

Conservative amendment to Motion 2 – Tackling Inequality Across Essex.

Proposed by Councillor Ray Gooding, and seconded by Councillor Dick Madden

Amend the Motion to read (inserted words shown underlined, removed wording shown scored):

‘Covid-19 has exposed the huge inequalities in our county and the need for “levelling up” through the continued and targeted support for our most vulnerable residents and communities. ~~after ten years of cuts to public services.~~ Families that are ~~were~~ ‘just about managing’ are facing ~~have faced~~ an uncertain future, while our most disadvantaged have been supported unprecedentedly by the government, ECC, third sector ~~relying on~~ and the kindness of the community to make it through lockdown. We now face the biggest economic crisis since the 1930s, where thousands of Essex residents face the possibility of redundancy or their business folding. Youth unemployment is already at record highs.

This council resolves to acknowledge ~~send its thanks~~ Marcus Rashford MBE for his extraordinary work to ~~expose~~ raise the profile, need and opportunities around holiday hunger, and to all the charitable organisations, teachers, residents and businesses of Essex that went above and beyond to help others. Their kindness exemplifies the best of Britain.

The council supports the continued efforts of Essex County Council and welcomes and recognises ~~calls upon~~

1. ~~the Cabinet to:~~

- The extension of the ~~ensure that the~~ “holiday activity and hunger” programme, to be appropriately resourced and once again, delivered in partnership with schools and partner agencies, targeted to those most in need.
- The expansion of the work being done with local district and borough councils as we continue to deliver our outstanding youth services, ~~to create youth zones, initially~~ targeted not only at the areas of highest deprivation but universally across the County to support the needs of all young people in Essex,
- The importance of the Council's contract with ~~investigate the council's contract with~~ Virgin Care to ensure ~~lost~~ vulnerable children and families are identified and supported, and

Council calls upon the People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee to ~~create~~ consider the creation of a task and finish group with the role of scrutinising how to maximise opportunity for young people across Essex.’

AMENDED MOTION:

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Labour Group Amendment to Motion 4 - Acknowledgement to the Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Moved by Councillor Young and seconded by Councillor Reid

Amend the Motion to read (inserted words shown underlined, removed wording shown scored):

~~'This Council recognises that 2020 has been an unprecedented year and wishes to formally thank all its employees, those of our partner organisations who have worked with us, the volunteers who have stepped forward from their community and the residents of Essex for their forbearance and resilience.'~~

'This council formally thanks all its employees and those of partner organisations and all those residents of Essex who have volunteered, all of whom have shown great forbearance and resilience in their support the of Essex response to the pandemic which is regarded as being one of the best in the country.'

~~The Council particularly recognises all those across Essex who have been involved in creating a Covid-19 response that is regarded as being one of the best in the country. The level of support and performance given by our staff across all portfolios~~ The Council considers that the level of effort and performance given by our staff across all portfolios is something of which they should be rightly proud of and appropriately paid for and therefore commits to lobby national Government to reconsider the public sector pay freeze.

This Council commits, as we move into 2021, to maintain its high standards of financial probity and efficiency, and to expand still further the scale of its effectiveness. We recognise that innovation and focussed prioritisation will be required if we are to continue to deliver on the aims of the Organisational Strategy of helping people get the best start and age well, help create great places to grow up, live and work, enable inclusive economic growth and transform the council to achieve more with less.

~~For the health and adult portfolio, this will require us to address the wider determinates of health, prevention agenda, and the ambition to optimise the quality of life and provide high standards of service to all in our care.'~~

The amended Motion would read:

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