

Motion: That Suffolk County Council condemns all hate crimes and is proud of the Suffolk tradition of welcoming people of all countries, faith and cultures.

As a key organisation for Suffolk which works with others to support the most vulnerable communities in our county from illegal discrimination, exploitation and marginalisation, we are very concerned about the recent upsurge in attacks on non-UK nationals over the last few days.

We are worried that community tensions have been raised in some parts of the country and there might be tensions encouraging a small minority to commit acts of vandalism and verbal and physical violence.

We want to avoid such incidents in Suffolk - a county which has a proud tradition of welcoming people from a broad range of countries, cultures and faith systems. That is why we are urging community leaders, politicians, local councils, voluntary organisations and schools and colleges to join us in being good neighbours and promoting acceptance and tolerance.

It falls to us as leaders to encourage friendship and strong community relationships within our country and we call upon Suffolk County Council to support the #SuffolkSolidarity campaign.

Members present agreed by general assent.