

Active Essex Governance Statement 2022/23

Active Essex is one of 43 Active Partnerships across England. Working with a wide range of local partners, we are the strategic lead for physical activity and sport across Greater Essex with a focus on delivery our system strategic – Fit for the Future.

Active Essex is hosted by Essex County Council within the Public Health function. It reports to an independent Board, chaired by Dr William Bird, with 8 other Board members (selected on skills bases) who hold the executive team to account for and is responsible for the strategic direction and leadership of Active Essex.

The Board is led currently by a Chair, supported by a Senior Independent Board Member (vice chair). In addition, there is an Audit Committee which monitors and scrutinises Finance, Governance and wider risk management.

Diversity is important to Board. Essex seeks to lead in the EDI space, achieving its Sport England Board composition targets early and has been an early adopter of the Race code.

All Board members receive a formal induction process and have access to ongoing training and development. New Board Members received formal induction training in early first months and all Board Members received updated training and CPD as this arises. Further information in respect of Board member profiles and governance documents is available on the Active Essex website.

The Board held 4 scheduled meetings during 2022/23. These were held virtually due to the Covid pandemic. Board Meeting minutes can be accessed via the Active Essex website. The Audit Committee also met on 4 occasions.

The Board receive regular updates on the implementation and delivery plan progress. Board members skills, knowledge and experience is utilised by the Director and Executive team to support this work.

The Chair and Board Members were subject to an annual appraisal process. Active Essex publishes its ToR and all its minutes, policies and governing documents on the Active Essex website. [Board Documentation | Active Essex](#)

The audited financial accounts are presented as part of the overall statement of accounts for Essex County Council our host organisation. [Running the council | Essex County Council](#)

Active Essex outlines where it has invested its funding as part its impact reporting process and can be found here: [Board Documentation | Active Essex](#)