

Member Motion - Full Council, 21 March: Essex Devolution

Motion:

“The council considers that ‘Greater Essex’ is too diverse for a mayor to effectively represent and support all parts equitably, and that the extra cost of the precept, to pay for a fifth layer of governance, would be unwelcome for the residents of Uttlesford”

The council believes that the possible ‘Devolution’ option for ‘Greater Essex’ is not a substitute for setting local government finances on a sound basis, and may result in wasteful projects.

The council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to government urging them to implement a programme to fully fund councils on a long term stable basis, that will enable them to deliver all of the high quality services needed, before further considering Devolution deals.”

Proposer: Councillor Hargreaves