

Motions

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

1 Improving Air Quality

Moved by Councillor Abbott and seconded by Councillor Pond:

'This Council calls upon the Administration to

1. Adopt an overarching Council Air Quality Improvement Policy.
2. Ensure that services provided or commissioned by the Council are conducted with proper regard to their effects on air quality, and that contractors abide by the provisions of the overarching policy.
3. Phase out the payment of expenses to those driving the most polluting vehicles, and enhance cycle and car-sharing mileage provision
4. Encourage Her Majesty's Government to institute a scrappage scheme for the most polluting private and commercial vehicles.
5. Ensure that the Council's comments on any Local Plan require public transport infrastructure, modal shift, and electric vehicle facilities be a central part of that Plan.
6. Enter dialogue with Her Majesty's Government and Local Planning Authorities to ensure that reduction of air pollution is properly considered in planning determination.
7. Support inter-urban and rural cycling and walking (including PROW) so as to provide safer off-road routes.'

2 All Night Lighting

Moved by Councillor Davies and seconded by Councillor Henderson:

'At the July 2014 council meeting a motion was moved by Councillor Henderson calling on this authority to discontinue the £6.5m part night lighting strategy and to consult and gather views on alternative lighting strategies and technologies such as LED lighting.

Council notes with interest that Kent County Council has now converted all 118,000 street lights to LED bulbs providing All Night Lighting whilst saving £5.2m in energy costs every year. Kent County Council's decision is based on

LED technology being more efficient, reducing energy and maintenance costs, carbon emissions, light pollution and the need for customers to report faulty street lights.

This Council calls on the administration to follow the example of Kent County Council by converting all Essex street lights to LED bulbs and reinstating All Night Lighting across Essex making our county safer while making much needed financial savings and improving the environment.'

3 Business Rate Retention Scheme

Moved by Councillor McKinlay and seconded by Councillor Spence:

'With the phasing out of the revenue support grant, ECC welcomes government plans to introduce pilot programmes for the retention of business rates and expresses its continuing commitment to engage in such schemes. The 100% Business Rate Retention scheme, due to come in in 2020/21 will provide additional financial support to local government, with an anticipated national annual surplus of £6.25 billion.

This money is currently unallocated. The Council calls upon the government to use this pot of money for the funding of pressures in Social Care, and is proposing to work with central government to ensure the final arrangements work both nationally and for the benefit of Essex residents.'

4 Greater infrastructure devolution to deliver growth

Moved by Councillor Mohindra and seconded by Councillor Bentley:

'This Council recognises with gratitude the huge investment that the Government and SELEP have already pledged to invest into Essex with such schemes as the new Junction 7A on the M11 and improvements to existing junctions 7 and 8, not to mention the collaborative working with DFT in joint financing with ECC on the A120 consultation and preparation work plus the improvements planned to the A12.

This Council now calls on the Government to go further and help with funding other schemes such as the A127 and the A13 as major corridors of economic growth and to enter into joint working to deliver these and other vital projects. To also, where possible, devolve the monies needed to ECC to enable consultation and design work needed, emulating the close working relationship as witnessed over the A120 work.'