

## Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 9 July 2020, vote taken on Agenda Item 7, Motion 3

Motion 3 – Proposed by Councillor Jack Abbott and seconded by Councillor Sarah Adams.

Amended by Councillor Paul West seconded by Councillor Mary Evans.

This Council notes that, in 2016, it was reported by the Food Foundation there were more than 8 million people in the UK who had trouble putting enough food on the table, with nearly 5 million people thought to be regularly going an entire day without eating. In May 2020, an End Child Poverty report, based on Department for Work and Pension figures for 2018/19, showed that an estimated 50,000 children were living in poverty in Suffolk.

This Council notes that, during the Coronavirus pandemic, the Council has allocated £250,000 of funding to be made available to food banks, through Fare Share, to help local families put food on the table. However, the true long-term extent of the Coronavirus pandemic on jobs and livelihoods is not yet known, and it is likely to put additional pressure on the finances of local families. The Trussell Trust has already reported that food banks nationally saw an 89% increase in demand during April 2020, and the number of families with children receiving emergency food parcels almost doubled compared with last year.

The Council also recognises that the Government's commitment to the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals) which apply internationally and domestically, through Goal 2, and commits governments to ending hunger by 2030.

Therefore, this Council:

1. Nominates a Cabinet Member with responsibility for delivering food justice in Suffolk;
2. Will continue with existing measures, and introduce new ones, to increase the take up of free schools meals in all schools, and welcomes the government's announcement on providing vouchers to support pupils eligible for free school meals over the summer holiday;
3. Requests the Leader of Suffolk County Council to write to the relevant minister to ask the government to enshrine its existing commitment to UN Sustainable Development Goal 2 into domestic legislation;
4. Asks the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee to investigate the extent and causes of hunger in Suffolk and make recommendations about what can be done to tackle it, by adding the issue to a Scrutiny Committee agenda within six months;
5. Will work with our District and Borough Councils and other partner organisations, through the Poverty Strategy, to develop and implement a

Food Justice Action Plan by the end of 2021 so that the issue of food poverty in Suffolk can be accurately quantified and subsequently eliminated;

6. Welcomes the £250,000 made available by the County Council to food banks in Suffolk; and
7. Welcomes the Department for Education funding of £963,000 to be provided to Suffolk this summer for the Holiday and Activity Programme.

<b>Total results</b>	
For	63
Against	
Abstain	

### Conservative Group

<b>Councillor's Name</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Mark Bee	For		
Peter Beer	For		
Stuart Bird	For		
Stephen Burroughes	For		
Louis Busuttill	For		
Jenny Ceresa	For		
Chris Chambers			
Andy Drummond	For		
Mary Evans	For		
Robert Everitt	For		
James Finch	For		
Jessica Fleming	For		
Quillon Fox	For		
Mick Fraser			
David Goldsmith	For		
Tony Goldson	For		
Nick Gowrley	For		
Gary Green			
Matthew Hicks	For		
Rachel Hood	For		
Beccy Hopfensperger	For		
Christopher Hudson	For		
Gordon Jones	For		
Michael Ladd	For		
Stuart Lawson	For		
Guy McGregor	For		
David Nettleton			
Graham Newman	For		
Alexander Nicoll	For		
Colin Noble			
Kay Oakes	For		
Patricia O'Brien	For		

Russ Rainger	For		
James Reeder	For		
Andrew Reid	For		
David Ritchie	For		
Craig Rivett	For		
David Roach	For		
Keith Robinson	For		
Richard Rout	For		
Richard Smith MVO	For		
Karen Soons	For		
Colin Spence	For		
Joanna Spicer	For		
Jamie Starling			
Jane Storey	For		
Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro	For		
Paul West	For		
Robert Whiting	For		
Steve Wiles	For		

### Labour Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Jack Abbott	For		
Sarah Adams	For		
Helen Armitage	For		
Kathy Bole	For		
Kim Clements			
Sandra Gage			
Peter Gardiner	For		
Mandy Gaylard	For		
Jack Owen	For		
Keith Patience	For		
Bill Quinton	For		

### Liberal Democrat, Green and Independent Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Trevor Beckwith	For		
Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw			
John Field	For		
Paula Fox	For		
Richard Kemp			
Robert Lindsay	For		
Inga Lockington	For		
Victor Lukaniuk	For		
Penny Otton	For		
Caroline Page			
Andrew Stringer	For		
David Wood	For		

**Independent**

<b>Councillor's Name</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Steve Ardley	For		