

Motions

Members have given notice that they intend to move the following motions in accordance with paragraph 16.8.2 of the Constitution:

1 Promoting the Benefits of Physical Exercise

Moved by Councillor Gooding and seconded by Councillor Spence:

‘This Council recognises the importance of physical exercise in avoiding social isolation, safeguarding physical & mental health and tackling obesity and associated diseases such as diabetes.

This Council therefore commits, in line with our “health in all policies” approach, to work with all Councillors and staff of Essex County Council to encourage physical exercise.

This Council also calls upon all partners to:

1. Work in collaboration to ensure the success of the Active Essex programme; in particular to translate the lessons of the Sports England pilot in Basildon, Colchester and Tendring across the county.
2. Promote a whole system approach through the emerging joint health and wellbeing strategy.
3. Recognise that education starts young and therefore promote school participation in physical exercise, particularly the “daily mile”.’

2 20mph Zones

Moved by Councillor Scordis and seconded by Councillor Harris

‘This Council recognises the benefits and advantages of 20mph zones which include; public safety, increasing walking and cycling, lower emissions and lower noise pollution. This Council calls upon Cabinet to expand on its current 20mph policy by:

1. introducing mandatory 20mph zones outside all schools,
2. introducing 20mph zones for appropriate residential streets if requested by the majority of residents (if this is at Parish level then they would also need to give their support) and
3. setting up a budget provision funded from capital programmes to fund this expansion to the policy due to the lengthy process of the Local Highway Panels.’

3 Affordable Homes and Infrastructure

Moved by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Mackrory

'This Council notes that thousands of people in Essex struggle to afford a decent home, in particular, many on low incomes working on delivering services on behalf of this Council. Without a decent home, it is difficult to obtain work and in other ways contribute to society.

This Council believes that only with radical action by councils can the country build the large total of affordable housing that it desperately needs and that there is also a role for a new agency – non-government and non-profit – to take a key role in acquiring land at low cost.

This Council welcomes

- (a) the recent study from Catriona Riddell Associates for the County Councils Network (CCN), calling for a re-introduction of strategic planning, to closer align planning and infrastructure and to accelerate housing delivery.
- (b) the new report from the Town and Country Planning Association for the CCN, including its backing for
 - (i) a stronger role for counties in planning,
 - (ii) closer collaboration between the two tiers in county areas, especially in the proposed Statement of Common Ground,
 - (iii) counties to improve their ability to plan for infrastructure and service provision,
 - (iv) new minimum standards, so that homes cater for elderly and disabled people and
 - (v) clear recognition of the role counties can play in solving the housing affordability crisis in the forthcoming Affordable Housing Green Paper.
- (c) the work that this and other county councils are doing to deliver housing and endorses the recommendation for extra resources for counties to start building homes.

This Council:

- 1 requests the Leader of the Council to write to all Essex MPs asking for their backing for the report. (as described in (b))
- 2 requests that the Cabinet consider a revision to the Policy Framework such that the default position for disposing of any of its own surplus open land should be to enable affordable or specialist housing rather than open market disposal and
- 3 requests that the Cabinet continues to work with all planning authorities to promote Garden Communities in Essex and support a high percentage of affordable housing within all Garden Communities.'