

## Item 17 - Update on Motions agreed by the Council – 23 July 2014

Date	From	Motion	Status	Accountable Director
24/07/13	Cllr W Curtis	This Council calls upon Essex and Suffolk Water Company to provide a Water Ring Main to service the Buckles Lane, South Ockendon area. This is to ensure the appropriate water pressure is available to the Fire Service in the event of another fire.	<p>The issues with the water supply are associated with the site itself as opposed to the public supply provided by Essex and Suffolk Water. This is due to the size of the site meaning that some areas on it are distant from the public main.</p> <p>In order to provide the best fire cover in these circumstances, Essex Fire have enhanced their prearranged attendance for this site to include a water tanker and a hose laying vehicle. Any enhancements to the water distribution system on site to improve fire fighting capabilities would be the responsibility of the site owner or occupier.</p> <p>A letter was written to the Commercial Director of Essex and Suffolk Water on 14 November, requesting a local meeting to discuss the problem and a technical response has been received. A meeting has been arranged for 16 January 2014 for the Council to understand precisely what that might mean to residents.</p>	Darren Henaghan
24/07/13	Cllr B Rice	Thurrock Council Welcomes the transfer of Public Health functions to this council and notes that, despite promises that funding would be at 2012/13 levels, the public health grant awarded for 2013/14 includes a funding cut of 12.7% - or £1.124m. The Council calls on the Department of Health to fully restore the level of Public Health Grant funding to £8.541m.	<p>We have produced a detailed analysis of how the funding of Public Health services was built up during the last financial year (2012/13) when run by the SW Essex PCT – to show that Thurrock has experienced a £ 1.1m shortfall.</p> <p>This has now been submitted to the Department of Health and we await their formal response.</p> <p>November Update: As of 11 November 2013, we are still awaiting a response.</p> <p>Letter received 16 December 2013, confirming that the</p>	Roger Harris

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24/07/13	Cllr P Smith	<p>Whilst welcoming the principles behind the Troubled Families Project, Thurrock Council feels that the project should have been fully funded.</p> <p>Councils are expected to fund 60% of this project whilst facing year on year cuts to their operating budgets and to fund this initiative will mean that another service provided to our residents will have to be cut to fund this Government plan.</p> <p>We ask that the Council writes to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles MP, and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Danny Alexander MP, to ask that this important project is fully funded by the Government.</p>	<p>The Chief Executive has written to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury requesting a response to the motion. The position of the council underlying this motion was also explained at a meeting with DCLG representatives when they visited the Troubled Families Programme in mid September.</p> <p>Response received from DCLG (Baroness Hanham CBE) dated 7/10/13.</p> <p>"The costs associated with troubled families are shared between central government, local authorities and other bodies on a payment by results basis. We estimate that troubled families cost the country £9 billion a year, £8 billion of which is spent reacting to the problems they have that they cause to local communities. This is why this Government has committed nearly £450 million in additional investment to help unlock some of these savings. As you know, local authorities and their partners are already spending a huge amount reacting to these families' problems and this programme is about reducing the need for some of this investment by achieving results and saving money. We do not agree that this programme, in the way it is funded, requires cuts to other services".</p>	Carmel Littleton

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23/10/13	Cllr Ojetola	<p>This Council requests that NHS England and Thurrock CCG consider the introduction of a further GP surgery in Chafford, to meet increasing demand, as part of the Primary Care Strategy work already in progress.</p>	<p>November Update: NHS England Essex Area Team is in the process of developing the Primary Care Strategy from Essex. Listening events have taken place and a draft Strategy is scheduled to be developed towards the end of the year. The Strategy will then be subject to consultation. The Primary Care Strategy will look at future models of primary care – including how demand can best be met across Thurrock.</p> <p>January update – we are expecting the first draft of the primary care strategy towards the end of January 2014. This will be taken through the Health and Wellbeing Board for debate to ensure that this motion and the wider concerns of the Council over Primary Care in Thurrock are fully addressed.</p> <p>March Update – The Health and Well-being Board in March discussed the first draft of the Primary Care Strategy. Formal consultation will start later in the year.</p> <p>July Update – Consultation events have taken place across Essex and a refined version of the Strategy is expected to be available in September 14.</p>	Roger Harris
27/11/13	Cllr B. Rice	<p>In May Newcastle City Council passed a declaration setting out their commitment to tackle the harm smoking causes their communities. This has become known as the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control and been endorsed by, among others, The Public Health Minister, Chief Medical Officer and Public Health England.</p> <p>This Council will sign up to the Declaration and commit to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce smoking prevalence and health inequalities</li> </ul>	<p>Thurrock Council is now listed as a signatory to the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control on the Smokefree Action website: (<a href="http://www.smokefreeaction.org.uk/declaration">http://www.smokefreeaction.org.uk/declaration</a>). A paper is being considered on this topic by the Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board on 9<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p>March Update – The Thurrock Tobacco control strategy will come back to the HWB Board in May.</p> <p>July Update – this was deferred from the May HWB Board meeting and will come back to the September meeting.</p>	Roger Harris

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop plans with partners and local communities</li> <li>• Participate in local and regional networks</li> <li>• Support Government action at national level</li> <li>• Protect tobacco control work from the commercial and vested interests of the tobacco industry</li> <li>• Monitor the progress of our plans</li> <li>• Join the Smokefree Action Coalition.</li> </ul>	Thurrock CCG have also agreed to sign up to the declaration.	
27/11/13	Cllr Anderson	That Thurrock Council will work pro-actively with local community groups to create a comprehensive list of Assets of Community Value in Thurrock, which would then be protected by the Community Right to Buy provisions of the Localism Act.	<p>Thurrock Council is a member of the ACE Partnership with libraries, Thurrock Adult College, engage and Thurrock CVS. The ACE Partnership organises free training for community groups and residents on issues relating to empowerment and voluntary action. The Partnership is negotiating training dates with Locality, a national organisation commissioned by the government to support the implementation of community rights. This will provide an opportunity to promote the Community Right to Bid and to encourage nominations to the Assets of Community Value.</p> <p>All forms for nominating Assets of Community Value are available on the Council website.</p> <p>Training by Locality will be included in the next ACE programme May – July 2014. Targeted promotion will highlight Thurrock's Community Right to Bid process and how to make a nomination. Staff in the Council and voluntary sector supporting community development will promote the training and take a pro active role in encouraging residents to understand the rights and use the processes in place.</p> <p>Locality delivered a workshop on Community Rights at the Civic Office June 2014. Over 50 people attended including councillors, officers and community members.</p>	Steve Cox

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27/11/13	Cllr Gledhill	<p>The Council request that a review be carried out of the implementation of the Veteran's Charter and publish the results before its second anniversary (March 2014), to ensure that the commitment we signed up to is working in Thurrock.</p>	<p>A review will be carried out and published within the requested time frame.</p> <p>March 2014 – 12 responses were received to inform the review. A report has been sent to those who responded and added to the Council website. A press release will communicate this to a wider audience.</p> <p>The review concluded that although the Veterans' Charter has supported some individual cases, more could be done to raise awareness and promote the Charter. This will be achieved through staff training and an event with service organisations to promote awareness about the Charter, and support Veterans use the charter effectively. The event will provide an opportunity to consider other possible actions that either the Council or partners could take to promote the Veterans Charter.</p> <p>In response to the review an event will be held 15 July to promote the Charter and Community Covenant. The event will incorporate a drop in for veterans and serving personnel and a workshop with partners to consider how we can work in partnership to join up support in the future. Also, talks will be held to support awareness raising of the issues faced by veterans returning to civilian life. This information will be developed into a training session for staff in future months.</p>	Steve Cox

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22/01/14	Cllr Hebb	<p>Thurrock Council seeks to address the following concerns of residents and businesses in Stanford-le-Hope following their recent experience of significant flooding underneath the railway line in Wharf Road, and formally requests that DP World and Network Rail engage in a process to manage the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General accessibility and emergency plans to be looked at to minimise the isolation of residents and businesses, with particular regard to emergency services, school and workplace commutes etc.</li> <li>2. Free and direct access be re-established to the pumping plant for Thurrock Council to complete any required works as quickly as possible.</li> </ol>	<p>This is a long standing issue that has proved difficult to progress as the result of the intransigence of other parties. Due to the extreme weather conditions experienced over recent weeks, all available resources have been allocated to deal with immediate flooding issues in other locations. We remain committed to resolve this difficulty and meetings are being arranged to discuss and negotiate a satisfactory solution.</p> <p>New controls fitted to the system since New Year have increased the reliability of the pumping station, with no further reported issues in recent weeks.</p>	David Bull
22/01/14	Cllr Halden	<p>Thurrock Council objects to any bid for a road/bridge connecting Canvey and East Thurrock, and pledges to use any appropriate resources to challenge this.</p>	<p>Castle Point Council recently consulted on the link road through their Local Plan consultation. This Council formally objected to this proposal. We also asked Thurrock residents to object to the proposal through the Castle Point website.</p> <p>This Council's formal response to the Local Plan consultation (including objection to the link road) was submitted before the end of the extended closing date of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014.</p>	David Bull
22/01/14	Cllr Gaywood	<p>In recognition of the wonderful support and much needed food provided by Thurrock Foodbank to our families and residents in need, particularly over the Christmas period, this Council resolves to write to the Thurrock Foodbank to thank and congratulate them.</p>	<p>Letters are being prepared to address the requests highlighted in the motion.</p> <p>An update is provided on Thurrock Foodbank below:</p> <p>The foodbank is Garron's Lane is now up and running and has been for a few months. They already have high</p>	Barbara Brownlee

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26/02/14	Cllr Hipsey	<p>Recently national publicity has demonstrated the Treetops school is among the very best schools in the country for children with special needs, (autism). Therefore, council resolves to congratulate the school on its continued fantastic work with our children and young people.</p>	<p>A letter has been sent to Treetops school to congratulate the staff for their fantastic work with Thurrock's children and young people.</p>	Carmel Littleton
26/03/14	Cllr Hipsey	<p>This elected chamber condemns the acts of indecent exposure where individuals are using the public highway to relieve themselves, which is starting become a regular occurrence seen along major trunk routes within Thurrock's boundary. Council also request the urgent assistance of Essex Police to attempt to clamp down on this ignorant disgusting behaviour.</p>	<p>This has been passed to Essex Police and we await a response.</p>	Lucy Magill

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26/03/14	Cllr Ojetola	<p>The Thurrock Business Awards on Friday 14 March was a unique occasion in Thurrock as numerous businesses were commended for their resilience for surviving the difficulties in the economy.</p> <p>This Council hereby delightfully congratulates all businesses on their achievements whether they won or were finalists.</p>	No update required.	Graham Farrant
26/03/14	Cllr Anderson	<p>This council would like to put on record its thanks to those Members who are standing down at the 2014 local elections for their service to Thurrock during their time in office.</p>	No update required.	Graham Farrant