

## Appendix

### 1. Thurrock Growth Programme - Six Growth Hubs

Thurrock's programme is founded upon securing significant growth within six growth hubs across the borough:

**London Gateway** - The Port will sit adjacent to Europe's largest logistics park and together they will create more than 12,000 direct, permanent jobs and more than 20,000 indirect jobs. Securing rapid and convenient public transport access through Grays and Stanford-le-Hope and delivering an Academy for Ports, Transport and Logistics are vital to ensuring that local people are able to access the opportunities created. Beyond this, the public sector must further support the scheme through addressing the capacity constraints on J30/31 of the M25 and the A13.

**Purfleet** - The Council has resolved to deliver the much needed town centre and other infrastructure which the growing community requires. The Council has secured outline planning consent and is well advanced in negotiations with development partners and developing a Compulsory Purchase case which will ultimately secure the delivery of up to 3,000 new homes and up to 2,000 new jobs across the 140 acre site. Combined with the internationally acclaimed RSPB reserve to the immediate west and the growing High House Production Park (home to the Royal Opera House's Production Workshop and the National Skills Academy for Creative and Cultural) to the immediate east, the Purfleet Centre development will fundamentally change the market perception of Purfleet and enable the Council to bring forward proposals for the regeneration of the Garrison Estate, reconnecting it to the River Thames to the immediate south.

**Lakeside** - The Lakeside basin is Europe's largest agglomeration of retail floor space. Despite its obvious strengths Lakeside also possesses a number of challenges including access and quality of the public realm. Working with landowners the Council has worked with the major landowners, operators and occupiers to develop ambitious proposals to expand and diversify the Lakeside basin to provide more retail floor space alongside greatly enhanced leisure, commercial and residential uses as part of a Regional Town Centre supporting 6-9,000 additional jobs and up to 3,000 new homes. The private sector have responded positively with planning consent already granted for a £143m retail expansion to Intu's (Lakeside) Shopping Centre and an application for a £100m leisure scheme recently submitted which, if implemented, would mark be a significant milestone in the delivery of the regional town centre vision. However, this investment is conditional on addressing the existing infrastructure challenges which includes national infrastructure in the form of the widening of the A13 and J30/30 of the M25.

**Grays** - Grays is the Borough's administrative centre housing the central library, Police Station, Council offices and many of the business support functions (banks, solicitors, estate agents etc). It is also a significant public transport hub with north/south bus services linking to east/west rail services. There are over 20,000 commuter journeys into London each day and by the end of 2013 it will be a key hub in moving workers to/from London Gateway. However, competition with Lakeside and historic underinvestment has contributed to the centre's decline. Recognising the impact of this decline, the Council has prioritised Grays as a key area for intervention and in July 2013 adopted a vision for Grays that will see it develop its role as a multifunctional town centre where people live, work, shop, meet and socialise meeting the needs of the significant residential and commuter population which it supports.

Delivery of this vision has been boosted by the Council's work with South Essex College which has secured the £48m relocation of the campus into the heart of the High Street. Due to open in September 2014, the College will enable 3000 post 16 student places to be realised. £1.4m from the LEP Growing Places Fund (matched by £600k of the Council's own money) will support refurbishment of Grays magistrates Court as a social enterprise initiative supporting creation of 200 new jobs. These critical developments together with the Council's aspiration to work in partnership with Network Rail to develop Grays rail station and deliver a £15m underpass scheme are the catalysts for Grays to strengthen its position as the boroughs main civic, cultural, education and skills hub. The Council has also prioritised Grays for the delivery of housing on Council owned land through its Wholly Owned Company and HRA Capital programme, and opened discussions with the owners of the State Cinema on a £15m scheme to bring the building back into use.

Future success is conditional on addressing the significant physical separation caused by the railway line, upgrading local road and public transport infrastructure, improving the public realm and reconnecting the town with the River Thames. If addressed, the measures will unlock Grays' full potential leading to the delivery of 4,500 new homes and more than 1,600 new jobs.

**Tilbury** - Already spanning more than 850 acres and hosting some 130 firms, the port is London's major gateway for bulk products handling cars, timber, grain, paper and containers. Recognising the strategic importance of Tilbury the Council has supported a series of expansions, the most recent of which gained planning consent in June 2011 and will see a 30Ha expansion to the north. Works have now started and, once complete, the site will support more than 1,100 new jobs. Despite the obvious economic strength of the Port, the neighbouring community of Tilbury (home to around 12,000 people) remains one of Thurrock's most deprived. The Council has recently embarked on a long term regeneration programme in Tilbury which seeks to increase employment levels, improve housing mix and quality and reconnect the town to natural assets including the river and surrounding green belt. The programme will ultimately deliver 1,000 new homes and 3,800 new jobs but will also address economic and health inequalities.

**Thames Enterprise Park** - Following the closure of the Petroplus refinery at Coryton in 2012, the Council has worked with the new owners of the site to develop exciting proposals for the creation of a 400acre Environmental Technologies and Energy Hub on the former refinery site alongside a new import/export and blending facility for oil products to serve the London and south east economies. Located on the riverfront, adjacent to London Gateway and 15 minutes from the M25 and London, 100 acres of the site is available immediately with the remainder coming forward as clearance and remediation operations are completed. The Council continues to work with the owners and HE institutions to secure an appropriate skills and R&D offer to bolster a unique opportunity within the UK.

## 2. Thurrock Deal Programmes and Projects

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>Thurrock Council or partner investment</b>	<b>Growth deal investment</b>	<b>Private Investment</b>	<b>Output</b>
<b>Creative Sector Innovation Hubs and Loan Fund</b>	<b>£2m</b>	<b>£8m</b>	<b>£3m</b>	<b>50 business units 200 jobs created 500 jobs safeguarded</b>
<b>Thames Enterprise Park – Environmental Technologies and Energy Hub</b>	<b>£2m</b>	<b>£10m</b>	<b>£16m</b>	<b>1,500 jobs created</b>
<b>Business support package</b>	<b>£6.75m</b>	<b>£5m</b>		<b>500 jobs created 1000 jobs safeguarded 250 businesses supported</b>
<b>Skills Academy for Transport and Logistics</b>	<b>£3m</b>	<b>£8m</b>		<b>50 jobs created 12,000 students trained</b>
<b>Higher/Further Education Sector Network in Thurrock</b>	<b>£1m</b>	<b>£7m</b>		<b>3,000 graduates</b>
<b>Targeted interventions to support routes into employment</b>	<b>£0.5m</b>	<b>£2.5m</b>	<b>£0.5m</b>	<b>300 people placed into employment</b>
<b>Museum of the Thames Gateway Estuary</b>	<b>£15m</b>	<b>£20m</b>	<b>£15m</b>	
<b>Thurrock Thames-side Towns Package:</b>				

