

Conservative Amendment to Motion No. 2 Essex Education Emergency

CONSERVATIVE AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

Proposed by Councillor Ray Gooding, and seconded by Councillor Tony Ball

Amend the motion to read:

The Council recognises that school funding has not kept pace with inflation. Therefore, the Council calls on Government to invest in more funding in schools.

~~'The Council considers that a state of emergency should exist relating to Essex Education. It is concerned that proposed library cuts and previous school transport cuts and adult community learning are eroding educational opportunities. In addition, it is concerned that school funding is in crisis with 91% of schools having had their per pupil funding cut equal to a loss of £134.4m.~~

~~Therefore, this Council calls upon the Cabinet to:~~

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- ~~1. Resist the ongoing cuts to school budgets and call on Government to invest in more funding to schools~~
- ~~2. Support the coalition of trade unions campaigning against school cuts.~~
- ~~3. Call on the Government to fully fund and fully implement the recommendations of the school teachers review body on teachers' pay.~~
- ~~4. Review the impact of school transport cuts with a view to alleviating hardship.~~
- ~~5. Maintain a comprehensive library service professionally staffed with enhanced book stocks.'~~

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