

Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 23 May 2024, vote taken on Motion 3.

Motion 3 – Proposed by Councillor Sandy Martin and seconded by Councillor Sarah Adams.

Motion Text:

'Unpaid family carers undertake the majority of caring work in our county, saving this Council and the Health Services countless millions of pounds, and providing a decent quality of life to their dependents which would be impossible to achieve otherwise. Yet the very modest financial support available to those who need it the most is often insufficient to enable them to continue their caring efforts, or does not enable them to provide the level of support their dependents ought to be able to expect.

Public transport can provide an essential link for carers and their dependents, but is not always affordable for those in receipt of carers' allowance. Dependents who are in receipt of free travel are often unable to use it because their carers are unable to accompany them. Therefore, in the interest of enabling family carers to fulfil their vital roles, this Council calls on the Cabinet to examine the issues surrounding family carers, with a view to introducing discretionary free travel permits for all those in receipt of DWP carers' allowance in Suffolk.'

Total results	
For	13
Against	31
Abstain	

Conservative Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Edward Back		Against	
Peter Beer			
Bobby Bennett		Against	
Stuart Bird		Against	
Elaine Bryce			
Stephen Burroughes			
Nadia Cenci			
Jenny Ceresa			
Chris Chambers		Against	
Judy Cloke			
Andy Drummond		Against	
Robert Everitt		Against	
Philip Faircloth-Mutton		Against	
James Finch			
Jessica Fleming		Against	

Mick Fraser		Against	
David Goldsmith		Against	
Peter Gould			
Georgia Hall			
Liz Harsant		Against	
Ryan Harvey			
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	
Debbie McCallum			
Patti Mulcahy			
Sam Murray			
David Nettleton			
Alexander Nicoll			
Colin Noble		Against	
Kay Oakes			
James Reeder		Against	
Andrew Reid		Against	
Debbie Richards		Against	
David Roach		Against	
Keith Robinson		Against	
Richard Rout		Against	
Richard Smith MVO		Against	
Karen Soons			
Heike Sowa		Against	
Joanna Spicer		Against	
Lance Stanbury			
Jamie Starling			
Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro		Against	
Paul West		Against	
Steve Wiles		Against	
Nathan Wilson	For		

Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group

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

Labour Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Sarah Adams	For		
Rob Bridgeman	For		
Elizabeth Johnson			
Sandy Martin	For		
Lucy Smith			

Ungrouped Councillor

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Peter Thompson			