

Thurrock Council

Request to call-in an executive decision

Decision title	Thurrock Supported Bus Services
Date of decision	15 March 2023
Who took the decision – for example, Cabinet	Cabinet

<p>Reason for making the call-in – continue on a separate sheet, if necessary</p>	<p>The majority of people that actually use the 11, 265 and 374 bus service are the vulnerable residents and those on low income. These buses are a lifeline to these or indeed any residents who uses the service and who do not have access to private transport. These services save the resident time instead of travelling on multiple buses to get to locations across the borough as well as two hospitals.</p> <p>The bus routes weave together the villages so that no village or resident is isolated. I have had calls from many residents who feel they are now cut off from civilisation and feel angry that they are now stuck at home as they don't drive.</p> <p>The benchmarking supporting this paper was carried out in Covid and does not reflect the true patronage of the service.</p> <p>Through our new local plan, the Council are promoting green travel including housing development with less cars. How can we promote this, if we are cutting vital bus services.</p> <p>The consultation was not fully advertised. It was not in the media, twitter or facebook and only on posters. Although copies of the survey was in libraries and on the portal, what if you do not have access or know how to use IT or visit a library?.</p> <p>There was NO resident's consultation carried out at all in West Thurrock or Purfleet on Thames, as these places do not have libraries and no survey was put in the Purfleet Hub. In South Stifford and West Thurrock they do not have a Library or a Hub.</p> <p>Purfleet on Thames has now literally become a village, they have one shop and so rely on the bus along with the 44 to take them to Grays. The bus 32 services Watts Crescent, Purfleet and Aveley Usk Road. Many residents cannot afford the train.</p> <p>The comments from the Members of the PTR O&S have fell on deaf ears. O&S did not advocate for the full withdrawal of services, but we did ask for other alternative options. O&S asked officers to return to the Scrutiny on options on how we could provide and ensure that our residents would not be cut off from transport. We asked for them to look at some sort of hub and spoke model. This has not come forward to the O&S but instead immediately cut.</p> <p>Ensign buses have been taken over by First Bus and no one knows how this, if any, will affect any of the Ensign bus routes or timetables.</p>
<p>Date of call-in request</p>	<p>20.03.2023</p>

You can only make a request to call-in a decision if there is evidence that the decision taken was not in accordance with the principles of decision-making, as set out in the Constitution.

Which of the following principles do you believe the decision did not take into account?

Due regard for the individuals and communities served by Thurrock Council

Proportionality – this means the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome

Due consultation in line with the council's consultation strategy

Respect for human rights

A presumption in favour of openness

Clarity of aims and desired outcomes – the link between strategy and implementation

Consistency with the council's budget and policy framework

Additional Information to support the call-in –
continue on a separate sheet, if necessary

Alternative proposal

Alternative proposal – continue on a separate sheet, if necessary	Cabinet to find alternative savings across all council budgets Carry out a full resident's consultation especially in the villages along with South Stifford, West Thurrock and Purfleet on Thames who so far have not been consulted.
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Persons making this call-in

I am / we are:

An individual elected member for a ward particularly affected by the decision

The chair of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee

Any 2 members of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee

Any 3 non-executive members of the Council

Any 10 members of the public, working or studying within the Thurrock Council area

A voluntary group with interest in the Thurrock Council area

A local business situated in the Thurrock Council area –
not allowable where the decision relates to procurement of goods and services

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When the relevant overview and scrutiny committee considers your call-in, would you like to make a statement or representation at the meeting?

Yes

No

Supporters of the call-in

Details of each person indicated as 'persons making this call-in' on page 2 must be entered below.

Number	Name in block capitals, and signature	Address, in block capitals
1.	COUNCILLOR LEE WATSON <i>L Watson</i>	39 DANBURY CRESCENT, SOUTH OCKENDON, RM15 5BX
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- Democratic Services, Thurrock Council, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, RM17 6SL

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Monitoring Officer's decision on the call-in request:

Allowed in full

Allowed in part

Not allowed

Monitoring Officer's reasons for decision	
Monitoring Officer's comments on the alternative proposal	
Signature	
Date	