

Notice of Motion: Revert to the old C2C Timetable

“That this Council recognises the adverse effect on the residents of Southend of the recent implementation of C2C’s new timetable.

The Council commends C2C’s efforts over recent years to improve the service from ‘the misery line’ to one of the best in the country and sees the new timetable as a retrograde step.

Residents of Southend have to spend longer travelling and those to the west of the town struggle to get a seat in the mornings, with residents from across the town often having to stand in the evenings.

It is therefore requested that the Cabinet:

1. Records the Council’s disappointment in the implementation of the new timetable;
2. Joins forces with our two local MPs to lobby C2C and the Department for Transport to either revert to the old timetable or reduce the number of trains that stop at London stations to reduce inbound and outbound journey times; and
3. Requests the Town Clerk to write to the Managing Director of C2C and the Secretary of State for Transport indicating the Council’s disappointment and requesting that they revert to the old timetable.

Proposed by Cllr James Courtenay

Seconded by Cllr Tony Cox and supported by Cllrs Bernard Arscott, Mark Flewitt, Nigel Folkard, David Garston, Jonathan Garston, John Lamb and Mrs Georgina Phillips.