
Essex County Council

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Order Paper

Agenda item 10 Political Groups' Appointments to Committees

When the agenda was published there was a vacancy within the membership of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee for a Non-aligned Group appointment. The Non-aligned Group has decided not to make an appointment to this Committee. As a result of that decision, the seat is available for the Council to nominate to the vacant seat outside the political balance rules. The Conservative Group have indicated that they wish to nominate Cllr Andrew Sheldon.

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Agenda item 12 Other Appointments

Since the agenda was published, an additional Outside Bodies appointment has been made to the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority. Cllr Eddie Johnson is appointed as the substitute for Cllr Clive Souter as from 12 May 2023.

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Agenda item 14 Motions

The following amendments to Motions have been received:

Motion 1 Rising sea-level and the Essex coast

An amendment to be moved by **Cllr Ross Playle** and seconded by **Cllr Peter Schwier**.

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

That the motion be amended to read:

'This Council notes that, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report issued in March 2023, warns that global warming this century is on course to exceed an agreed ~~Given that the world is in all probability going to overshoot a +1.5C~~ limit without drastic and immediate cuts in greenhouse gas emissions. ~~temperature rise~~

This Council therefore acknowledges the significant progress that has been made to date and the ambitious programme of work in asks the Cabinet to prepare plans for Essex County Council to reduce its emissions to Net Zero by 2030 along with the significant mitigation measure delivered and planned with partners at all levels. be ready for a world with higher sea levels, long-term droughts, occasional flash flooding and supply chain problems impacting food supply.

This Council further asks that the Cabinet to Essex Climate Action Report for 2021/22 and 2022/23 are presented those draft plans to Full Council in December 2023 for the purpose of consultation to provide a formal update to all Members.'

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

'This Council notes that, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report issued in March 2023, warns that global warming this century is on course to exceed an agreed 1.5°C limit without drastic and immediate cuts in greenhouse gas emissions.

This Council therefore acknowledges the significant progress that has been made to date and the ambitious programme of work in Essex County Council to reduce its emissions to Net Zero by 2030 along with the significant mitigation measure delivered and planned with partners at all levels.

This Council asks that the Essex Climate Action Report for 2021/22 and 2022/23 are presented to Full Council in December 2023 to provide a formal update to all Members.'

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Motion 2 Health and GP Services in Essex

An amendment to be moved by **Cllr Holly Whitbread** and seconded by **Cllr John Spence**.

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

That the motion be amended to read:

'This Council believes that timely and in many cases, face to face access to GP services are essential for the health and wellbeing of our residents and calls for more consistent access across the county and reduced waiting times, as this will help Essex residents, and reduce pressure on Accident and Emergency and other hospital services.

This Council:

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- Recognises the challenges GPs have had during and post the pandemic, resulting in them needing to adopt new working practices;
 - Recognises that primary care will work best when doctors, local authorities and communities work in collaboration with shared knowledge;
 - Welcomes the development of multi-disciplinary health care centres where residents can talk with the best person to address their needs but notes the importance of triage being fully and sympathetically explained;
 - Recognises that in- ~~notes unacceptable waiting times and difficulty in securing access to a GP. Same day appointments are available for some practices, but other residents can wait for a week or more, with significant risks to health for some. A~~ the levels of same-day and/or face-to-face appointments are well below the expectation of patients and that delays inevitably create anxiety while possibly impacting on the health of the individual; ~~is increasingly difficult to secure in some practices, and many residents are having to see other health professionals, rather than a GP.~~
 - Notes that there are simply not enough GPs practising in Essex, that some practices are closing and that – despite the Chelmsford Medical School success – more capacity is required.

This Council requests the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to obtain from the three Integrated Care Systems a position statement on the number of GP vacancies in the county and what steps are being taken to fill these.

The Council requests the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health to:

- ~~Liaise with~~ Write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care asking that the Government fund additional doctor training places at Anglia Ruskin University's Medical School, to meet the need for new doctors, based on growing demand and forthcoming retirements in approaching the secretary of state to secure funds for doubling the capacity of the medical school.
- Work with relevant cabinet colleagues and all partners to ensure that Support the City, Borough and District Councils require, and that the NHS requests, sufficient appropriate healthcare facilities when developing local plans and approving specific plans for housing development in Essex when they want to make provision for GP surgeries and other health provision in their Local Plans.'

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

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This council:

- Recognises the challenges GPs have had during and post the pandemic, resulting in them needing to adopt new working practices;
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- Welcomes the development of multi-disciplinary health care centres where residents can talk with the best person to address their needs but notes the importance of triage being fully and sympathetically explained;
- Recognises that in some practices the levels of same-day and/or face-to-face appointments are well below the expectation of patients and that delays inevitably create anxiety while possibly impacting on the health of the individual;
- Notes that there are simply not enough GPs practising in Essex, that some practices are closing and that – despite the Chelmsford Medical School success – more capacity is required.

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The Council requests the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health to:

- Liaise with Anglia Ruskin University in approaching the secretary of state to secure funds for doubling the capacity of the medical school
- Work with relevant cabinet colleagues and all partners to ensure that City, Borough and District Councils require, and that the NHS requests, sufficient appropriate healthcare facilities when developing local plans and approving specific plans for housing development.’