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# Essex County Council

## 11 July 2023

### Order Paper

#### Agenda item 8

#### Motions

The following amendments to Motions have been received:

#### Motion 1 Railways and fares in Essex

An amendment to be moved by **Cllr Ross Playle** and seconded by **Cllr Lee Scott**.

*(The words deleted are shown ~~struck through~~ and additions are shown underlined)*

That the motion be amended to read:

'This Council ~~much regrets~~ is disappointed with the proposed withdrawal of the London Day Travelcard and its form of an add-on from Essex; and notes that ECC submitted a response to this effect via the TfL portal to the consultation as well as a letter from the Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport.

øOn a wider canvas, this Council draws attention to the positive role of railways in the life and economy of Greater Essex; and applauds the construction of the new station at Beaulieu Park;.

This Council therefore, asks the Executive to support suitable opportunities to reopen closed stations and lines, and as far as possible to elimination of diesel traction from continue to work with partners to develop sustainable transport solutions, including Rail, for the County of Essex.'

*(The motion, if amended, would then read:)*

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## **Motion 2      Youth Service in Essex**

An amendment moved by **Cllr Mark Durham** and seconded by **Cllr Louise McKinlay**

*(The words deleted are shown ~~struck through~~ and additions are shown underlined)*

That the motion be amended to read:

'Since remodelling the Youth Services back in 2015, the numbers of attendances by young people has risen from just over 40,000 to nearly 80,000 which this Council warmly welcomes.

However, Essex is a diverse county and although not yet quantified, there are ~~significant~~ potentially differences in the opportunities for our young people ~~to attend youth facilities and participate in activities with other youngsters. Some of our young people are being denied these opportunities because of where they live in the county~~ -how this increase has materialised across the County.

~~Clearly youth provision is hampered in some areas because of a lack of volunteers and voluntary organisations – compared with communities that are well organised with established links to groups who can set up appropriate facilities for the youth.~~

The root causes behind any variances are likely to be complex and The this Council therefore asks requests that the People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee considers a report to be provided by the Cabinet Member for the Arts, Heritage and Culture which to consider creating a “task and finish group” to consider Youth Services and Youth Club provision, using information held by Essex Youth Service Officers and details held at District, Borough, and City Councils. sets out how the current model operates and how resources are deployed across the County.

The aim is being to ascertain how improvements can be made and best practice shared to ensure even more young people, across all parts of the County, can access and benefit from high quality and sustainable areas of

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~~lack of service and viability of volunteer led groups so that Essex County Council officers can provide appropriate support to “level up youth service provision.”~~

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However, Essex is a diverse county and although not yet quantified, there are potentially differences in how this increase has materialised across the County.

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## **Agenda item 11                      Boundary Review**

### **Revised Recommendations for Boundary Review Report**

In order to ensure political approval for the submission the Council makes to the Commission, it is now proposed to appoint a committee to sit as required for the remainder of the municipal year. This proposal will have no financial implications as Cllr Cunningham is now a Cabinet Member and thus will receive no additional allowance for chairing this committee.

Accordingly the replacement recommendations are:

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Council instructs the Monitoring Officer to write to the Local Government Boundary Commission with a revised request for a council size of 78 councillors.
- 2.2 To constitute a committee to be called the Boundary Review Committee with 8 members whose terms of reference are to make submissions to the Local

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Government Boundary Commission for England with respect to the review of the ECC divisions.

2.3 To allocate seats on this committee to political groups as follows:

- Conservative: 5
- Non Aligned Group: 1
- Liberal Democrat Group: 1
- Labour: 1

2.4 That the Committee shall cease to operate on the date of the annual meeting of the Council in 2024.

2.5 That Cllr Tom Cunningham is appointed Chairman of the Committee.

2.6 That the date of the first meeting be held in July 2023 on a date appointed by the Head of Democracy and Transparency.

2.7 That the Director, Legal and Assurance be authorised to make temporary amendments to the Constitution to reflect the recommendations in this report.