit speed broadband and ongoing improvements to 5G mobile coverage in rural and deprived areas

Work in partnership to provide attractive, safe, convenient, inclusive, and high quality walking, cycling and public transport routes and facilities

Deliver high quality rapid transit networks where feasible

Support the introduction of multi operator and fully integrated smart ticketing for transport services in Essex



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The transport network has a secure and long-term future

Implement our Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan and supporting plans and strategies to maintain our transport infrastructure to appropriate standards which offer value for money to the Essex taxpayer

Proactively monitor the condition of our road, cycle and pedestrian networks and other pieces of infrastructure

Manage, maintain and improve our network by considering our Climate Adaption Plan Framework, Decarbonisation Strategy and our Strategy for managing the Green Estate

Develop our own ability as a Council to adapt to climate-related risk

Deliver suitable actions that enable our transport network to adapt to change

Deploy approaches such as Sustainable Drainage and Natural Flood Management to promote greater flood resilience on the highway network

Play an active role in flood defence, coastal protection, and conservation to reduce the risks and impacts on our coastal communities and transport network

Work with National Highways and neighbouring local transport authorities to provide a common approach to innovation

Accurately digitise our highway networks and traffic regulation orders to support future use of our networks by autonomous vehicle systems

Manage the introduction of appropriate alternative fuel infrastructure to encourage cleaner zero-emission travel

Support the pilot and where appropriate the adoption of new technology which enables more sustainable travel

