

Notice of Amendment to Local Government Reorganisation Motion, as submitted by Councillor Gooding and to be seconded by Councillor Bagnall:

Extraordinary Council, 23 September 2025

Amended Motion (red text denotes additional wording – wording to be removed has been struck through):

- a. Council notes the officer report, and also the report from the Scrutiny Committee on Monday 22 September, with thanks to both for their due diligence.
- ~~b. Council resolves to advise Cabinet that it fully supports Business Case A, the case for five new unitaries which will see one of those new councils cover the current Uttlesford, Epping Forest and Harlow areas.~~
- b. Council resolves to advise Cabinet that it supports Business Case B, the case for three new unitaries, which will see one of those new councils cover the current Uttlesford, Braintree, Colchester and Tendring areas.
- c. Council notes:
 - i. That this business case provides a significantly shorter pay back period than other options;
 - ii. That disaggregation of County Council services such as Social Care, Children's Services and Education have a stronger financial basis on which to continue serving residents, and;
 - iii. That the Financial risk that is endemic to some of the new unitaries within Business Case A are reduced, which will be to the long-term benefit to the residents of Essex.