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18th November 2021

Roman Chlapak Secretary to the Governance Committee F-67075 STRASBOURG cedex Via email [roman.chlapak@coe.int]

Dear Secretary,

#### 5th Vice President of the Governance Committee

I wish to formally put myself forward for the nomination of 5th Vice-President of the Governance Committee.

I am a Full Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and a Substitute Member since 2018, throughout that period I have served on the Governance Committee.

I greatly enjoy my work on at the Congress and also the committee. I believe the work undertaken by The Council of Europe is vitally important for the wellbeing and health of democracy and the people we serve. I would be honoured if I were elected.

I have attached my CV as part of the nomination process.

Yours sincerely

Cllr. Kevin Bentley CC FRSA Leader, Essex County Council



# Kevin Paul Bentley Curriculum Vitae

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## **Political**

## **Essex County Council**

Leader, Essex County Council 2021-to date
Local Government Deputy Leader of Essex County Council & Conservative Group –
since 2013 to 2021.

Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Waste and Recycling 2011-2017 Cabinet Member for Infrastructure 2017 to date First Elected to ECC in 2009

## **Colchester Borough Council**

Cabinet Member for Resources 2004-2005 Cabinet Member for Business and Economic Development 2005-07 Leader of the Opposition 2009-2012

#### **Local Government Association**

Chairman of the People and Places Board 2019 to present Chairman of EU Transition Taskforce 2018 to present Board Member of Local Partnerships 2015-19

# **Council of Europe**

Substitute Member of the Region Assembly and Governance Committee from 2018 until January this year when I become a Full Member and then re mandated in 2021

#### **Professional**

BBC TV and Radio Reporter from 1985 – 2000

Chairman and co-owner of Mosaic Publicity Ltd since 2000 - to date