

Motions

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

1 Bus Franchising

Moved by Councillor Scordis and seconded by Councillor Harris

‘Essex residents are seeing declining bus services across the County, which impact on the young and old disproportionately. This undermines the ability for some to get to work, school or leisure and also increases congestion, which we know is one of the biggest factors that may hinder the economy in Essex.

At the same time there is a lack of accountability towards residents and councillors when it comes to bus companies. Customers and councillors currently have no say on which routes bus companies maintain, while the costs increase and the quality of buses in Essex deteriorates. The current service is driven by profit and not being run to meet the needs of the residents of Essex.

This council asks the Cabinet Member with responsibility for buses to investigate adopting bus franchising scheme under in the new Bus Services Act 2017. This allows the Local transport authority to identify the bus services that should be provided for an area, rather than bus companies dictating the routes they would prefer. This will also bring in more accountability for us locally and allow us to tackle emissions in Essex.’

2 Pressures on Social Care

Moved by Councillor Mackrory and seconded by Councillor Kendall.

‘This Council notes the ever increasing financial costs being placed on it by the demands on the social care system.

Council therefore resolves to:

- i) Lobby government to ensure adequate funding in the forthcoming autumn budget for both Childrens Services and Adult Social Care, in particular the need to address the disparity in funding between local authorities to the detriment of Shire Counties.
- ii) Add its support to the Rt. Hon Norman Lamb MP with his call for a cross-party commission on the NHS and social care crisis, currently supported by many Conservative and Labour MPs.’

3 Unauthorised Encampments

Moved by Councillor Lissimore and seconded by Councillor Ball.

‘Over the last three years the number of unauthorised encampments by Travellers has more than tripled. The annual cost to the Essex taxpayer of removing these unauthorised encampments runs into hundreds of thousands of pounds and has, in some areas, increased tensions between local residents and Travellers communities to the detriment of both.

This Council recognises that tackling unauthorised encampments is a complex issue which will require a multi-agency approach. This Council therefore calls upon all Essex District, Borough and City Authorities to work together with Essex County Council and Essex Police to identify and act on the root causes of this increase for the benefit of both local residents and Traveller communities.

In the meantime, this Council urges all Essex District, Borough and City Authorities to treat unauthorised encampments in the same way as they would treat any other unauthorised incursion on to their land and work to minimise the disruption that unauthorised encampments can cause.’

4 Strategic Infrastructure

Moved by Councillor Bentley and seconded by Councillor Mohindra

‘This Council acknowledges the excellent work and collaboration being carried out to improve the major infrastructure routes in Essex between this Administration, Government Agencies, Businesses and Essex Unitary, City, Borough and District Council colleagues.

Consultation work on improving the A120 between Colchester and Braintree, work to improve and upgrade the A12 and a brand new junction at 7A on the M11 plus improvements to Junction 7 and 8 will all increase and improve our economy, productivity and unlock sustainable housing for generations to come.

This Council also recognises that we must be relentless in ensuring the A127 and the A13 are improved to assist the economic plans of south Essex and this Council will continue to work with Government to ensure the powerhouse that is the Essex economy receives its fair share of infrastructure funding.

This Council therefore calls upon Government to proactively support the delivery of this vital infrastructure in advance of major housing development in Essex.’