

Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 1 December 2022, vote taken on Motion 2.

Motion 2 – Proposed by Councillor Keith Welham and seconded by Councillor Robert Lindsay.

Motion Text: 'This Council strongly believes that effective public transport provision is vital to the wellbeing of local residents in Suffolk.

Public Transport is a lifeline for many local people. For some a scheduled bus service or community transport is the only means to travel to work, school, appointments, shops and to meet friends and family.

This Council re-affirms its commitment to protecting and improving our local bus services and ensuring that community transport is available to all our residents.

In October 2021 Suffolk County Council, alongside all other Local Transport Authorities, submitted a Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) for Government funding to improve local bus services. Despite encouraging all Councils to bid, and receiving costed bids that totalled £10 billion, the Government only made £1 billion of funding available. Much more had been promised. Suffolk received no funding at all.

Therefore, this Council instructs the Chief Executive of Suffolk County Council to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to call on the Government to:

- Explore alternative funding mechanisms so that all public transport authorities are funded to the level that will produce growth in the proportion of journeys taken by public transport and a reduction in the proportion of private car journeys.

In addition, we ask this Council to:

- Request a Scrutiny Report to be produced to provide recommendations for improving the quality of the next BSIP, and for this report to be presented to Council in time for preparation of the next BSIP.
- Fund an advertising and marketing strategy drawn up in collaboration with community transport providers to promote demand responsive or "dial a ride" transport.
- Annually review the numbers of passengers on demand responsive transport. Where demand is high the council will investigate the feasibility of replacing such services with a scheduled service.
- Ensure that, in preparation of the next SCC's Local Transport Plan, it will recognise that:

- A modal shift towards public and community transport, as well as active travel, is now crucial and must be at the forefront of all decision-making regarding transport strategy.
- The importance of reallocating road space to active travel at congestion pinch points.
- An increase in parking spaces undercuts bus and active travel demand.
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- A full investigation into a workplace parking levy for Ipswich is required.'

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| Total results | |
| For | 14 |
| Against | 44 |
| Abstain | 2 |

Conservative Group

| Councillor's Name | For | Against | Abstain |
|-------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Edward Back | | Against | |
| Peter Beer | | Against | |
| Bobby Bennett | | Against | |
| Stuart Bird | | Against | |
| Elaine Bryce | | | |
| Stephen Burroughes | | | |
| Nadia Cenci | | Against | |
| Jenny Ceresa | | | |
| Chris Chambers | | Against | |
| Judy Cloke | | Against | |
| Andy Drummond | | Against | |
| Robert Everitt | | Against | |
| Philip Faircloth-Mutton | | Against | |
| James Finch | | Against | |
| Jessica Fleming | | Against | |
| Mick Fraser | | Against | |
| David Goldsmith | | Against | |
| Peter Gould | | | |
| Georgia Hall | | Against | |
| Liz Harsant | | Against | |
| Ryan Harvey | | Against | |
| T-J Haworth-Culf | | | |
| Matthew Hicks | | Against | |
| Rachel Hood | | Against | |
| Beccy Hopfensperger | | Against | |
| Christopher Hudson | | Against | |
| Michael Ladd | | Against | |
| Stuart Lawson | | Against | |
| Joe Mason | | Against | |

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| Debbie McCallum | | Against | |
| Patti Mulcahy | | | |
| Sam Murray | | | |
| David Nettleton | | | |
| Graham Newman | | | |
| Alexander Nicoll | | Against | |
| Colin Noble | | | |
| Kay Oakes | | Against | |
| James Reeder | | Against | |
| Andrew Reid | | Against | |
| Debbie Richards | | Against | |
| Craig Rivett | | Against | |
| David Roach | | Against | |
| Keith Robinson | | Against | |
| Richard Rout | | Against | |
| Richard Smith MVO | | Against | |
| Karen Soons | | | Abstain |
| Heike Sowa | | Against | |
| Joanna Spicer | | Against | |
| Lance Stanbury | | Against | |
| Jamie Starling | | Against | |
| Peter Thompson | | Against | |
| Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro | | Against | |
| Paul West | | Against | |
| Steve Wiles | | Against | |
| Nathan Wilson | | Against | |

Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group

| Councillor's Name | For | Against | Abstain |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| Jessie Carter | | | |
| Annette Dunning | For | | |
| Simon Harley | For | | |
| Richard Kemp | For | | |
| Ash Lever | For | | |
| Robert Lindsay | For | | |
| Inga Lockington | | | Abstain |
| Victor Lukaniuk | For | | |
| Andy Mellen | For | | |
| Penny Otton | | | |
| Caroline Page | | | |
| Keith Scarff | For | | |
| Andrew Stringer | For | | |
| Caroline Topping | For | | |
| Keith Welham | For | | |

Labour Group

| Councillor's Name | For | Against | Abstain |
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| Sarah Adams | For | | |
| Rob Bridgeman | | | |
| Elizabeth Johnson | | | |
| Sandy Martin | For | | |
| Bill Quinton | For | | |