

14. Motions

1 Environment Improvements

It was moved by Councillor Mitchell, subject to the addition of the word 'Parishes' in the third paragraph and seconded by Councillor Platt that:

'This Council recognises the stance that the Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste has taken in improving the use of renewable energy across the County Council estate and ensuring well maintained country parks which have won national recognition and help improve the health and wellbeing of those that use them. The new role of clean air champion and developing the Green Infrastructure initiative which will achieve long lasting environmental improvements across Essex are also positive moves.

The Administration however is mindful that more must be done to improve air quality and protecting natural resources to help improve the environment for future generations.

Therefore this Council supports and endorses the Administration's work so far and supports the Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste in setting up a cross party group to investigate what further actions this Council can undertake across all its work with District/Borough/City Councils and Parishes to reduce carbon emissions and promote the Green Infrastructure initiative to help improve the lives of all citizens in Essex.'

It was moved by Councillor Scordis and seconded by Councillor Young that the motion be amended to read as follows:

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Therefore, this Council supports and endorses the Administration's work so far and supports the Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste in setting up a cross party group to investigate what further actions this Council can undertake across all its work with District/Borough/City Councils to reduce carbon emissions and promote the Green Infrastructure initiative to help improve the lives of all citizens in Essex.

This council calls upon the Cabinet to;

- Put a stop to any further reductions in bus services
- Re-evaluate our Park & Ride charging fees
- Allocate more of our capital works budget to improving our cycling infrastructure across Essex
- Declare a Climate Emergency'

It was moved by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Mackrory that the motion be amended to read as follows:

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However, this Council also recognises that there is mounting and overwhelming evidence that extreme weather events are caused by climate change. Therefore, urgent action is required by UK government and Local Authorities to do everything in their power to reduce carbon emissions and therefore global warming, improve air quality and protect natural resources. To this end this Council calls upon Cabinet to resolve to join other Councils in declaring a Climate Change Emergency.

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The amendment moved by Councillor Scordis and seconded by Councillor Young was put to the meeting and **lost**.

The amendment moved by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Mackrory was put to the meeting and **lost**.

The motion, having been put to the meeting, was **carried**.