

Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 8 October 2026, vote taken on Motion 2 as amended.

Motion – Proposed by Councillor Ash Lever and seconded by Councillor Dylan Roques.

Motion Text:

This council acknowledges the debt it owes to the county's volunteers, in particular those residents who put their own lives at risk to rescue others.

It is grateful for the dangerous and selfless work undertaken by Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) volunteers and staff to save lives both in Suffolk waters and around the country, and acknowledges the wider contribution of emergency service personnel and volunteer responders, including fisherman, HM Coastguard, Community First Responders and search and rescue volunteers.

The council agrees to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk and the Acting Chief Constable of Suffolk Constabulary to show its support for RNLI and all emergency service personnel and volunteer responders, including fisherman, HM Coastguard, Community First Responders and search and rescue volunteers, and to ask that criminal acts such as abuse and harassment of personnel whether in person or online, are taken seriously, fully investigated and prosecuted, whilst recognising the importance of preserving lawful freedom of expression and democratic debate on matters of public policy. The Council further requests that Suffolk Constabulary maintain dialogue with relevant agencies to ensure that any reports of criminal conduct directed towards volunteers and staff are addressed swiftly and proportionately.

Total results	
For	64
Against	
Abstain	

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	For		
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			
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	For		

Labour Group

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

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	For		
Stuart Allen	For		
Vicky Armstrong	For		
Paul Bains	For		
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	For		
Tristan Gale	For		
Tony Gould	For		
Michael Hadwen	For		
David Hill	For		

Christopher Hudson	For		
David Hurlbut	For		
Alistair Jeffreys	For		
Tim Kent	For		
Trevor Lailey			
Paul Littman	For		
Tony Love	For		
John Matthews	For		
Patti Mulcahy			
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	For		