

# Council

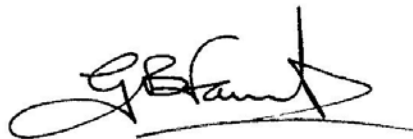
The next meeting of Thurrock Council will be held on

**Wednesday 22 January 2014 at 7.00 pm**

in the Council Chamber at the Civic Offices, New Road, Grays to transact the business set out in the attached Agenda.



Councillor Tony Fish  
**Mayor**



Graham Farrant, Chief Executive  
**Proper Officer**

## MEMBERS OF THURROCK COUNCIL

Councillor P Anderson	Councillor A Kiely
Councillor C Baldwin	Councillor S Liddiard
Councillor L Carr	Councillor S Little
Councillor M Coxshall	Councillor S MacPherson
Councillor C Curtis	Councillor B Maney
Councillor W Curtis (Deputy Mayor)	Councillor V Morris-Cook
Councillor A Fish (Mayor)	Councillor T Ojetola
Councillor A Gaywood	Councillor B Okunade
Councillor O Gerrish	Councillor B Palmer
Councillor R Gledhill	Councillor M Pearce
Councillor S Gray	Councillor J Purkiss
Councillor Y Gupta MBE	Councillor R Ray
Councillor G Hague	Councillor J Redsell
Councillor J Halden	Councillor M Revell
Councillor M Healy	Councillor B Rice
Councillor S Hebb	Councillor G Rice
Councillor W Herd	Councillor A Roast
Councillor T Hipsey	Councillor S Shinnick
Councillor V Holloway	Councillor A Smith
Councillor B Johnson	Councillor P Smith
Councillor T Kelly	Councillor R Speight
Councillor C Kent	Councillor M Stone
Councillor J Kent	Councillor P Tolson
Councillor C Key	Councillor S Wootton
	Councillor L Worrall

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## THURROCK COUNCIL - PROCEDURE FOR MOTIONS

No speech may exceed 3 minutes without the consent of the Mayor [Rule 19.8], except for the proposer of any motion who shall have 5 minutes to move that motion (except on a motion to amend where the 3 minute time shall apply) [Rule 19.8(a)]

**All Motions will follow Section A and then either Section B or C**

- |           |    |                                            |                            |
|-----------|----|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> | A1 | Motion is moved                            | [Rule 19.2]                |
|           | A2 | Mover speaks                               | [Rule 19.8(a) (5 minutes)] |
|           | A3 | Seconded                                   | [Rule 19.2]                |
|           | A4 | Secunder speaks or reserves right to speak | [Rule 19.3] (3 minutes)    |

Then the procedure will move to either B or C below:

<b>B.</b>		<b>C.</b>	
<b>IF there is an AMENDMENT (please see Rule 19.23),</b>		<b>If NOT amended i.e. original motion</b>	
B1	The mover of the amendment shall speak (3 mins).	C1	Debate
B2	The seconder of the amendment shall speak unless he or she has reserved their speech (3 mins).	C2	If the seconder of the motion has reserved their speeches, they shall then speak
B3	<b>THEN debate on the subject.</b>	C3	The mover of the substantive motion shall have the final right of reply
B4	If the seconders of the substantive motion and the amendment reserved their speeches, they shall then speak	C4	Vote on motion
B5	The mover of the amendment shall have a right of reply		
B6	The mover of the substantive motion shall have the final right of reply		
B7	Vote on amendment		
B8	A vote shall be taken on the substantive motion, as amended if appropriate, without further debate		

## DECLARING INTERESTS FLOWCHART – QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

Breaching those parts identified as a pecuniary interest is potentially a criminal offence

### Helpful Reminders for Members

- *Is your register of interests up to date?*
- *In particular have you declared to the Monitoring Officer all disclosable pecuniary interests?*
- *Have you checked the register to ensure that they have been transcribed correctly?*

### When should you declare an interest at a meeting?

- **What matters are being discussed at the meeting?** (including Council, Cabinet, Committees, Subs, Joint Committees and Joint Subs); or
- If you are a Cabinet Member making decisions other than in Cabinet what **matter is before you for single member decision?**



Does the business to be transacted at the meeting

- relate to; or
- likely to affect

any of your registered interests and in particular any of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests?

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests shall include your or interests of:

- your spouse or civil partner's
- a person you are living with as husband/ wife
- a person you are living with as if you were civil partners and you are aware that this other person has the interest

What is a Non-Pecuniary interest? – this is an interest which is not pecuniary (as defined) but is nonetheless so significant that a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard to be so significant that it would materially impact upon your judgement of the public interest,

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest? – see attached description

### **Pecuniary**

If the interest is not already in the register you must (unless the interest has been agreed by the Monitoring Officer to be sensitive) disclose the existence and nature of the interest to the meeting

If the Interest is not entered in the register and is not the subject of a pending notification you must within 28 days notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest for inclusion in the register

Unless you have received dispensation upon previous application from the Monitoring, you must:

- Not participate or participate further in any discussion of the matter at a meeting;
- Not participate in any vote or further vote taken at the meeting; and
- leave the room while the item is being considered/voted upon

If you are a Cabinet Member you may make arrangements for the matter to be dealt with by a third person but take no further steps

### **Non-pecuniary**

Declare the nature and extent of your interest including enough detail to allow a member of the public to understand it's nature



You may participate and vote in the usual way.

Please seek advice on Predetermination and Bias from the Monitoring Officer.

## **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	<p>Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by a Member in carrying out their duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of a Member.</p> <p>This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992</p>
Contracts	<p>Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and</li><li>(b) which has not been fully discharged.</li></ul>
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	<p>Any tenancy where (to the Member's knowledge)—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the landlord is the relevant authority; and</li><li>(b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.</li></ul>
Securities	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) that body (to the Member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</li><li>(b) either—<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</li><li>(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</li></ul></li></ul>

## **Our Vision for Thurrock:**

***“Thurrock: A place of opportunity, enterprise and excellence, where individuals, communities and businesses flourish”.***

## **Achieving Our Vision:**

To achieve our vision, we have identified five strategic priorities:

### **1. Create a great place for learning and opportunity**

- Ensure that every place of learning is rated “Good” or better
- Raise levels of aspirations and attainment so that local residents can take advantage of job opportunities in the local area
- Support families to give children the best possible start in life

### **2. Encourage and promote job creation and economic prosperity**

- Provide the infrastructure to promote and sustain growth and prosperity
- Support local businesses and develop the skilled workforce they will require
- Work with communities to regenerate Thurrock’s physical environment

### **3. Build pride, responsibility and respect to create safer communities**

- Create safer welcoming communities who value diversity and respect cultural heritage
- Involve communities in shaping where they live and their quality of life
- Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and safeguard the vulnerable

### **4. Improve health and well-being**

- Ensure people stay healthy longer, adding years to life and life to years
- Reduce inequalities in health and well-being
- Empower communities to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing

### **5. Protect and promote our clean and green environment**

- Enhance access to Thurrock’s river frontage, cultural assets and leisure opportunities
- Promote Thurrock’s natural environment and biodiversity
- Ensure Thurrock’s streets and parks and open spaces are clean and well maintained





*Meeting:* **COUNCIL**  
*Date:* 22 January 2014  
*Time:* 7.00 pm  
*Venue:* Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Grays

## **A G E N D A**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4 November 2013, together with the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 November 2013, (pages 5 - 10 and 11 - 28 respectively)**
- 3. To receive additional items that the Mayor is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency, in accordance with Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972**
- 4. To receive any declarations of interests from Members**
- 5. To receive any announcements on behalf of the Mayor or the Leader of the Council**
- 6. To answer questions from members of the public (page 29)**  

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 14) of the Council's Constitution
- 7. To receive petitions from members of the public and councillors**  

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 14) of the Council's Constitution
- 8. To receive an update report in respect of those petitions presented at Full Council and council offices during the previous 6 months (page 31)**
- 9. Appointments to committees and outside bodies, statutory and other panels**  

The Mayor will inform the Council if any changes to the appointments made to committees and outside bodies, statutory and other panels, have been requested by Group Leaders.
- 10. Debate of a petition containing 1500 verified signatures**  

A petition "Save Corringham Greenbelt – we the undersigned object to any development on green belt land" has reached the threshold of 1500 verified

signatures and, in accordance with Chapter 1, Part 2, Article 3 of the Constitution, qualifies to be debated by the Council.

**11. Council Tax Base 2014/15**

The report of the Leader is attached at **page 33 - 38**

**12. Determination of the Collection Fund Balance 2013/14**

The report of the Leader is attached at **page 39 - 44**

**13. Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2013/2014**

The report of the Chief Executive and Returning Officer is attached at **page 45 - 88**

**14. To receive reports from Cabinet Members**

(i) The report of Councillor Holloway, Cabinet Member for Environment is attached at **page 89 - 94**.

(ii) The report of Councillor P Smith, Cabinet Member for Central Services is attached at **page 95 - 112**.

**15. To answer questions from Members, in the order in which they were submitted (page 113 - 114)**

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 14) of the Council's Constitution

**16. To receive reports from Members and officers attending as the Authority's representatives on outside bodies**

**17. To receive for information the Minutes of the following committees:**

<b>Name of Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>
Planning, Transport & Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee	4 June 2013
Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee	17 July 2013
Planning Committee	24 October 2013
Standards & Audit Committee	19 September 2013
Corporate Parenting Committee	5 September 2013
Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee	30 October 2013
Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee	5 November 2013
General Services Committee	13 June 2013
Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee	12 November 2013
Planning Committee	21 November 2013

Planning, Transport & Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee	19 November 2013
General Services Committee	12 December 2013

18. **To receive a motions update report on those motions resolved at Council during the previous year (page 115 - 124)**
19. **To consider motions from Members in the order in which they were submitted (page 125 - 130)**

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 15) of the Council's Constitution.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS</b>
<p><b>Scheduled Meeting Dates for the Municipal Year</b></p> <p>2013: 19 June, 24 July, 18 September, 23 October, 27 November</p> <p>2014: 22 January, 26 February, 26 March, 11 June (Annual), 25 June</p>
<p><b>Queries regarding this Agenda</b></p> <p>Please contact Steve Jones, Democratic Services Manager, telephone (01375) 652107 or e-mail <a href="mailto:sjones@thurrock.gov.uk">sjones@thurrock.gov.uk</a></p>

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