

Thurrock - An ambitious and collaborative community which is proud of its heritage and excited by its diverse opportunities and future

## Lower Thames Crossing Task Force

The meeting will be held at **6.00 pm** on **13 December 2021**

**Training Room, The Beehive Community Resource Centre, West Street, Grays, RM17 6XP**

### Membership:

Councillors Fraser Massey (Chair), John Kent (Vice-Chair), Gary Byrne, Adam Carter, Daniel Chukwu, Sara Muldowney, Terry Piccolo and Sue Sammons

### Agenda

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# DECLARING INTERESTS FLOWCHART – QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

Breaching those parts identified as a pecuniary interest is potentially a criminal offence

## Helpful Reminders for Members

- *Is your register of interests up to date?*
- *In particular have you declared to the Monitoring Officer all disclosable pecuniary interests?*
- *Have you checked the register to ensure that they have been recorded correctly?*

## When should you declare an interest *at a meeting*?

- **What matters are being discussed at the meeting?** (including Council, Cabinet, Committees, Subs, Joint Committees and Joint Subs); or
- If you are a Cabinet Member making decisions other than in Cabinet **what matter is before you for single member decision?**



Does the business to be transacted at the meeting

- relate to; or
- likely to affect

any of your registered interests and in particular any of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests?

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests shall include your interests or those of:

- your spouse or civil partner's
- a person you are living with as husband/ wife
- a person you are living with as if you were civil partners

where you are aware that this other person has the interest.

A detailed description of a disclosable pecuniary interest is included in the Members Code of Conduct at Chapter 7 of the Constitution. **Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer about disclosable pecuniary interests.**

**What is a Non-Pecuniary interest?** – this is an interest which is not pecuniary (as defined) but is nonetheless so significant that a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard to be so significant that it would materially impact upon your judgement of the public interest.

### **Pecuniary**

If the interest is not already in the register you must (unless the interest has been agreed by the Monitoring Officer to be sensitive) disclose the existence and nature of the interest to the meeting

If the Interest is not entered in the register and is not the subject of a pending notification you must within 28 days notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest for inclusion in the register

**Unless you have received dispensation upon previous application from the Monitoring Officer, you must:**

- **Not participate or participate further in any discussion of the matter at a meeting;**
- **Not participate in any vote or further vote taken at the meeting; and**
- **leave the room while the item is being considered/voted upon**

**If you are a Cabinet Member you may make arrangements for the matter to be dealt with by a third person but take no further steps**

### **Non- pecuniary**

Declare the nature and extent of your interest including enough detail to allow a member of the public to understand its nature



**You may participate and vote in the usual way but you should seek advice on Predetermination and Bias from the Monitoring Officer.**

## Our Vision and Priorities for Thurrock

An ambitious and collaborative community which is proud of its heritage and excited by its diverse opportunities and future.

1. **People** – a borough where people of all ages are proud to work and play, live and stay
  - High quality, consistent and accessible public services which are right first time
  - Build on our partnerships with statutory, community, voluntary and faith groups to work together to improve health and wellbeing
  - Communities are empowered to make choices and be safer and stronger together
  
2. **Place** – a heritage-rich borough which is ambitious for its future
  - Roads, houses and public spaces that connect people and places
  - Clean environments that everyone has reason to take pride in
  - Fewer public buildings with better services
  
3. **Prosperity** – a borough which enables everyone to achieve their aspirations
  - Attractive opportunities for businesses and investors to enhance the local economy
  - Vocational and academic education, skills and job opportunities for all
  - Commercial, entrepreneurial and connected public services

**Lower Thames Crossing Task Force  
Work Programme 2021/22**

Dates of Meetings: 14 June 2021, 12 July 2021, 16 August 2021, 20 September 2021, 18 October 2021, 15 November 2021, 13 December 2021, 17 January 2022, 14 February 2022, 14 March 2022, 11 April 2022

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Requested by Officer/Member</b>
<b>14 June 2021</b>		
Nomination of Chair	Democratic Services	Officers
Nomination of Vice-Chair	Democratic Services	Officers
Economic Mitigation List	Colin Black	Members
Work Programme	Democratic Services	Officers
<b>12 July 2021</b>		
HEQIA QA Review: Update Paper	Colin Black	Members
Highways England Attendance	Colin Black	Members
Work Programme	Democratic Services	Officers
<b>16 August 2021</b>		
Highways England Attendance	Colin Black	Members
Work Programme	Democratic Services	Officers
<b>20 September 2021</b>		
Thurrock Council Consultation Response	Colin Black	Members
Work Programme	Democratic Services	Officers

<b>18 October 2021 – this meeting was postponed until 15 November 2021</b>		
Skills and Employment Strategy	Colin Black	Members
Health Impact Assessment: Verbal Update	Colin Black	Members
Development Consent Order (DCO) Submission: Verbal Update	Colin Black	Officers
Work Programme	Democratic Services	Officers
<b>15 November 2021 – this meeting was adjourned and rescheduled for 13 December 2021</b>		
Transport Action Network Presentation	Colin Black	Members
Work Programme	Democratic Services	Officers
<b>13 December 2021</b>		
Hatch Report Update	Colin Black	Members
Work Programme	Democratic Services	Officers
<b>17 January 2022</b>		
National Highways Compensation Policy	Colin Black	Officers
Work Programme	Democratic Services	Officers
<b>14 February 2022</b>		
Economic Mitigation List	Colin Black	Members
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Clerk: Lucy Tricker  
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