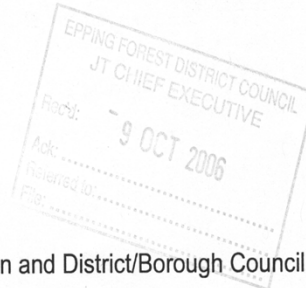


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To all Parish Clerks on behalf of Parish Chairmen and District/Borough Council Leaders
and Chief Executives

West Essex Area Forum – January meeting

The West Essex Area Forum meeting on 22 November 2006 will be held in the Council Chamber at the Brentwood Borough Council offices.

At the September meeting I proposed that the meeting on 29 January 2007 will be in a different format. Instead of the usual agenda setting by the County Council, with officer presentations, I am hoping that this meeting will be driven by you in the Parishes and districts.

I would like to invite you to think about items you might wish the Forum to consider. Clearly these should be items of wider interest than your own Parish. By way of example, there is to be a pilot study to reduce energy consumption and hence CO2 emissions by shutting off street lights between midnight and 5am in Uttlesford, apart from in selected areas. While Uttlesford may wish to debate this pilot, if it is successful, it could be introduced throughout Essex and would therefore be of interest to other Parishes and districts. Alternatively you may wish to talk about rail services in West Essex, as affects your area. Any topic which you feel is an important issue for you.

Please write to me with any item you would like on the agenda, so that we can discuss how to take it forward at the meeting. Clearly issues such as the rail service would warrant the presence of a representative from the rail operators and would need to be contacted well in advance to ensure staff availability. Please submit your ideas for discussion by **Friday 1 December 2006**, so we can ensure the successful planning of the item for the meeting itself and attendance by the relevant representatives.

I must stress that the County Council will not be putting any items on the agenda for the January meeting. If you do not wish to discuss any issues then it will be a very short meeting. It is your opportunity to air your views and concerns.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Roberts".

John Roberts
West Essex Area Forum Chairman