

Transforming Cities Fund
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Dear Sir / Madam,

Transforming Cities Fund (ECC and SBC Bid) – Letter of Support from Rochford District Council

Rochford District Council is pleased to confirm its support for the Transforming Cities Bid as presented by Essex County Council and Southend Borough Council.

We believe that the proposed capital investment in the bid will be a key enabler for the delivery of an appropriate and realistic strategy within the Council's new Local Plan. New or improved high-quality public transport services available due to the investment will be fundamental to sustainably support the anticipated growth aspirations across South Essex, as well as helping to alleviate issues that constrain our potential to grow, such as the Air Quality Management Area designated in Rayleigh town centre.

Rochford District Council also supports the aspiration for multi-modal hubs, enabling our residents to make greater travel option choices via bus, rail, cycling or walking. It will complement the existing investment currently being implemented to the region's town centres and bus stations.

We are keen to continue to be engaged in the development of the bid and look forward to it being shortlisted for stage 2 of the fund.

Yours faithfully



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