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Petition No.	Description	Presented by (and date)	Portfolio Holder	Status Full copies of the responses may be obtained from Democratic Services
449	We the undersigned, all tenants residing at the Attlee Court Sheltered Housing Complex, wish to make it clear our distress and upset regarding the withdrawal of the full time Warden Service.	04/02/2015	Cllr Worrall	<p>Petition just received after verification. Response will be written regarding the changes made to Sheltered Housing.</p> <p>A tenants meeting will be arranged regarding specific issues for Attlee Court to allay any concerns.</p>
450	We the undersigned, demand that the Library Service investigate imaginative library provision rather than the suggestions included in the 'Future of Library Service' survey and are against the proposal for closure of libraries including the mobile library	25/02/2015 Presented by a resident	Cllr J. Kent	<p>A full response is being prepared to send to the petitioner. Over 3000 responses were received by the council in response to the consultation about the future shape of the library service. All responses have been carefully considered and will inform the changes which will need to be made to the library service to ensure it has a vibrant future in the face of budget reductions to meet the savings required by local government. Additional uses for library buildings to generate income, shared use of facilities and the transformation of libraries into community hubs are all being planned. A late submission to the consultation regarding the mobile library is also being considered although current plans are to publicise the Homelink home delivery service to replace the mobile library, which has become in need of costly repair.</p>

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451	We the undersigned, residents of London Road call upon Thurrock Council to improve residents parking facilities. There are parking problems being caused by parking from the users of the Sure Start Centre and the Local Doctors Surgery	Presented by Cllr Baldwin at Council on 25/02/2015	Cllr Gerrish	This matter is being investigated.
452	We the undersigned, being residents of East Tilbury and/or users of East Tilbury Library, petition and request Thurrock Council to ensure that no cuts are made at East Tilbury Library to either staffing and/or current opening hours.	Presented by Cllr Palmer at Council on 25/02/2015	Cllr J. Kent	A full response to the petitioner is currently being prepared. The decision of the March 2015 Cabinet meeting was to support the recommendation that no library will close in 2014/15. Due to the level of savings to be achieved no guarantee can be given regarding reductions in staffing or hours, however the council is working to minimise any impact to residents.
453	We the undersigned, wish to protest strongly about the Council's decision to withdraw the 374 bus and want them to carry on running what is a lifeline to Basildon and Orsett Hospitals.	Presented by Cllr S. Little at Council on 25/02/2015	Cllr Gerrish	A revised 374 bus service will start on the 5 th May to link East Tilbury and Linford to Grays and Stanford-le-Hope. This is a commercial service with a revenue contribution from the Council. The 265 service will now go to Horndon-on-the-Hill.
454	This petition has been started by the people of East Tilbury and Linford to save the bus that serves the villages. This bus is essential to the residents, young and old for schools, college, hospital, shopping and access to chemists and dentists.	Submitted by Cllr Palmer on 25/02/2015	Cllr Gerrish	A revised 374 bus service will start on the 5 th May to link East Tilbury and Linford to Grays and Stanford-le-Hope. This is a commercial service with a revenue contribution from the Council. The 265 service will now go to Horndon-on-the-Hill.

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455	<p>Save Our Thurrock Libraries</p> <p>We, the undersigned, oppose the closure of any of our 9 Thurrock Libraries. We also oppose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any significant cuts to the library services in all 9 Thurrock Libraries. • The proposal of libraries being run solely by volunteers, as trained staff are essential to run our libraries on a day to day basis. • The withdrawal of the mobile library service, which serve the most vulnerable and isolated of our community. 	Presented by Cllr Speight at Council on 25/02/2015	Cllr J. Kent	A full response to the petitioner is currently being prepared. In 2014/15 none of the 9 libraries will close and the council is working to minimise cuts to library services. No library will be run solely by volunteers and the valuable contribution of trained staff is acknowledged. The mobile library service is due to be replaced by the Home Link service which will enable books and other items to be delivered to residents homes. The local Authority continues to be committed to ensuring a service is provided to our most vulnerable and isolated residents by expanding the Home Link service.
456	This is a Petition from the residents of Manor Road, Grays, RM17 6EF to state that we would like our road to be a resident parking only with Aid of Permits for all residents and also with Visitor Permits.	09/03/2015 Submitted online by a resident.	Cllr Gerrish	This matter is being investigated to assess feasibility.
457	Concern that the level of traffic at the “Cross Keys” junction needs to be regulated by the traffic lights in situ so as to avoid potentially dangerous situations arising in which vehicles attempting to turn right across the junction.	Presented by Cllr B. Rice at Council on 25/03/2015	Cllr Gerrish	<p>The Council is aware of the difficulties experienced at the cross keys signalised junction following requests by the Chadwell Forum for alterations to the signals operation.</p> <p>In 2014/15 the Council commissioned a report to investigate the junction with a view to making improvements. The results have been reviewed and a delegated decision report will be prepared for consideration by the Councillor with the Portfolio Holder for</p>

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				<p>Highways and Transport.</p> <p>Regarding parking issues, Linford Road has parking restrictions from the Cross Keys across the frontage of the Church but the remaining section of road to the East does not. Brentwood Road currently has HGV waiting restrictions (in excess of 7.5t). The parking section regularly carry out enforcement and issue Penalty Charge Notices in this area.</p> <p>The proposal to introduce a 7.5t weight restriction on Linford Road to 100 metres East of Cole Avenue is not feasible. Currently the HGV route to the industrial area off Linford Road is via the principal road network, i.e. the A13, A1089 Dock Road approach road, Marsh Foot Road, Chadwell Hill and Linford Road. The Council does not have plans to introduce a weight restriction in Linford Road because HGV's have a right of access to premises within these areas.</p>
458	We, the undersigned being residents of Horndon on the Hill and/or users of the 374 bus service, petition and request Thurrock Council to reconsider their decision to axe the 374 bus service via Orsett Hospital and Horndon on the Hill.	Presented by a resident at Council on 25/03/2015	Cllr Gerrish	<p>Local bus services are not something Councils have to support by law, although some, like Thurrock, choose to assist residents by subsidising services in areas where there is little or no privately-financed public transport.</p> <p>However, every area of Council spending is coming under increasing scrutiny and pressure to make reductions in spending and</p>

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			<p>the bus subsidy is no exception. We would have liked to have kept all three of our subsidised routes operating and we have been working very hard to find other funding streams to do that.</p> <p>The Council is funding service 11 and 265 and has now agreed a small payment for service 374. There will now be 8 return trips per day between Basildon and Grays via East Tilbury every 90 minutes. Saturday will also offer the same journeys with 4 return trips per day every 3 hours. The new 374 is a commercial service and unfortunately the operator did not include Horndon on the Hill in the route as he felt that the number of trips would not benefit this service remaining commercial.</p> <p>However, Trans Vol, the winning bidder of service 265 (Bulphan to Grays via Orsett Hospital) has offered to visit both Horndon on the Hill and Stanford Le Hope a limited service at no extra cost to the Council. Residents will now have a weekday service of 4 return trips per day and access at either Grays or Stanford Le Hope for ongoing services.</p>
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459	This Petition is the Thurrock Council to take action to make an indoor shopping centre in our local area South Ockendon. We want it to be built in the free space around the station area.	22/06/2015*	Cllr Speight	<p>South Ockendon is an area that the Council is focussing on through a number of initiatives such as the development of the Community Hub and delivery of high quality housing. We recognise that Derwent Parade has declined over the years and now has a number of units vacant, but this decline is symptomatic of a lack of demand for retail floorspace in the area which makes it unlikely that a private sector developer could be secured to deliver a new covered shopping centre in this location.</p> <p>The development of South Ockendon over the next 20 years is, like the rest of the Borough, being considered through the development of the Local Plan. It may be that, in putting the plan together, further retail demand is identified which might encourage the provision of more retail space but this would require significant growth in the local residential population and, even then, consideration would need to be given to increasing provision in Derwent Parade over providing a wholly new facility.</p>
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