

## Active Essex Governance Statement 2025/26

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. Our work is driven by our system strategy – [“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 basis) who hold the executive team to account and is responsible for the strategic direction and leadership of Active Essex.

### Board Meetings

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 the Board. Essex seeks to lead and champion good practice for EDI, 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 at the start of their appointment and all Board Members received updated training and Continued Professional Development as required. Further information in respect of Board member profiles and governance documents is available on the [Active Essex website](#).

The Board held four scheduled meetings during 2025/26. [Board Meeting minutes](#) can be accessed via the Active Essex website. The Audit Committee also met on four occasions.

The Board receives regular updates on the implementation of the delivery plan. The skills, knowledge and experience of Board Members 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 Terms of Reference and all its minutes, policies and governing documents on the Active Essex website. [Board Documentation | Active Essex](#)

## Finance Reporting

### Summary Income and Expenditure Accounts

This statement shows the expenditure and income for Active Essex for the year ended 31 March 2026.

#### Income:

|                | Sport England            | Essex County Council | Other Public Sector:<br>Holiday Activity and Food Programme | Non-Public Sector:<br>London Marathon Foundation: | Total          |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Cost centres   | ACTE0000/07/08/09 /10/15 | SDEV0000/01/04       | HCHI0075/77/78                                              | ACTE0004                                          |                |
| Revenue Grants | £2,619,756.94            | £587,000             | £4,326,710.00                                               | £130,243.95                                       |                |
| Sponsorship    | £0                       | £0                   | £0                                                          | £0                                                |                |
| Other Income   | £1,222,446.26            | £430,586.97          | £811,565.60                                                 | £433,101.57                                       |                |
| Total Income   | £3,842,203.20            | £1,017,586.97        | £5,138,275.60                                               | £563,345.52                                       | £10,561,411.29 |

#### Expenditure:

|                            | Sport England: | Essex County Council | Holiday Activity and Food Programme | London Marathon Foundation | Total          |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Core Staff Costs           | £1,105,736.97  | £611,995.83          | £504,376.78                         | £0                         |                |
| Project Delivery           | £2,736,466.23  | £405,590.56          | £4,784,144.82                       | £563,345.52                |                |
| Total Expenditure          | £3,842,203.20  | £1,017,586.39        | £5,288,521.60                       | £563,345.52                | £10,711,656.71 |
|                            |                |                      |                                     |                            |                |
| Net (Income) / Expenditure | £0.00          | -£0.58               | £150,246.00                         | £0.00                      | £150,245.42    |

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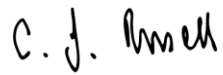
Essex County Council Head of Finance



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### **Funding investments**

Further detail of what Active Essex has invested this funding in as and its impact reporting process and can be found here: [Board Documentation | Active Essex](#)