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To: **SECRETARIES OF ORGANISATIONS REGISTERED TO ESSEX TENNIS**

**REVISED NOTICE OF THE 2021 ESSEX TENNIS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

As you are aware it is usual for the above AGM to take place in the first 10 days of January each year. However due to the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic a decision has been taken to postpone this meeting until 1.00.p.m. on 25th February 2021. This will enable us to prevent unnecessary travel and best protect our members, councillors, colleagues, and the office team. **This will be a 'Closed' Meeting and attendees will not be allowed. This will also ensure that we conform to current Government legislation/advice regarding travel, movement, and meeting restrictions.**

For your information, this change is in accordance with the recent UK government bill/legislation which allows us to change the way the Essex Tennis AGM will be held in 2021. This legislation gives 'not for profit organisations' like ours - the ability to hold a 'Closed' AGM and conduct the business of the meeting and communicate with members by email/electronic means, even if this is not permitted under their constitution, the provisions of this bill specifically override any conflicting provisions that may exist in the current legislation and in each organisation's constitution including articles of Association. These measures allow members to exercise their right to vote via email/electronic means in advance of the meeting. Further information regarding this legislation is available on the relevant government website.

**You will electronically receive the papers for the AGM on or before 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

The AGM is your opportunity to engage with the Essex Tennis Council [albeit not as before and not as anyone would like] so if you would like to pose a question or make comments to Council you can do so by submitting your questions or comments by email, to [celine@essextennis.org.uk](mailto:celine@essextennis.org.uk) after you have electronically received the AGM papers. Questions and comments must be received on or before 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Communications after this date will not be dealt with.

Your questions and the answers to your questions will be made available on our website <https://www.essextennis.com/> and will be available prior to the AGM on or before 20<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

We urge you to exercise your right to vote by email [online/electronically] by returning the online voting paper that you will find as an attachment to your AGM papers – Please email this to [celine@essextennis.org.uk](mailto:celine@essextennis.org.uk) This must be returned by 1.00.p.m. on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.

Please note that nominations, resolutions and proposals for the AGM have to be received electronically to [celine@essextennis.org.uk](mailto:celine@essextennis.org.uk) at least 8 weeks prior to the AGM i.e. on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 [these are the same/usual time lines that have historically applied prior to this Covid situation.

## Compact Essex Tennis AGM Calendar

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| <b>ALL COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY EMAIL</b>  |  |
| Nominations, resolutions and proposals from eligible organisations must be received on or before 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2020    |  |
| Organisations will receive the AGM papers on or before 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2021  |  |
| Organisations must ask their questions on or before 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021  |  |
| Questions and answers from organisations will be published on the Essex Tennis website on or before 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021 |  |
| Organisations must return the online voting paper by 1.00 p.m. on February 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2021                               |  |
| The AGM will be held at 1.00.p.m. on 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2021  |  |



Clive Rippon  
Hon. Secretary

October 2020

