

Information from Cllr. Diana Garrod:-

Braintree District and Greenfields Community Fund is open for expressions of interest. The fund is managed by Essex Community Foundation and provides voluntary and community organisations with the opportunity to apply for funding of up to £40,000 (distributed over a time period of up to three years). The fund supports projects which help to either improve health and wellbeing, increase aspirations and opportunities of young people or develop skills through training. **The deadline for groups to submit an initial expression of interest is 31 August 2017.**

To read the specific criteria for this Fund and to apply, please visit:

<http://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/grants/our-grantmaking/apply/braintree-district-and-greenfields-community-fund>

Those taken through to the second stage will be invited to make a full application by 3rd November for December decisions.

Healthwatch Essex Fund

Healthwatch Essex provide an information service to help people access, understand, and navigate the health and social care system, as well as gathering people's experiences to help improve local services. They understand how people often struggle to access the support and information they need. The Fund has been established to support voluntary and community organisations to improve people's experiences of health and social care in Essex through improved provision of information, advice and guidance.

Small grants of up to £10,000 and large grants of up to £35,000 are available.

The fund is managed by Essex Community Foundation who will be holding a dedicated phone-in event on **16th August 10am – 12noon**, where potential applicants can call ECF to ask questions and receive support in advance of starting an application.

Closing date is 22nd September

For further details go to

http://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/images/uploads/Healthwatch_Essex_Fund_Guidelines_2017.pdf

or call Essex Community Foundation on 01245 356018

The Braintree District and Greenfields Community Fund

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Braintree District's Town and Parish Council parish boundaries review

The first wide-ranging review of Braintree District's Town and Parish Council parish boundaries in more than 30 years will start on Tuesday (August 1).

Residents and other stakeholders will be able to have their say on the governance of their local areas in the first formal review since 1983.

The review focusses on the appropriateness of:

- § Parish Boundaries
- § Number of Town and Parish Councillors
- § Town and Parish Council Name and any warding arrangements

This review is not looking at the efficiency or effectiveness of an individual Council or indeed the conduct of Councillors.

To inform the review process Braintree District Council invited all established parish councils to identify any issues they wished to be considered in the review. The review will also allow consideration of changes to the communities across the district and potential changes which may come forward as a result of the development of the Local Plan.

To find out more and submit comments:

Visit: www.braintree.gov.uk/cgr

Email: CGR@braintree.gov.uk

Write to: Community Governance Review, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Braintree, Essex CM7 9HB

All comments will be published on the website

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For more press information or enquiries contact Marketing & Communications, Braintree District Council on 01376 557752 or at marketing@braintree.gov.uk

NOTES TO EDITORS:

· Full Council on 24 July 2017 adopted the terms of reference for the review and agreed to sign off on the review processes. More information can be found in the Community Governance report within the Full Council agenda which can be viewed on our website. (Short link here: <http://bit.ly/2gamAIC>)

· To view the terms of reference of the review and the sites specifically already identified visit www.braintree.gov.uk/cgr

This is not Braintree D.C., but for your information only:

There is a Police and Crime Commission meeting at Samuel Ward on Thursday 7th September at 6.45pm for those interested.