

Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 16 July 2026, vote taken on Motion 2 as amended.

Motion 2 – Proposed by Councillor Robert Lindsay and seconded by Councillor Matt Bentley.

Motion Text: “Council notes that:

- Many rural communities in Suffolk have experienced a long-term decline in public transport provision;
- One in six Suffolk households do not have access to a car according to the most recent census;
- Access to transport is essential for employment, education, healthcare, community life and wellbeing.

Council believes that:

- No resident should be disadvantaged because of where they live;
- Access to public transport for all is a benefit to Suffolk’s people, its communities and economies;
- An ambitious, planned and costed goal for a minimum level of bus service for every Suffolk community would help attract further funding from the Department for Transport, on top of the latest £27million grant.

Council therefore declares its support for the principle of a Minimum Universal Bus Service in Suffolk, which could include on demand services, with the aim that every eligible parish, determined on the basis of evidenced transport need and value for money, should have a minimum five day a week bus service to its nearest market town with essential services.

Council calls for a cross-party policy development panel to be created as a sub-group of the established Enhanced Partnership (EP) to draw up and present its findings to cabinet within six months:

- a) an assessment of how much further funding would be needed to achieve the goal of a minimum universal bus service for Suffolk.
- b) a costed priority list of bus routes for investment and a timeframe for investment of any remaining money the council has from its most recent allocation from the Government’s bus funding scheme.”
- c) Any findings from this study should be used to lobby Government for further funding/greater future investment in passenger transport in Suffolk.”

Total results	
For	24
Against	33
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	For		
Matt Bentley	For		
Simon Dowling	For		
Annette Dunning	For		
Ash Lever	For		
Robert Lindsay	For		
Sally Mittuch	For		
Stephen Molyneux	For		
James Patchett	For		
Dylan Roques	For		
Laura Smith	For		
Andrew Stringer	For		
Keith Welham			

Labour Group

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

Liberal Democrats Group

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

Reform Uk Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Simon Aalders		Against	
Stuart Allen		Against	
Vicky Armstrong		Against	
Paul Bains			
Mark Barber		Against	

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

Ungrouped Independent Councillors

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Julia Ewart			
John Nunn			