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## **Colchester Borough Homes and Essex Police celebrate ten-year partnership**

Colchester Borough Homes (CBH) has been recognised by Essex Police for its commitment to the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS), over the past ten years.

To celebrate the ten-year accreditation, CBH have been awarded a plaque by Essex Police which recognises the work between the two organisations to tackle anti-social behaviour. One recent example is the joint work to make communities safer by closing properties where drug-related, anti-social behaviour has occurred.

CSAS was introduced by the Home Office in 2006 with the aim of having all public facing organisations working more closely together, to help resolve social and community concerns. The concept involves tackling long-term problems by conferring powers from Essex Police to partners under the Police Reform Act 2002; working together to reduce anti-social behaviour and low-level crime.

**Colchester Borough Homes Chief Executive Gareth Mitchell said:** "We're honoured to receive this accreditation from Essex Police. We've always been committed to ensuring safety in our communities and it's fantastic that the excellent partnership working between our organisations has been recognised."

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