

## **Uttlesford District Council**

### **Full Council meeting 22 April 2025**

#### **Member Motion on Farms Inheritance Tax**

To be proposed by Cllr Hargreaves

#### **Motion:**

“This Council supports the government’s ambition to stop the use of the current farm tax regime by non-farmers to avoid inheritance tax, which also inflates the cost of farmland above its real value for agricultural production, but notes that the changes intended would still leave a significant avoidance ‘benefit’ and therefore will not achieve their objective.

The Council therefore urges the government to drop its current intention and instead consider other ways of stopping the avoidance while still supporting genuine farm families to continue farming without unviable inheritance tax charges, such as the scheme proposed by the National Farmers Union

Therefore, the Council is RESOLVED for the Chief Executive to write to the District’s Members of Parliament and to the Minister of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to convey the Council’s views.”