

Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 16 July 2026, vote taken on Motion 1 as amended.

Motion 1 – Proposed by Councillor Morgan Brobyn and seconded by Councillor Harry Richardson.

Motion Text: **This Council notes that:**

1. Suffolk County Council declared a Climate Emergency in March 2019 and subsequently adopted a range of policies, strategies and projects intended, on a spend to save basis, to support environmental objectives and carbon reduction ambitions.

This Council believes that:

1. The Council should focus to on practical environmental stewardship, resilience, biodiversity enhancement, flood mitigation, waste reduction, energy efficiency and the protection of Suffolk's natural environment.
2. Public money should only be spent on projects that can demonstrate clear and measurable benefits, statutory necessity, genuine environmental improvement, operational effectiveness or financial savings.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Rescind the Climate Emergency declaration adopted by Suffolk County Council in March 2019 instead recognise the following: our climate is changing, bringing hotter, drier summers, more frequent extreme weather and sudden, heavy rainfall, as Storm Babet showed, flooding Suffolk homes and businesses. These risks can threaten life and health, livelihoods, homes, farms, our coastline, infrastructure and natural environment, and the Council recognises, as a statement of fact, the need to adapt to and mitigate their effects.
2. Remove references to a Climate Emergency from the Council's policy framework, strategies and communications where appropriate, replacing them with the recognition set out in resolution 1.
3. Commission a comprehensive review of all climate, net zero and environmental programmes, projects, partnerships and expenditure across the Council.
4. Report the findings of that review to Cabinet, including recommendations for continuation, modification or cessation of individual schemes, and on how the need recognised in resolution 1 will be reflected in the Council's policies and decisions, including by maintaining at the discretion of council officers the climate adaptation's existing place on the Council's corporate risk register.

Total results	
For	47
Against	16
Abstain	0

Conservative Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Bobby Bennett	For		
Elaine Bryce	For		
Matthew Hicks	For		
Beccy Hopfensperger	For		
Darius Laws	For		
Joe Mason	For		
Debbie McCallum			
Harry Richardson	For		
Richard Rout	For		

Green Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Peter Aiano		Against	
Matt Bentley		Against	
Simon Dowling		Against	
Annette Dunning		Against	
Ash Lever		Against	
Robert Lindsay		Against	
Sally Mittuch		Against	
Stephen Molyneux		Against	
James Patchett		Against	
Dylan Roques		Against	
Laura Smith		Against	
Andrew Stringer		Against	
Keith Welham			

Labour Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Adele Cook		Against	
Martin Cook		Against	
Colin Kreidewolf		Against	

Liberal Democrats Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Ruth Leach			
Inga Lockington		Against	

Reform Uk Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Simon Alders	For		
Stuart Allen	For		
Vicky Armstrong	For		
Paul Bains			
Mark Barber	For		
Robin Baxter-Ayling	For		
Morgan Brobyn	For		
Andrew Burton	For		
Louis Busuttil	For		
Tim Buttle	For		
Chris Cox	For		
Asa Downing	For		
Philip Faircloth-Mutton			
Tristan Gale	For		
Tony Gould	For		
Michael Hadwen	For		
David Hill	For		
Christopher Hudson	For		
David Hurlbut	For		
Alistair Jeffreys	For		
Tim Kent			
Gary Keogh	For		
Trevor Lailey	For		
Paul Littman	For		
Tony Love	For		
John Matthews	For		
Patti Mulcahy	For		
June Mummery	For		
Luke O'Brien	For		
Ryan Procter	For		
Jonathan Ramsay	For		
Richard Read	For		
Paul Reeder	For		
Martin Robinson	For		
Chris Smith	For		
Paul Sutton	For		
Rachael Tecklenberg	For		
Rupert Tonkin-Galvin	For		
Kerrie Turner	For		
Don Waldron	For		
Adrian Whittle	For		

Ungrouped Independent Councillors

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Julia Ewart	For		
John Nunn			