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Council

To the Members of Thurrock Council

The next meeting of the Council will be held at **7.00 pm** on **26 July 2017**

**Council Chamber, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17
6SL**

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James Baker
Jan Baker
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Russell Cherry
Colin Churchman
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Robert Gledhill
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Terry Piccolo
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Graham Snell
Luke Spillman
Pauline Tolson
Aaron Watkins
Kevin Wheeler



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Chief Executive

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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 recorded 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 interests or those 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

where you are aware that this other person has the interest.

A detailed description of a disclosable pecuniary interest is included in the Members Code of Conduct at Chapter 7 of the Constitution. **Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer about disclosable pecuniary interests.**

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.

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

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Non- pecuniary

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



You may participate and vote in the usual way but you should seek advice on Predetermination and Bias from the Monitoring Officer.

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

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| A. | 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.		C.	
IF there is an AMENDMENT (please see Rule 19.23)		If NOT amended i.e. original motion	
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	THEN debate on the subject .	C3	The mover of the substantive motion shall have the final right of reply
B4	If the seconder 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		

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

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 aspiration and attainment so that residents can take advantage of local job opportunities
- Support families to give children the best possible start in life

2. Encourage and promote job creation and economic prosperity

- Promote Thurrock and encourage inward investment to enable and sustain growth
- Support business and develop the local skilled workforce they require
- Work with partners to secure improved infrastructure and built environment

3. Build pride, responsibility and respect

- Create welcoming, safe, and resilient communities which value fairness
- Work in partnership with communities to help them take responsibility for shaping their quality of life
- Empower residents through choice and independence to improve their health and well-being

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 and safeguard the most vulnerable people with timely intervention and care accessed closer to home
- Enhance quality of life through improved housing, employment and opportunity

5. Promote and protect our clean and green environment

- Enhance access to Thurrock's river frontage, cultural assets and leisure opportunities
- Promote Thurrock's natural environment and biodiversity
- Inspire high quality design and standards in our buildings and public space

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100 Years in Memoriam

Remembering Thurrock's Fallen of World War One

Each month during the centenary period of the First World War, Thurrock Council will pay tribute to the 834 local residents known to have lost their lives due to causes associated with the war and their service. At each meeting of Council until November 2018, the 100th anniversary of signing of the Armistice with Germany, a Roll of Honour will be published with the agenda detailing the casualties from that month 100 years ago to commemorate the sacrifice made by Thurrock residents.

July 1917

DATE	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	AGE	WARD	RANK	SERVICE	DIED
02-Jul	CRICKMER	HARRY	19	SLH	DRIVER	RFA	BELGIUM
08-Jul	PLUMRIDGE	JAMES THOMAS	20	AVE	PTE	MIDDLESEX - 17	FRANCE
09-Jul	HUGHES	ALBERT HAROLD	28	G	ORD. SEA	ROYAL NAVY	SCAPA FLOW
09-Jul	ASHFORD	LEONARD JOHN	28	E/TIL	STKR - 1	ROYAL NAVY	SCAPA FLOW
11-Jul	TYLER	JOHN ALEC	24	G	L/SGT	ESSEX - 9	FRANCE
11-Jul	REED	ARTHUR HENRY VICTOR	20	PUR	PTE	ESSEX - 9	FRANCE
17-Jul	BABBS	WILLIAM JOHN	21	G	PTE	ESSEX - 9	FRANCE
17-Jul	VAUGHAN	HENRY JOSEPH	26	W/TH	CPL	ESSEX - 9	FRANCE
18-Jul	SHERRESS	EDWARD GEORGE MINTER	20	TIL	PTE	ESSEX - 9	FRANCE
19-Jul	WILSON	JAMES FREDERICK	19	G	PTE	ESSEX - 9	FRANCE
24-Jul	DIXON	CHARLES	37	TIL	GUNNER	RGA	BELGIUM
28-Jul	WILSHER	JOHN EDWARD	36	SLH	PTE	ESSEX - 1	BELGIUM
31-Jul	SHIPMAN	ARTHUR HERBERT	40	G	PTE	R/FUS - 12	BELGIUM
31-Jul	WOOD	HAROLD	35	SLH	PTE	HERTS - 1	BELGIUM

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28 June 2017 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Tunde Ojetola (Mayor), Michael Stone (Deputy Mayor), John Allen, Chris Baker, Jan Baker, Russell Cherry, Colin Churchman, Gary Collins, Mark Coxshall, Jack Duffin, Tony Fish, Leslie Gamester, Oliver Gerrish, Robert Gledhill, Garry Hague, James Halden, Graham Hamilton, Shane Hebb, Clifford Holloway, Victoria Holloway, Roy Jones, Tom Kelly, Cathy Kent, John Kent, Martin Kerin, Steve Liddiard, Brian Little, Susan Little, Sue MacPherson, Ben Maney, Bukky Okunade, Terry Piccolo, Jane Potheary, David Potter, Joycelyn Redsell, Sue Sammons, Angela Sheridan, Peter Smith, Graham Snell, Luke Spillman, Pauline Tolson, Aaron Watkins and Kevin Wheeler

Apologies: Councillors Tim Aker, James Baker, Clare Baldwin, Deborah Huelin, Barbara Rice and Gerard Rice

In attendance: Lyn Carpenter, Chief Executive
Steve Cox, Corporate Director of Environment and Place
Roger Harris, Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health
Sean Clark, Director of Finance & IT
Jackie Hinchliffe, Director of HR, OD & Transformation
David Lawson, Deputy Head of Legal & Monitoring Officer
Rory Patterson, Corporate Director of Children's Services
Karen Wheeler, Director of Strategy, Communications and Customer Service
Matthew Boulter, Democratic Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Jenny Shade, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting may be filmed and was being recorded, with the audio recording to be made available on the Council's website.

The Mayor invited Reverend Canon Darren Barlow to lead those present in prayer and a one minute's silence was held as a mark of respect to reflect the recent tragedies that had taken place.

12. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 24 May 2017 were approved as a correct record.

13. Items of Urgent Business

The Mayor informed the Council that he had not agreed to the consideration of any items of urgent business.

14. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

15. Announcements on behalf of the Mayor or the Leader of the Council

The Mayor invited all those present to reflect on and remember Thurrock's fallen of World War One.

The Mayor made the following announcements:

The Mayor congratulated the newly elected MPs, Jackie Doyle-Price and Stephen Metcalfe following the General Election on the 8 June 2017.

A service was held at St Peter and St Paul's Church to commemorate the first year anniversary of the murder of Jo Cox, MP.

That Stephen Cottrell, Church of England Bishop, visited the borough last week visiting residents and attending a service at St Peter and St Paul's Church.

The Mayor invited all Officers and Members to a Civic and Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 2 July 2017 at 4.00pm at St Peter and St Paul's Church. This would be the first Thanksgiving Service for a number of years.

The Mayor was pleased to announce that his first event as Mayor was to commend the numerous volunteers who give their time to help others in Thurrock.

It was the Mayor's intention to improve Thurrock's social media presence with a Facebook page dedicated to the Mayor of Thurrock being set up to promote #proudoftthurrock whenever Thurrock tweeted or posted updates on social media.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Gledhill, updated Members on the following:

Councillor Gledhill stated that his thoughts were with those who had lost their lives in the Grenfell Tower and he reassured Thurrock residents who lived in high rise blocks that they were safe. Thurrock Council had 15 high rise tower blocks, 981 flats in all the properties, located in Chadwell, Grays, Blackshots and Tilbury with all properties managed in-house by Council staff. The Council worked in partnership with Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and in accordance with their guidance; the 'stay put' policy would be the safest procedure in the event of a fire in high rise accommodation.

Councillor Gledhill confirmed that all 15 blocks had a central fire alarm system and there were smoke detectors on each floor linked to fire doors and that the system was tested every day by Housing staff. There were heat detectors and sprinkler systems located in bin rooms with each flat having heat detectors in the kitchen and smoke detectors in the main hallway.

Councillor Gledhill confirmed that 12 of the 15 high rises had an insulated cladding system which had been installed over ten years ago. The materials used were not the same as the materials used at Grenfell Tower and the Council do not have any materials in the cladding which had been identified as possibly unsafe. The materials have the highest possible rating for fire resistance (Type O).

Work continued with the Fire Service to review all the fire risk assessments and those samples of cladding would be sent for testing for additional reassurance.

Councillor Gledhill stated that the Housing Team have been in close contact with tenants to let them know what steps were being taken. Councillor Gledhill also attended a public meeting that morning with the Fire Service to reassure tenants.

Parking Enforcements will continue to be issued where vehicles are blocking service bays and emergency exits.

There were 1490 Fixed Penalty Notices for littering issued since the beginning of December 2016 with 21 successful prosecutions after failure to pay. A four year cost neutral contract to expand the powers of environment enforcement from the 1 July 2016 will mean that there will no longer be discounts for early payment on Fixed Penalty Notices, the minimum age a Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued will drop to 16 and there will be an increase in the value of tickets.

That 2013 potholes had been filled since April this year and work continued to make improvements through the government's National Productivity Investment Fund with £481,000 being awarded to Thurrock to resurface roads across the borough.

A Waste Vehicle Procurement process was underway to spend £5.2 million upgrading the Council's fleet for the first time in 8 years. With over 40,000 bins collected each day. Councillor Gledhill thanked the team who went above and beyond last week in the extremely hot weather.

Many Members joined together on Monday to raise the Armed Forces Day Flag and the armed forces should be honoured every day as they serve our great nation and help keep us all safe. Councillor Gledhill had tasked Officers to organise a larger event next year and make it something that the Council would be proud of.

That all 34 Care Home provisions in Thurrock had been rated as good or better by the Care Quality Commission. Looking after nearly 740 local residents to which had been inspected by the Health Watchdog and graded on whether they were safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led. Councillor Gledhill thanked Councillor S Little and her team.

The Leader encouraged Members and residents to apply for the Community Environmental Development Fund that was launched this week, with more than £300,000 being made available to help local groups fund projects in their area. The closing date for application would be the 20 August.

16. Questions from Members of the Public

A copy of the transcript of questions and answers can be viewed under the relevant meeting date at <http://democracy.thurrock.gov.uk/thurrock> and are attached at Appendix A to these minutes.

17. Petitions from Members of the Public and Councillors

The Mayor informed Members that in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme, the requisite notice had been given by two members who wished to present a petition at the meeting.

Councillor Piccolo presented a petition with regards to the Kings Street Car Park in Stanford Le Hope.

Councillor Allen presented a petition with regards to the Council charges in relation to the clearing of the alleyway between Salisbury Road and Kent Road.

18. Petitions Update Report

Members received a report on the status of those petitions handed into Council Meetings and Council Officers over the past six months.

Councillor Potheary requested a written update from the Portfolio Holder on Petition 489. "Conservative's proposed £15 per week charge for all sheltered housing tenants in Thurrock".

19. Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels

The Mayor enquired whether Group Leaders wished for any changes to be made to the appointments previously made to Committees and outside bodies, statutory and other panels.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Gledhill, informed the Chamber that he wished to make the following change:

For Councillor Watkins to be appointed as member of the Corporate Parenting Committee to replace Councillor S Little.

Councillor Snell, Leader of the UKIP Group, informed the Council Chamber he had no further changes to make.

Councillor Gerrish, Leader of the Labour Group, informed the Chamber that he wished to make the following change:

For Councillor Potheary to be appointed as substitute member of the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Councillor Watkins be appointed as member of the Corporate Parenting Committee.**
- 2. That Councillor Potheary be appointed as substitute member of the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

20. Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report 2016-17

The Mayor referred Members to the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report for 2016-17 as published in the Agenda.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17 be noted.

21. Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing

Councillor Gledhill, Portfolio Holder for Housing, presented his Portfolio Holder report and updated Members on the following items:

- That the Rents Team had worked effectively with 650 tenants to help them sustain their tenancies through budgeting support and brokering repayment agreements to reduce arrears.
- That the number of tenants evicted for rent arrears this year now stood at 60.
- A reported customer satisfaction with Mears Limited showed a year-on-year improvement of 15%, from 78% in March 2016 to 93% in January 2017.

Councillor Gledhill referred Members to those performance measures which had not met expectations but explained some were out of the Council's control.

Councillor Gledhill praised the Housing Team for the hard work undertaken.

Councillor Spillman asked the Council to agree to build more homes by borrowing from the Housing Revenue Account. Councillor Gledhill stated that preliminary questions had already been asked on the need to “borrow to build”, with the need to build new homes urgently in the borough.

Councillor Gerrish thanked Councillor Gledhill for the report and asked what improvements would be made on anti-social behaviour. Councillor Gledhill stated that the Thurrock Safety Partnership was in place and working with the police was a priority. That a better way of notifying the Council of incidents would be reviewed alongside how the Police and the Council react to such incidents.

Councillor Collins asked what work had been undertaken on other properties other than the tower blocks following the fire at Grenfell Tower. Councillor Gledhill stated that safety work had been carried out on medium and high rise blocks and contact would be made with all managing agents reiterating their obligations to keep hall ways and emergency exits clear. Councillor Gledhill stated that residents had the right to live safely.

Councillor Pothecary stated that homelessness had rocketed and asked what the plans were going forward. Councillor Gledhill stated that there had been little investment as there had been no social housing in the last 10 years. There was also a need to attract more landlords into Thurrock and to look at alternative methods of building new homes.

Councillor Piccolo asked about those residents living in Council properties with more bedrooms that they needed. Councillor Gledhill stated that a match-up exercise would commence following the completion of the Housing Stock Review.

Councillor Redsell asked whether a review to make garages look better in the borough was near conclusion. Councillor Gledhill stated that a programme would be run but not at great cost to the Council.

Councillor Maney asked with 8000 people on the housing waiting list what would be the cost to build enough houses to home them all. Councillor Gledhill worked out that it would take £2.2 billion and would take approximately 20 years.

Councillor Watkins asked whether there were plans to regenerate Council estates. Councillor Gledhill stated there was money to regenerate, with areas highlighted but that plans would be put on hold until there was sufficient money to move forward.

Councillor Kelly asked whether Council developments were good value for money. Councillor Gledhill stated that they represented good value for money for those residents living in them but the Council needed to build future properties more cost effectively.

22. Report of the Cabinet Member for Education and Health

Councillor Halden, Portfolio Holder for Education and Health, presented his Portfolio Holder report and updated Members on the following items:

- Progress in leadership working with schools and attracting investments into Thurrock.
- Three free schools bids won, two secondary schools and a special needs school in addition to the £10 million that will be invested through the Council's capital over the next three years. That £70 million had been invested into school places.
- A General Practitioners standards plan was in place with staff actioning this plan working with general practitioners and driving forward surgery by surgery plans showing them how rates can be improved to save the health care millions of pounds.
- Children's Centres were reformed to save millions of pounds by getting rid of expensive buildings and fragmented contracts.
- The 1-2-1 sessions offered to children will be increased from 240 up to 480.
- The Portfolio Holder's fourth objective must now be delivery.
- Cabinet will receive a report in July 2017 to begin the process of constructing the first Integrated Medical Centres.
- Doors to the free school in Purfleet will open to students in September 2017.

Councillor Halden stated that next year will present similar challenges and opportunities.

Councillor Halden thanked all Officers and staff for their hard work.

Councillor Snell thanked the Portfolio Holder for his very positive report but questioned whether cuts were being made in education to fund Clean It Cut It Fill It. Councillor Halden stated that moving services out of expensive buildings generated funds to go into initiatives such as Clean It Cut It Fill It.

Councillor Snell asked the Portfolio that following the Queens speech how did Thurrock stand with having a grammar school in the borough. Councillor Halden stated that there was a clear demand for grammar school education and that a pilot area had been identified. Thurrock would not back down and would have a grammar school in the borough.

Councillor Okunade asked whether an impact assessment had been carried out when considering the closure of the children centres with regards to funding and future provision. Councillor Halden stated that this should have been a question for Overview and Scrutiny to answer last year and confirmed that a full consultation had been carried out.

Councillor Gerrish questioned whether the Portfolio Holder supported the amalgamation of Accident and Emergency Units across Essex. Councillor

Halden stated that the Sustainable Transformations Plan was not to amalgamate units but to establish centres of excellence. The Annual Health Report identified that there were unnecessary Accident and Emergency admissions and these had to be addressed.

Councillor Sheridan thanked the Portfolio Holder for the report and was pleased to hear his passion and pride on building new schools in the borough but had concerns on the letters parents were receiving regarding funding reforms and proposed cuts. Councillor Halden stated that the net effect would be a net increase to Thurrock of £1.5 million. The funding formula was based on a block based formula and a calculation rebalancing bid was currently being undertaken. The cuts that schools were referencing parents to were pension cuts which would be an entirely different issue and should be addressed separately.

23. Questions from Members

A copy of the transcript of questions and answers can be found at Appendix A to these minutes.

At 8.38pm Councillor Gerrish requested that standing orders be suspended to provide time to hear and debate the remaining Member Questions. Members voted in favour of this.

24. Reports from Members representing the Council on Outside Bodies

Councillor Ojetola provided an update on the work of the Standard Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) and stated how vital it was to have this in Thurrock with a good cross party structure. Councillor Ojetola drew Member's attention to the one committee vacancy.

25. Minutes of Committees

The Minutes of Committee as set out in the Agenda were received.

26. Update on motions resolved at Council during the previous year

Members received an information report updating the progress in respect of Motions received at Council over the last year.

Councillor Jones requested a written update from Portfolio Holder on his motion agreed on the 28 September 2016. "We call on Thurrock Council to write to the Secretary of State to express many residents' views that in its present state the police service contact number 101 is not fit for purpose".

27. Motion submitted by Councillor Gerrish

At 8.57pm, the Mayor moved a motion to suspend Council Procedure Rule 11.1 to allow the meeting to continue beyond the 2.5 hour time limit until 10.00pm. Members indicated their agreement to the proposal.

The Motion, as printed in the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Gerrish and seconded by Councillor Kerin. The Motion read as follows:

Council calls on the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee to conduct a full review of fly tipping in private alleys, in order to:

- *Understand the scale of the issue across the borough.*
- *Review the impact on residents of the council's policy on fly tipping in private alleys.*
- *Evaluate potential policy responses, including understanding the cost to the council of taking action and exploring new, more innovative solutions.*
- *Make recommendations on the best approach to improving the situation.*

Councillor Gerrish stated that a change was required on how fly tipping was dealt with in the borough and appreciated that there was not an easy solution. That the Cleaner Greener Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee should lead on this initiative to recommend a clear unified approach.

Councillor Jones stated that this item would appear on the Cleaner Greener Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme and looked forward to its discussion and debate.

Councillor Tolson stated that fly tipping was a national problem and the practice needed to be changed as it was unfair to ask residents to pay more council tax for this. The Council would also not be responsible of removing fly tipping from private land and that the Bulk Waste Service was available with details on the Thurrock website.

Councillor Maney stated that the Cleaner Greener Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee should not just look at fly tipping in alleyways but also private parking areas that seem to attract a lot of fly tipping. That the Council should also look at the Bulk Waste Service collection charges which he thought were expensive when compared to similar collections made by Basildon and Southend Councils.

Councillor Piccolo stated that the item should have been added to the Cleaner Green Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme last year rather than it coming as a Motion.

Councillor Cherry suggested that some fly tipping was carried by tenants or landlords in short term rental properties where house contents were often left in the street. The Council should enforce the law on private landlords when taking properties back from rentals that all rubbish was disposed of in the correct manner.

Councillor Gledhill agreed that it was not just alleyways being affected and that it was unfair on everybody to have to pay. It should be those responsible

that should pay. Councillor Gledhill stated that care and consistency would need to be given when helping residents or large land owners with the proper level of costs for clearing away fly tipping.

Councillor Gledhill offered assistance to the Cleaner Greener Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee to supply contact details of registered landlords in the borough.

Councillor Watkins thanked the Environment Team for their hard work and stated that he was surprised with Councillor Gerrish's statement that Clean It Cut It Fill It was not working and suggested that the item should have been placed on the Cleaner Green Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme when he was Chair to this committee last year.

Councillor Redsell suggested that a regular "Pick Up" service could be offered that was similar to a service offered by Basildon Council. The Council needed to look at the bigger picture and how items should be disposed of correctly.

Councillor S Little encouraged residents to ensure that the person removing any bulk waste held a Waste Transfer Licence.

Councillor Kerin stated that the borough needed consistency with cross party involvement to discourage fly tipping anywhere in the borough and believed that this could be done through the Cleaner Greener Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to ensure that residents understood the rules and procedures.

Councillor Gerrish summed up by thanking Members for their support and their contributions.

The Mayor called a vote on the Motion.

Following a clear majority in favour, the Mayor declared the Motion carried

28. Motion submitted by Councillor V Holloway

The Motion, as printed in the Agenda was proposed by Councillor V Holloway and seconded by Councillor Gerrish. The Motion read as follows:

Thurrock Council stands opposed to the closure of Orsett Hospital because of the valuable services delivered to Thurrock residents and urges that Council resist attempts to move any resources or capacity from Orsett Hospital out of Thurrock.

Councillor Holloway introduced the Motion and in doing so stated that the National Health Service was failing too many people and the back drop to this was that Orsett Hospital was to be closed. That the Integrated Medical Centres were welcomed but plans were still at an early stage and whether they would offer a like-for-like service and had concerns that the centres would not be in place before Orsett Hospital closed.

A proposed amendment to the Motion had been submitted by Councillor Halden and seconded by Councillor Hebb. The amended Motion read as follows:

Thurrock Council would oppose any closure of Orsett Hospital until new and modern facilities are put in place first to ensure that clinical services are maintained and improved in Thurrock and urges that Council resist attempts to move clinical resources or capacity from Orsett Hospital out of Thurrock.

Councillor Halden introduced his amendment and stated that the National Health Service needed to be funded properly and the amended motion addressed this local provision. Councillor Halden stated that Orsett Hospital was owned by Basildon Hospital and that consultations to co locate acute and primary care services were being undertaken by the Clinical Commissioning Group.

The outcomes would be that no changes would be made until these Centres were up and running in modern purpose built buildings with some services being migrated into General Practitioners surgeries. The Consultation would concentrate on how services would be delivered to residents and how these services will remain in the borough.

Councillor Halden stated that he and Tom Abel, Managing Director, from Basildon Hospital will be attending the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 3 July. At the request of the Chair, Councillor Snell, they would be more than happy to comment further.

Councillor Snell thanked the Portfolio Holder for his report and welcomed him and Tom Abel to the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 3 July.

Councillor Snell stated he supported the amended motion and that the Portfolio Holder was right that plans had to change to move the services forward. The proposed first centre was scheduled to open soon but residents would still need to be convinced that services would not be lost and should see these before Orsett Hospital was closed.

Councillor Gledhill supported the amended motion and agreed that residents would need convincing first and how these services would be accessible as and when required.

Councillor Gledhill stated that times had changed and that changes were due to how the National Health Service was run. Councillor Gledhill agreed that a hospital in Thurrock would help move the borough into the 21st century.

Councillor Maney felt the original motion was presumptive and stated it would be common sense for Councillor V Holloway to withdraw her motion and support the amendment.

Councillor Hebb stated the overview and scrutiny would be the appropriate mechanism to interview and challenge the leadership and governance group of Basildon University Trust Hospital and the Clinical Commissioning Group as this would be articulated in the correct way where the committee could be critical but constructive at the same time. Councillor Hebb referenced that residents would not worry where they go for the right clinical treatment and attention especially if these services were in their local domains.

Councillor Halden requested that the amended Motion went to the vote.

Councillor Gerrish thanked Councillor Halden for his amended motion but stood opposed to the closure of Orsett Hospital and the loss of services that this would create. Not sufficient information was available or debate had occurred and that Councillor Gerrish was not satisfied that all services would be available. This required clarification and should be scrutinised more by the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor V Holloway summed up by questioning whether Councillor Halden would actually get the centres up and running before Orsett Hospital closed and that decisions were being made on the financial elements instead of the residents. Councillor V Holloway also stated that Health Centres should be built alongside hospitals not instead of.

The Mayor called a vote on the amended Motion.

Upon being put to the vote, 32 Members voted in favour of the Amendment with 12 Members abstaining whereupon the Mayor declared the Amendment carried.

The Mayor called a vote on the Motion as amended.

Following a clear majority in favour, the Mayor declared the Amended Motion carried.

29. Motion submitted by Councillor Spillman

The Motion, as printed in the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Spillman and seconded by Councillor Duffin. The Motion read as follows:

Thurrock Council can place families in temporary accommodation outside the borough. In cases of families with children, who are subsequently found to be intentionally homeless, the Council would not then have a statutory duty under the Children's Act to process a social care assessment for such children.

That statutory duty would instead reside with the Council in which they have been placed. This is the case no matter how long the families may have previously lived within the borough.

This Chamber calls on Thurrock Council Children Services to accept a non-statutory duty to such children whose family have been placed in temporary accommodation outside the borough.

Councillor Spillman stated that Thurrock's children formed part of the Thurrock family and should not be abandoned and that it should be the statutory duty of Thurrock to process assessments for those children that had been placed outside the borough.

Councillor S Little stated that she would have been happy to have discussed this Motion or any individual cases with Councillor Spillman beforehand. Councillor S Little would not be supporting the Motion from a Children's Services point of view as this was not a statutory duty of Thurrock if a child was not placed in the borough. Councillor S Little explained that if a Thurrock child was to be placed outside the borough it would be that authority that would take the responsibility for that child.

Councillor Halden stated as Portfolio Holder for Education he had sympathy with Councillor Spillman's motion that schooling was paramount and that every child should go to school. Councillor Halden would not be supporting the Motion as the Children's Act was in place and that local authorities should not cut across each other. Councillor Halden would be happy to discuss any individual cases with Councillor Spillman outside of the meeting.

Councillor Okunade stated as Chair to the Corporate Parenting and the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committees that it was paramount that no child should suffer and that Members should be assured that authorities have the right processes in place. Based on this Councillor Okunade would be unable to support the Motion.

Councillor Gledhill stated that it was the statutory duty of every local authority to look after the children in their locality so as to avoid any duplication of effort. Councillor Gledhill also stated that the processes for Thurrock residents who became intentionally homeless had to be addressed.

Councillor Cherry stated that as Corporate Parents, Members must have a continued interest in Thurrock children placed outside the borough in the hope that a child may one day return to the borough. Likewise their extended family would most likely remain in Thurrock. Members needed an active interest that all other authorities were doing the right thing for the child.

Councillor Duffin stated that this should not be about finance but about the best care and support Thurrock children get in or outside the borough.

Councillor Spillman summed up by stating that this was an opportunity to protect the children of Thurrock and not abandon them in their time of need.

The Mayor called a vote on the Motion.

Upon being put to the vote, 15 Members voted in favour of the Motion with 25 Members against, whereupon the Mayor declared the Amendment lost.

The Mayor declared the Motion Lost.

The meeting finished at 9.57 pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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Democratic Services at Direct.Democracy@thurrock.gov.uk**

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There are 2 questions from members of the public.

1. From Mr Perrin to Councillor Gledhill

Councillor Gledhill, as Leader of the Council, are you and your administration fully committed to facilitating and encouraging questions from members of the public at meetings of Council Committees and meetings of Full Council?

2. From Mrs Callender to Councillor Gledhill

Does the Leader of the Council believe that sheltered housing in Thurrock is good value for money?

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Petition No.	Description	Presented (date)	Portfolio Holder	Status Full copies of the responses may be obtained from Democratic Services
487	Objection to double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) Access Road 36-72 Lodge Lane, Grays	21 February 2017	Cllr B Little	Following receipt of all the comments and objections regarding the implementation of the double yellow lines in Lodge Lane a Delegated Decision Report will be submitted to the Portfolio holder to consider all the reasons for implementing the scheme including comments from those who have submitted the service request and all the objections to the scheme.
488	Serious concerns about the level of caretaking services on the Grays South Estate	22 February 2017	Cllr Gledhill	<p>Although some adjustments have been made by housing management to individual task allocations on the estate, this has not resulted in a reduction in service.</p> <p>In summary, three caretakers in Grays were identified as having smaller rounds than some of their colleagues elsewhere, and were allocated some additional duties elsewhere (less than two floors a day each). Staff `downtime` has been reduced, but we are confident the level of service at Seabrooke Rise has been maintained. Cover arrangements are in place for staff absences and the Team Leader carries out a daily overall check in every block. No complaints from tenants have been received since the changes were made on January 16th</p> <p>Caretaking duties on the Echoes have been</p>

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				<p>assigned to other staff in the service, and there is no impact on tenants in Seabrooke Rise.</p> <p>If tenants have particular concerns these can be raised with Estate Services staff on-site or with the Tenancy Services team who will look at any perceived problems with the service.</p>
489	Conservative's proposed £15 per week charge for all sheltered housing tenants in Thurrock	22 February 2017	Cllr Gledhill	The Council has just completed an extensive consultation exercise on the proposal to extend service charges. The results of the consultation and a final decision will be taken at the June Cabinet.
490	Object to the tory-led Thurrock Council's proposal to introduce and extend service charges of up to £405 a year for all Council tenants. We call on the Tories' to abandon these unfair and unaffordable charges.	30 March 2017	Cllr Gledhill	The consultation on the proposed changes has now been completed and a final report on the way forward for both general housing and sheltered housing charges will be going to the June Cabinet.
491	Concerned citizens urge our leaders to act now to push for the removal of these Double Yellow Line Road markings on specific parts of the Phase 1 build at Persimmon Homes site Village@Aveley and for engagement in dialogue between the residents and the relevant authorities in a fair and detailed consultation.	30 March 2017	Cllr B Little	The yellow line road markings have been reviewed, and residents are being consulted on the proposed changes.
492	Road(s) known as Kersbrooke Way, Elmstead Close and Fernside Close located in Thurrock, Essex, do hereby petition Thurrock Council, and make known our objection and constant dissatisfaction to the current use and constant	13 April 2017	Cllr S MacPherson	The enforcement case on this site was closed on 25 April 2017 with no further action required. The garages are privately owned and went up for auction on the 24 May 2017. The tenants were required to vacate the

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	noise of the garages off Kersbrooke Way, which are currently being used for purposes outside of the planning agreement and existing deeds. We call on Thurrock Council and the owners of the garages to ask for something to be done.			garages on the 7 May 2017.
493	Changes that will calm the traffic on Flint Street, Grays, RM20 3HA	28 June 2017	Cllr B Little	We will undertake a speed and volume count on this road, half way down the road to determine whether there is a speeding issue, or whether this is a perceived speeding issue. With regards to Parking only for residents, the site would not meet the criteria for resident parking permits; but this would be considered and provided in our response concerning traffic management.
494	To the clearing of the alleyway between Salisbury Road and Kent Road	28 June 2017	Cllr Tolson	Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee will considered a report on this matter at their meeting to be held on the 13 July 2017.

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Council	
Lower Thames Crossing	
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Key
Report of: Councillor Robert Gledhill, Leader of the Council	
Accountable Assistant Director: Ann Osola, Assistant Director – Transportation and Highways	
Accountable Director: Steve Cox, Corporate Director – Environment and Place	
This report is Public	

Executive Summary

This report updates Council on events following the Secretary of State’s announcement on 12 April 2017 of a preferred route for a Lower Thames Crossing. It seeks agreement to the Council’s position and an approach going forward to the point where an application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for development consent under the National Strategic Infrastructure Planning (NSIP) process.

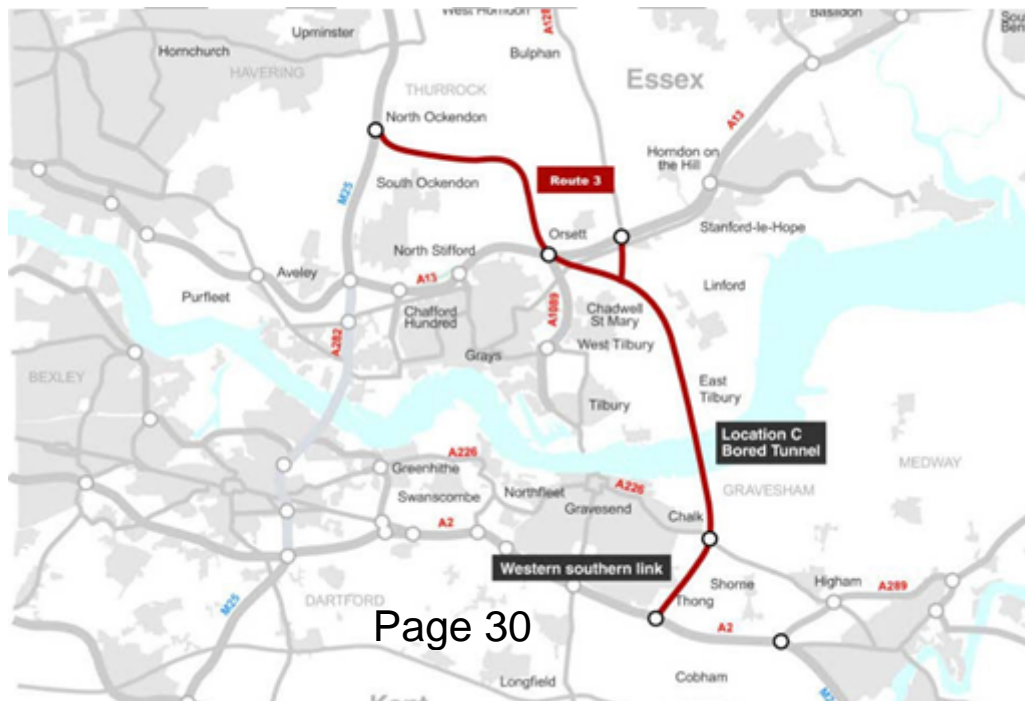
1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That Thurrock Council maintains its opposition to any new river crossing and associated new road in Thurrock and that any engagement by the Council with Highways England does not constitute acceptance of the overall scheme.
- 1.2 That the Council utilises Highways England’s scheme development process in order to continue its opposition to the scheme, fulfil its statutory responsibilities as a planning and highway authority, as a consultee and as a landowner, and to protect the interests of residents in Thurrock.
- 1.3 That the Council ask Highways England to jointly establish with the Council a process for independent air quality testing and to provide the Council with access to all data used to reach decisions.
- 1.4 That the Council request financial support from Highways England or Government in order to meet its responsibilities and to represent the interests of Thurrock’s residents.

- 1.5 That Highways England be informed that the Council requires at least 1 weeks advanced notice and details of any information, events or correspondence relating to the Lower Thames Crossing in Thurrock.
- 1.6 That General Services Committee be invited to establish a cross party Lower Thames Crossing Task Force and to agree its Terms of Reference at the next General Services Committee meeting.
- 1.7 That the three Group Leaders write to the Secretary of State for Transport setting out the Council's position following full Council and that Highways England be invited to meet with the three Group Leaders as soon as possible.

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 Between 26 January and 24 March 2016, Highways England consulted on a number of route options for a Lower Thames Crossing. The unanimous view of all Members of Thurrock Council, as stated at the Council meeting of 23 March 2016, was that it opposed any further river crossings in Thurrock, and urged government to reconsider options further to the east. The view reaffirmed the position established by the Council on 28 November 2012 and subsequently confirmed on 25 November 2015 and again at full Council on 27 January 2016. However, in the council's formal consultation response to Lower Thames Crossing the council stated clearly that "should Government insist on progressing a LTC option after the consultation that Thurrock Council should have a seat around the table to help protect residents and businesses from the least-worst option"
- 2.2 The route option consultation on Lower Thames Crossing attracted over 47,000 responses which was the highest level of engagement on any highways scheme in the UK.
- 2.3 On the 12 April 2017, the Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling, announced the preferred route for a Lower Thames Crossing. The planned route will run from the M25 near North Ockendon, cross the A13 at Orsett before crossing under the Thames east of Tilbury and Gravesend. A new link road will then take traffic to the A2 near Shorne, close to where the route becomes the M2.



- 2.4 Government also announced that £10 million will be used to improve traffic flow at and around the existing crossing as well as studying ways to further tackle congestion. This will include a wide-ranging investigation into options to cut 'rat-running' through Dartford and Thurrock.
- 2.5 Immediately following the announcement, the Highways England Complex Projects Team wrote to Thurrock Council as Local Planning Authority to provide formal notification of the Development Boundary (often called the 'red line boundary' – see Appendix 1) which is the envelope of land that needs to be safeguarded for the construction of the scheme. Thurrock is required to notify Highways England if it receives planning applications for development on land within this boundary.
- 2.6 Highways England also wrote to all owners of land and property within the red line boundary (including the Council as land owner), informing them of the implications of the decision, and of their rights relating to filing blight notices against Highways England. Land owners had previously been written to in relation to ecology surveys, with Highways England seeking permission for ecologists to have access to land to record information relating to migrating birds and other wildlife.
- 2.7 Thurrock Council has worked with stakeholder engagement specialists contracted to the Lower Thames Crossing Project Team to establish contact points and protocols, and to understand the next stages of the work. To date, community engagement specialists have met with Council officers to map local stakeholder groups and possible venues for public meetings. Officers have advised Highways England that no events should take place in Thurrock before this Council meeting.
- 2.8 Subject to decisions taken by Council, future engagement with Highways England will be necessary where the Council has a statutory responsibility for example as highways and planning authority, as a consultee and as a landowner. Matters to be addressed through this engagement will be those raised repeatedly by the Council on behalf of residents including air quality, the impact on local roads and wider environmental impacts. The Council will also need to consider the links between the proposed scheme and the widening of the A13 and the local plan. In order to have full confidence that Thurrock residents interests will be taken into account the Council has asked to be included in the commissioning of key studies, such as the environmental impact assessment, including any work relating to air quality.
- 2.9 Plans for a proposed future Lower Thames Crossing will be taken through the Development Consent Order (DCO) process for Nationally Strategic Infrastructure Projects (NSIP). This process sets out in detail the steps that scheme promoters need to go through to demonstrate that they have engaged effectively with relevant stakeholders, and considered the wider environmental and economic impacts of their proposals. Further information on this process can be found at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>
- 2.10 Highways England's timeline for taking forward the scheme is as follows:
- Summer / Autumn 2017**
- Sharing details of the DCO process
 - Environmental Scoping Opinion – request for formal feedback from the Council as statutory consultee
 - Consultation on environmental surveys and assessment
 - Developing 'strategic vision and goals'

October 2017

- Non-statutory public engagement on the emergent scheme

- 2.11 Work on transport modelling and route alignment and junction design will be undertaken throughout Autumn and Winter 2017 in order to develop a proposed design for the first round of statutory consultation in Spring 2018.
- 2.12 The feedback from this consultation will feed in to design finalisation and DCO Application preparation. Documentation will be finalised on Environmental Impact Assessment, Land Referencing and Planning Statements. The expected date for submission of a DCO Application is mid-2019.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1 Officers have been very clear in communicating the Council's position opposing a Lower Thames Crossing through Thurrock. It is proposed that the Council retains this clear position on behalf of residents. Highways England is continuing to progress technical work leading up to stakeholder engagement in the Autumn and statutory consultation in 2018. Given this is the case it is further proposed that the Council engage with Highways England in order to continue its opposition to the scheme, fulfil its statutory responsibilities and to protect the interests of Thurrock's residents. Council may wish to instruct officers to prepare a report which sets out the Council's initial position on these matters and those referred to in paragraph 2.8. This report would be considered by General Services Committee.
- 3.2 In preparing the Council for the challenges ahead, officers have spoken with other local authorities with experience of having major infrastructure projects delivered within their area. A notable example is the recent experience of Cambridgeshire County Council in relation to the A14 by-pass. Positive benefits arising from the delivery of this scheme include an improved working relationship with Highways England, as a vehicle for dealing with other operational matters; the establishment of a legacy fund for the benefit of local communities and significant skill development opportunities including the establishment of significant number of apprenticeships. It was also very apparent that the ability to influence the design to secure benefits and mitigate impacts, diminish over time as plans become more certain.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 The benefits of a future Lower Thames Crossing will largely fall to those using the road and passing through the borough. The prospect of this road link being constructed will result in major disruption over a protracted period for many of Thurrock's residents, and bring more traffic into the borough with all its associated risks to the environment, air quality and the operation of the local road network. For these reasons, the council continues to urge Highways England to reconsider the possibility of constructing a crossing further east. Council is therefore asked to reaffirm its ongoing opposition to any road crossing of the Thames through Thurrock and urge Government to reconsider the current preferred route option.
- 4.2 This project has an unavoidable impact on Thurrock both in its planning and in its delivery. There is a need for the Council to engage with Highways England to fulfil its statutory responsibilities and to protect the interests of residents in Thurrock, particularly in relation to environmental matters. There will be considerable resource implications of ensuring that the Council is able to fulfill its statutory obligations in relation to the scheme and the borough's interests are adequately represented as this scheme is progressed. These are costs that are not a result of a Council policy or a project that has the Council's support. Council is therefore recommended to instruct officers to seek financial support from Highways England or Government to meet the costs to the Council associated with the

development of the scheme.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 Discussions have taken place or are due to take place with each of the three political groups or group leaders. The recommendation to this report suggest mechanisms for continuing the cross Council involvement and maintaining cross party consensus.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 Lower Thames Crossing will have a significant impact on the emergent Local Plan as well as associated policies and documents.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Sean Clark**
Director of Finance and IT

The full financial implications of the Lower Thames Crossing being progressed are likely to be significant and cannot be fully quantified at this stage, however, it is appropriate that the council seeks to recover all revenue expenditure associated with data collection analysis and review of documents related to the scheme from Highways England as part of the legitimate costs of the scheme being taken forward.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **David Lawson**
Deputy Head of Legal/Monitoring Officer

This scheme will be progressed for planning consent following the process for nationally significant infrastructure projects. Specialist legal resource will be required to ensure that the council's interests are adequately represented in the course of this process.

General Services Committee (GSC) can establish a sub-committee to look at a certain issue. Any recommendations made by that sub-committee would have to be considered and agreed by GSC as the parent committee before being discharged appropriately through the governance structure of the council. The membership and remit of the sub-committee would have to be agreed at GSC. A change to the Constitution would be required for the sub-committee itself to have powers.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Natalie Warren**
Equalities and Diversity Manager

Any future Lower Thames Crossing will potentially impact on many, if not all, of Thurrock's residents and communities, including those with protected characteristics. Significant further work will be required to ensure that these implications are fully understood and, as far as possible, full mitigated.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

N/A

- 8. Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

Thurrock Council Paper 23 March 2016, Lower Thames Crossing – Council Consultation Response.

- 9. Appendices to the report**

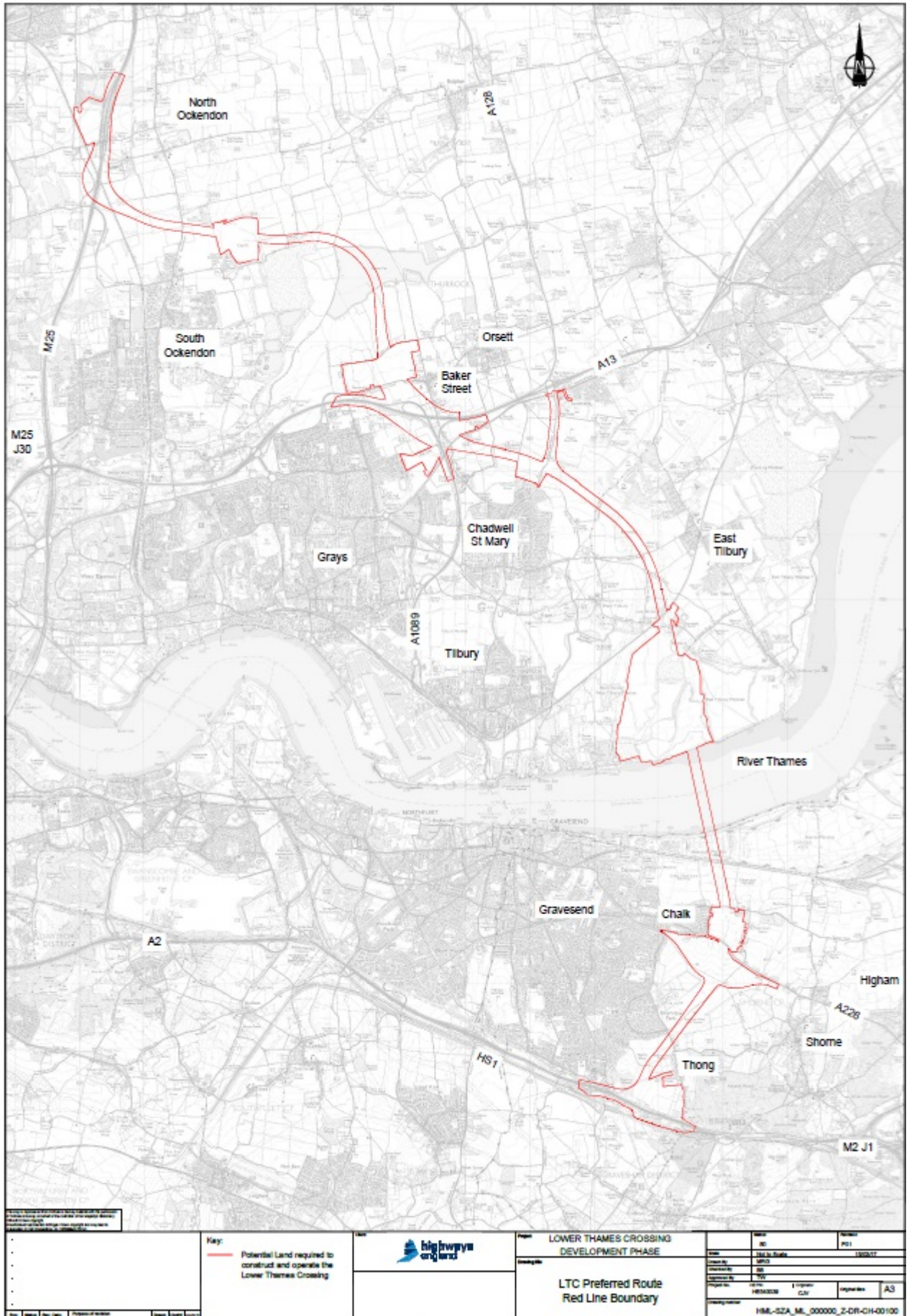
Appendix 1 – Red Line Boundary Map

Report Author:

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Appendix 1 - Red Line Boundary Map



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QUESTION TIME

Questions from Members to the Leader, Cabinet Members, Chairs of Committees or Members appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee in accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 14) of the Council's Constitution.

There are 2 questions to the Leader and 5 questions to Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs and Member appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee.

1. From Councillor Collins to Councillor Gledhill

What steps have been taken to target-harden Thurrock's vulnerable green spaces from illegal encampments and fly tipping please?

2. From Councillor Gerrish to Councillor Gledhill

Does the Leader support the principles in the Thurrock Council Charter for older people?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO CABINET MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON A JOINT COMMITTEE

1. From Councillor Potheary to Councillor B Little

Could the Portfolio Holder provide an update for members and residents on the planned changes to traffic flow in Grays Town Centre and changing the one way section of Orsett Road into two way traffic flow?

2. From Councillor Liddiard to Councillor Halden

Can the Portfolio Holder give reasons why the Purfleet Health hub is gaining priority whilst Tilbury was seen as having the worst health issues?

3. From Councillor Potheary to Councillor Watkins

In recent weeks, I have been contacted by a number of residents of private flats in Grays Riverside who have experienced an extremely poor communal recycling collection since Easter. As the former Portfolio Holder highlighted at last Full Council, boosting recycling rates is very important. The residents have been working hard to recycle and are now concerned that flats may no longer receive this service. Can the new Portfolio Holder for Environment please put their minds at rest and confirm that communal recycling collections have not been abandoned?

4. From Councillor Collins to Councillor Watkins

Can the new Portfolio Holder tell me what the his programme is for the next 12 months of the Cut It, Clean It, Fill It campaign in Thurrock.

5. From Councillor Gerrish to Councillor Watkins

Will the new Cabinet Member for Environment outline his priorities for the Portfolio?

Item 14 - Update on Motions agreed by the Council – 26 July 2017

Date	From	Motion	Status	Accountable Director
28/09/2016	Cllr Aker	Thurrock Council calls on the government to make unauthorised traveller pitches and unauthorised events a criminal offence	Officers are consulting with Legal on the wording of a letter to government calling for a specific offence of pulling caravans on to land without the owner's prior permission.	Steve Cox
28/09/2016	Cllr Jones	We call on Thurrock Council to write to the Secretary of State to express many residents' views that in its present state the police service contact number 101 is not fit for purpose.	A letter has been sent to the Secretary of State advising of the motion of Thurrock Council and inviting a response. No response has been received yet.	Gavin Dennett
28/09/2016	Cllr Duffin	That Thurrock Council support the inclusion in the annual Council Tax mail out of details of changes to Council funding by government in the last 5 years and an indication of planned changes in the next 3 years, including in graph format. This would be an effective way to let residents of Thurrock understand the financial pressures the Council has faced over this period and those due to be addressed.	This is complete.	Sean Clark
28/09/2016	Cllr J Kent	Thurrock Council is extremely concerned that much of Grays Beach Park was not open for residents to enjoy for so much of the summer. Council requests that the Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or / and the relevant director) investigate these issues including inviting evidence from Anglian Water, relevant council officers and members before reporting back to the Full Council as soon as reasonably practical about the reasons and responsibilities for so much of Grays Beach Park not being open to residents over the summer period.	Cleaner, Greener, Safer, Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this at its meeting of 11 October 2016 and set out the terms for an investigation. The outcome of the investigation was considered by Cleaner, Greener, Safer, Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6 December 2016. Following a letter from officers, a reassurance has been received from Anglian Water that the maintenance program they have implemented is ongoing and similar problems should not reoccur.	Steve Cox
26/10/2016	Cllr Collins	This Council condemns in the strongest possible terms, the horrific practice of Female Genital Mutilation and will support all health, welfare, civil and criminal	Thurrock Council and its partners continue to robustly tackle Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and provide support for its victims. There are clear pathways in	Rory Patterson/ Andrew

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		enforcements to eradicate it from our Thurrock and the rest of the World.	<p>place across health agencies, Children's Services and the Community Safety Partnership to identify and support those suspected to be at risk. The Council are working in partnership with the Barnardo's, National FGM Centre for Excellence to provide training, support and interventions to assist communities in eradicating FGM. Staff from the National FGM Centre is part of the Thurrock Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). In partnership with the Police, Thurrock Council will continue to pursue prosecutions for perpetrators of this abuse; supporting national and international efforts to eliminate FGM.</p> <p>Update: Councillor S Little was pleased to announce that she had managed to agree a commitment from Barnardo's to continue funding the specialist Female Genital Mutilation worker in MASH for a further three months. During this time the national Female Genital Mutilation centre would prepare and submit a substantial business plan for funding to cover a further 18 months additional funding. The post had proved invaluable in identifying those children at risk and ensuring that they were protected from this brutal act and would continue to hold these services to account and ensure they remain vigilant.</p>	Carter
30/11/2016	Cllr Duffin	This Council supports the need to reduce and eliminate fuel poverty for Thurrock residents who struggle to heat their homes. Council requests that Cabinet investigate what options, including creating a fuel poverty grant that may exist for the Council to support the community by working with residents and providers.	Officers are considering the various opportunities and approaches and will bring a report to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the first instance.	Sean Clark
25/1/2017	Cllr Watkins	That Thurrock Council supports the government's position on introducing an oath to British Values, and will look into the options for creating a local	Consultation with Governance Group arranged for June 2017 and proposed report to General Service Committee, pursuant to the Committee' remit to examine potential changes to the Constitution in order	David Lawson

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		one for Thurrock.	to advise Full Council as to any legal or other implications.	
22/02/17	Cllr J Kent	The Thameside Theatre is held in great affection by residents across Thurrock. Therefore the sudden announcement that the theatre is likely to close by April 2019 is causing real concern in many quarters. Council is of the collective view that the Thameside Theatre should remain open until a new civic theatre for Thurrock, situated in Grays, has opened.	Work is ongoing to review what is currently provided at the theatre and what can be done to improve its future financial viability. In parallel, work is continuing to look at options for new theatre provision in Grays in the context of work on the wider Grays masterplan. The commitment remains to theatre provision continuing in Grays to support an evening economy. The theatre will not be closed until there is a replacement.	Steve Cox
22/02/17	Cllr Snell	In order to demonstrate transparency on its policies, implementation of its policies and overall performance and further to Gloriana Limited willingness to co-operate with such scrutiny from Members, Thurrock Council believes that Gloriana Limited should: provide an Annual Report to the Council; provide regular quarterly updates to our General Services Committee, voluntarily submit to the full democratic scrutiny of Full Council and General Services Committee on the thoroughness of its Business Plan and funding requirements. This is not to seek to inappropriately discuss the specific merits of any material planning considerations or predetermine the quasi-judicial decision properly within the remit of our Planning Committee on the current part heard planning application.	The motion agreed by Council has been raised and discussed with Gloriana Thurrock Ltd (GTL). GTL welcomes the continued scrutiny of its activities, business planning and funding requirements by Council, including producing an annual report and quarterly reports to its shareholders forming part of the General Services Committee. GTL is working with the Council to formalise how this will be implemented at the next Gloriana Board meeting and ahead of a report to the next general meeting of GTL Shareholders planned for May 2017. GTL welcomes the reassurance provided in the motion with regard to Members of the Council which also form part of the Planning Committee.	Steve Cox
29/03/2017	Cllr Hebb	Thurrock Council resolves to thank HM The Queen, for her selflessness and grace as monarch of the United Kingdom for 65 years, and it thanks her for her years of dedicated public service and advocacy of our great nation. In the spirit in which HM The Queen has herself taken with the Sapphire Jubilee, this council also seeks to recognise the memory of our former monarch George VI, for his unwavering patriotism during our nation's	A process of public consultations is being prepared in order to identify a suitable park to be renamed.	Steve Cox

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		darkest hours. This council therefore resolves to rename a suitable park within the borough to be identified after public consultation - to the George VI Memorial Park in honour of the former King and his years of service to our country.		
29/03/2017	Cllr B Rice	Council note consultation has begun on a £15 per week service charge on sheltered homes. This Council believes this is an unfair charge against some of our most vulnerable residents. Council calls on Cabinet to scrap this unfair proposal.	The consultation on the proposed changes has now been completed and a final report on the way forward for both general housing and sheltered housing charges will be going to the July Cabinet.	Roger Harris
28/06/2017	Cllr Gerrish	Council calls on the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee to conduct a full review of fly tipping in private alleys, in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the scale of the issue across the borough. - Review the impact on residents of the council's policy on fly tipping in private alleys. - Evaluate potential policy responses, including understanding the cost to the council of taking action and exploring new, more innovative solutions. - Make recommendations on the best approach to improving the situation. 	Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee will considered a report on this matter at their meeting to be held on the 13 July 2017.	Steve Cox
28/06/2017	Cllr Halden	Thurrock Council would oppose any closure of Orsett Hospital until new and modern facilities are put in place first to ensure that clinical services are maintained and improved in Thurrock and urges that Council resist attempts to move clinical resources or capacity from Orsett Hospital out of Thurrock.	The Council has been in discussion with Thurrock CCG and BTUH over a set of principles (Memorandum of Understanding) that will underpin any consultation over the future of services currently operating from Orsett Hospital. These will include the explicit statement that no clinical services will be removed until a local alternative service has been developed within	Roger Harris

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			Thurrock. Once the formal consultation exercise commences the report will need to go the HOSC for consideration.	
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Motions Submitted to Council

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

Motion 1

Submitted by Councillor C Kent

This Council urges the Essex Fire Authority and the P.C.C. to urgently review the crewing of special appliances such as the Aerial Ladder Platform by recruiting full time firefighters so these appliances are available whenever they are needed.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

The Motion relates to a matter which affects the Authority or the Authority's area and for which the Authority has a relevant function.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

There are no financial implications to Thurrock Council arising from this motion.

Is the above motion within the remit of Council to approve?

Yes

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