

Update on Motions agreed by the Council

Date	From	Motion	Status	Director
31/10/2018	Cllr Gledhill	We call on the elected members of Thurrock Council to support any judicial review, or other legal action, that may be possible against Highways England proposals for the Lower Thames Crossing?	Evidence will continue to be gathered to support a potential future judicial review of Highways England's proposed Lower Thames Crossing. Should the opportunity arise to challenge the process on grounds eligible for judicial review it will be taken.	Andy Millard
27/2/2019	Cllr Duffin	Thurrock Council will write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling on the Government to reverse its policy of placing Authorities who do not increase Council Tax to the maximum level at a financial disadvantage by assuming such a notional increase have been made when calculating the amount of business rates they will be allowed to retain.	<p>Thurrock Council has responded to the Fair Funding Review being carried out by the Treasury and MHCLG making the unfairness of this approach clear, especially considering historic decisions.</p> <p>The Fair Funding Review is part of the wider resetting of Local Government Finance being conducted by Central Government which also includes the upcoming Comprehensive Spending Review and an updated system of Business Rate Retention. This overall reset of the system will consider the overall funding allocated to Local Government, the proposed allocation to individual authorities and the mechanism to access this funding. The Council continues to consult on all elements of the reset and will update members in due course.</p> <p>Members should note that the Fair Funding Review has now been pushed back a year for announcement towards the end of 2020.</p>	Sean Clark
19/6/2019	Cllr Potheary	Thurrock Council notes opposition to the proposed plans to redevelop the Civic	This project was discussed in detail at O&S Committee on 3rd September and at Cabinet on 11th September.	Andy Millard

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		<p>Offices. Thurrock Council calls on Cabinet to abandon this costly and unnecessary project.</p>	<p>The benefit of the proposed scheme was demonstrated by the fact that it is not possible to replicate the wider benefits by using the existing CO1 building, in particular the delivery of town centre housing, support for vulnerable residents requiring facilities that are sensitive to their needs (including secluded waiting areas), and increased community use of facilities.</p> <p>Moreover, O&S and Cabinet were presented with figures produced by the Council's consultants which showed that spending money to bring CO1 up to modern standards would be more expensive than building the proposed extension.</p> <p>Planning permission for the scheme was granted on 19th September which means work can soon start on the new Civic Centre which will kick-start the regeneration of Grays attracting investment of around £200m into the area much of which will come from private sector partners.</p>	
24/7/2019	Cllr Holloway	<p>That Council notes with extreme concern, the recent instruction from NHS England to NHS Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to set out a clear and agreed timeline by the end of September 2019 for a CCG merger to create a single CCG covering Mid and South Essex.</p>	<p>Following the motion, a letter was sent from all Members to Ann Radmore, Regional Director at NHS England (East of England) highlighting the motion and calling on NHSE to retain a fully constituted CCG at Thurrock level.</p> <p>Ann Radmore has responded to the letter stating that NHSE remains committed to retaining a focus on 'Thurrock as a place' but reiterating NHSE's to restructure local NHS Commissioning architecture to create a single Integrated Care System for Mid and South Essex by 2021 with a single Mid and South Essex Clinical Commissioning Group.</p>	Ian Wake

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	<p>Council finds the complete lack of consultation by NHS England with us as a key statutory partner and with local residents, prior to issuing an instruction of this magnitude, unacceptable and disrespectful. Council strongly opposes any move by NHS England to create a single CCG for Mid and South Essex which we believe will damage the strong partnership working and local relationships we have with our NHS partners, shift focus away from local health & care transformation at Thurrock level, and will make our local NHS less accountable to our residents. Council calls on NHS England to retain a fully constituted CCG at Thurrock level with a Thurrock CCG Accountable Officer and Executive. Council also resolves to write to our two local MPs to ask them to support our calls and work</p>	<p>Wayne Bartlett-Syree, Director of Strategic Transformation and Locality Director from NHS England (East of England) attended HOSC on 5 September 2019 to answer member questions on the CCG merger. Wayne Bartlett-Syree, reiterated NHS England's commitment to 'place based working' at Thurrock level and that this would be reflected in establishment structure of any new CCG structure, but confirmed that NHSE would implement proposals set out in the NHS Long Term Plan 2019 to create a single CCG for each STP geographical footprint (in our case at Mid and South Essex Level). The Thurrock Integrated Care Alliance approved an MOU developed by the Director of Public Health, between the Council and STP partners which sets out roles/ responsibilities and functions at STP (system), Place (Thurrock) and locality (sub Thurrock) geographical level. The MOU proposes creation of a Thurrock Integrated Care Partnership between all key stakeholders to focus on population health outcomes and integration between health, local authority and voluntary sector functions related to health, social care and wellbeing. The MOU aims to ensure a strong focus remains on partnership working at Thurrock level and that decision making remains local. The MOU is currently being shared with wider system partners across the STP. During his attendance at HOSC, Wayne Bartlett-Syree, Director of Strategic Transformation and Locality Director, NHSE declined to give a commitment to sign the MOU, suggesting that it was the responsibility of STP partners to determine the most appropriate partnership arrangements for Mid and South Essex.</p>	
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		with us to intervene to prevent this merger.		
18/9/2019	Cllr Jefferies	This Council notes with concern the alleged violation of planning regulations at Buckles Lane in South Ockendon, which includes unlawful development in the greenbelt. Members therefore call on the Council to bring forward a report detailing violations, what action has been taken to date and how the authority will address planning infringements at Buckles Lane, including via the use of further enforcement proceedings, whilst protecting the Showmen community.	Part of the site is long established and is allocated as a Show people site, however in recent years the site has been sub-divided and extended with further unauthorised development and non-Show people have found accommodation on the site without permission which has created cramped living conditions and incidences of public disorder. Recent attempts to introduce further mobile homes onto the eastern part of the site without permission have been prevented by the Council through injunctive action. Through the Council's review of the site, genuine Show people have been receptive and keen to engage with the Council to achieve a permanent permission for the site. The Council has adopted a multi-disciplinary approach to the case and is committed to working with land owners to bring forward planning applications to create a safe and well-designed residential environment for the Showmen Community in Thurrock. This approach is supported by the Showmen's Guild who we have been closely liaising with. The Council recognises its role as part of a wider collective to ensure all aspects of the case are addressed. A cross-service group of officers will consider the full range of issues affecting the site, the action which has been taken as well as future plans and will report back to Members.	Andy Millard