

Conservative Amendment to Motion No.3 Essex Police Force

CONSERVATIVE AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

Proposed by Councillor M Maddocks, and seconded by Councillor J Moran

Amend the motion to read:

'This Council acknowledges and commends the hard work of the Essex Police Force in the most challenging of times.

This Council notes that the present Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner has:

- ~~That the previous Essex Police and Crime Commissioner cut 800 uniformed officers from the workforce.~~
- ~~That the present Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner has r~~Recruited an additional 150 ~~uniformed Police e~~Officers and has committed increasing this further. ~~thereby leaving a shortfall of 650 officers.~~
- Has invested in neighbourhood policing and prevention and has undertaken to protect front line police numbers.
- Has also invested heavily in improved efficiency, with much better core systems and revolutionary remote devices; external assessment shows that productivity has strongly increased.
- ~~That the UK's Senior National Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism highlighted that neighbourhood policing was now at risk and that withdrawing police on the ground could mean losing the relationships and trust within communities.~~
- ~~That violent and drug related crime in Essex is at record levels.~~

This Council further notes that:

- ~~That~~ Essex Police face significant and on-going financial pressures.
- ~~That~~ Essex Police receives the second lowest funding per resident of any police force in the country.
- ~~That t~~The vital and valuable police service across Essex needs additional resources to cope with increasing pressures including: internet crime, terrorism, domestic and sexual abuse, mental health issues and county lines.

The Council recognises that the safety of its residents is paramount and therefore resolves:

That the ~~Chief Executive Leader~~ writes to the Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service, copied to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex, ~~copied to and~~ the County's Members of Parliament, ~~and Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service,~~ requesting that Essex Police are funded properly by the Home Office in order to carry out their duties effectively.

- ~~That additional resources are provided to Neighbourhood Policing Teams in order to strengthen the working relationships between the Force and local communities in the county.~~
- ~~That there should be no cuts to frontline policing in Essex.'~~

AMENDED MOTION:

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