

Non-Aligned Group Amendment to Motion 1 - Local Government Reform

Moved by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Pond

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- value representative democracy and reject any dilution of this power, and
- be done with the people and not to the people.

Furthermore, we recognise the part local councils have played and will continue to play to support and keep Essex residents safe during this pandemic.

Therefore, any reorganisation of local democratic structures should only be progressed when:

1. this pandemic is behind us,
2. adequate time and attention has been given to determining where vital services such as Adult Social Care and Children’s Services should be administered,
3. agreement is achieved between a majority of district authorities in Essex on a preferred model, ~~and~~
4. when the new model can be seen to protect the unique identity of place, respecting the traditions and characteristics of each community and
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Labour Group Amendment to Motion 2 – Active Travel in Essex**Moved by Councillor Scordis and seconded by Councillor Davies****Amendment to the motion** (inserted words shown underlined):

‘This Council is committed to a carbon neutral target by 2050. Measures taken by this Administration so far demonstrate this determination. The successful launch and work of the Climate Change Commission and the work to increase more use of sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling. We recognise that more must be done across the entire County but applaud the work undertaken thus far.

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Conservative Group Amendment to Motion 4 – Memorial to Coronavirus Victims

Moved by Councillor Aldridge and seconded by Councillor Spence

Amendment to the motion: (inserted words shown underlined, removed wording shown scored):

~~‘This Council believes that there should be a permanent memorial to all those residents of Greater Essex, currently approaching 1,800, recognises the enormous toll this current pandemic has had on every resident in Essex and the devastating loss of family members for many. Therefore, we are committed to exploring ways of creating a permanent memorial, or memorials across the county, to all those hundreds of residents in Essex, who have tragically lost their lives through the due to Coronavirus COVID 19 pandemic. Such a memorial will ensure that those who have died from the virus will never be forgotten.~~

Council therefore resolves that the Chairman of the County Council should consult with representatives of our public services and communities ~~convene a panel of members comprising himself, the Leader, the relevant Cabinet Member and the three Opposition Group Leaders to propose a suggestion for a suitable memorial for consideration and decision by the Leader.~~ to explore ways of creating a public memorial through public subscription or other means of funding.’

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