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Council

To the Members of Thurrock Council

The next meeting of the Council will be held at **7.00 pm** on
21 September 2022

**Committee Room 1 and 2, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex,
RM17 6SL**

Membership of the Council:

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Susan Little (Deputy Mayor)

Qaisar Abbas
John Allen
Alex Anderson
Paul Arnold
Chris Baker
Gary Byrne
Adam Carter
Daniel Chukwu
Colin Churchman
Gary Collins
George Coxshall
Mark Coxshall
Jack Duffin
Tony Fish
Robert Gledhill
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Tom Kelly
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Georgette Polley
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Sue Shinnick
Jennifer Smith
Graham Snell
Luke Spillman
James Thandi
Lee Watson
Lynn Worrall



Lyn Carpenter
Chief Executive

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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.

PROCEDURE FOR MOTIONS

No speech may exceed 3 minutes without the consent of the Mayor [Rule 19.8], except for the proposer of any motion who shall have 5 minutes to move that motion (except on a motion to amend where the 3 minute time shall apply) [Rule 19.8(a)]			
All Motions will follow Section A and then either Section B or C			
A.	A1 Motion is moved A2 Mover speaks A3 Seconded A4 Secunder speaks or reserves right to speak	[Rule 19.2] [Rule 19.8(a) (5 minutes)] [Rule 19.2] [Rule 19.3] (3 minutes)	
Then the procedure will move to either B or C below:			
B.		C.	
IF there is an AMENDMENT (please see Rule 19.23)		If NOT amended i.e. original motion	
B1	The mover of the amendment shall speak (3 mins).	C1	Debate.
B2	The seconder of the amendment shall speak unless he or she has reserved their speech (3 mins).	C2	If the seconder of the motion has reserved their speeches, they shall then speak.
B3	THEN debate on the subject .	C3	The mover of the substantive motion shall have the final right of reply.
B4	If the seconder of the substantive motion and the amendment reserved their speeches, they shall then speak.	C4	Vote on motion.
B5	The mover of the amendment shall have a right of reply.		
B6	The mover of the substantive motion shall have the final right of reply.		
B7	Vote on amendment.		
B8	A vote shall be taken on the substantive motion, as amended if appropriate, without further debate.		

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

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WW2 in Memoriam

Remembering Thurrock's Fallen : Civilian Deaths due to enemy action and Roll of Honour

Today we share names on the Roll of Honour. These are people whose home address was shown as Thurrock who lost their lives during the Second World War whilst serving with the armed forces or merchant navy.

In recognition of the adversity and bravery experienced by ordinary people in Thurrock civilian deaths are also noted here in relevant months. 101 non-combatants were killed in Thurrock between 1939 and 1945 who will also be remembered.

A special thanks to Museum volunteer Pam Purkiss for compiling the Roll of Honour information. Civilians added by Valina Bowman-Burns from Thurrock Museum.

The names have been listed in date order.

August 1942

BRIMFIELD Dennis G
MILLER Robert G
WILDE John Robert

September 1942

ELLIS William E
FOSTER James W
SALMON Alex
COOK Douglas G
RIDGEWELL Harold
JUDD Albert V
GOLDING Robert A

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Mayoral Roll of Honour

The Roll of Honour has been introduced to recognise and celebrate charities, businesses, individuals, and community groups that have strived to make Thurrock a greater place to live, work, learn and play.

July 2022

Margaret Jones - Services to establishing the Mayoralty

Sue Gray - Services beyond elected office

Kevin Sadler - Services to Educational standards in Tilbury and Chadwell

Peter and Shirley Watson - Services to the beautification of Stanford

Neil Speight - Services to the RAFA club

Thurrock Scouting District - Services to Young people

Almedina Kahrیمانovic - Services to Bosnian and wider community

Jane Itangata- Services to Mental Health

Jim Gooding - Services to the RAF and Britain

Katie Davies - Services to charity fundraising for defibrillators

Graham Monk- Services to Scouting



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Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27 July 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors James Halden (Mayor), Susan Little (Deputy Mayor), Qaisar Abbas, John Allen, Alex Anderson, Paul Arnold, Adam Carter, Colin Churchman, Gary Collins, George Coxshall, Mark Coxshall, Jack Duffin, Robert Gledhill, Shane Hebb, Deborah Huelin, Andrew Jefferies, Tom Kelly, Ben Maney, Allen Mayes, Augustine Ononaji, Maureen Pearce, Terry Piccolo, Georgette Polley, Shane Ralph, Joycelyn Redsell, Elizabeth Rigby, Graham Snell and James Thandi

Apologies: Councillors Barry Johnson, Fraser Massey, Sue Sammons, Jennifer Smith, Luke Spillman and Lynn Worrall

In attendance: Lyn Carpenter, Chief Executive
Julie Rogers, Director of Public Realm,
Karen Wheeler, Director Strategy, Engagement and Growth
Matthew Boulter, Interim Monitoring Officer
Jenny Shade, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting was being recorded, with the recording to be made available on the Council's website.

32. Minutes

Councillor Pearce stated that the petition presented under item 7 should have read Love Lane, Aveley, South Ockendon.

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 29 June 2022 following the amendment above were approved as a correct record.

33. Items of Urgent Business

There were no urgent items of business.

34. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

35. Announcements on behalf of the Mayor or the Leader of the Council

Councillor Halden made tribute to former member of Belhus, Councillor Graham Hamilton who had sadly passed.

The Mayoral Roll of Honour in its first month had seen nominations from communities, charities and business groups and had been thrilled that Thurrock's hidden community treasurers were now being honoured and those

names would be published in the September agenda, following the acceptance of their awards at an afternoon tea event arranged by the Mayor.

The Mayor recognised the work of the Cabinet Member of Communities, Councillor Abbas, who had ensured the mayoralty had been present for events with Hindu, Muslim, Bosnian, Pakistani and Nepalese communities.

The Mayor made members aware that Tilbury, Grays, West Thurrock, South Ockendon and East Tilbury were areas still seeing very low Covid vaccine rates and where the vaccination bus could visit.

The Mayor stated he had undertaken 58 engagements over the last 63 days.

The Leader made his tribute to former Councillor Hamilton in that he was an interesting man who had an active role in the community. He would be missed and a great loss to us all.

Councillor Snell also acknowledged former Councillor Hamilton as a lovely, friendly and trusting guy who was a kind individual and keen to get involved in the work of the council.

Councillor Allen echoed the comments made this evening and hoped that he was now resting in perfect peace.

Councillor Gledhill, Leader of the Council, made the following announcements:

Councillor Gledhill reiterated his thanks to the many council officers who had undertaken difficult and physical jobs in the extreme heat last week and thanked residents for their understanding that during this period the council had a duty of care to those officers which had meant it was not safe for some officers to carry on as normal. With some waste collections being missed the team continued to put in a tremendous effort and had carried out a great deal of extra work to catch up.

Councillor Gledhill stated as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour Week, he had joined members of the Housing Anti-Social Behaviour Team and Environmental Enforcement Officers as they patrolled known hot-spots and had a chance to see the teams in action and speak with residents about the ways in which they welcomed, appreciated the patrols and the work that was being undertaken in Thurrock. Councillor Gledhill thanked the work being undertaken by Essex Police and how the work being undertaken by Thurrock Police and Council had shown determination that working together could prevent dangerous and anti-social car meets that were blocking roads and creating misery for residents.

Councillor Gledhill stated that over the coming weeks, hundreds of potholes and other road surface defects would be fixed as the Velocity Jet-Patching programme returned to the borough for the second time in less than 12 months.

Councillor Gledhill was pleased to announce that with the start of school holidays there were a lot of summer activities going on in the borough for children and families.

The Leader stated the World Health organisation had declared Monkey Pox to be a global health emergency with the same status as Coronavirus and Polio. The first symptoms would be fever, headaches, muscle aches, chills and exhaustion or swollen glands, then followed by a rash which formed into blisters and advised anyone who had recently come into contact with or had any of these symptoms to call NHS 111.

Councillor Gledhill provided an update on Clean It, Cut It, Fill It that since April 2022:

- Filled 749 potholes, more than 99% in agreed timeframes.
- Cleared 582 fly-tips.
- Removed over 630 tonnes of waste from our streets, parks and other public places.
- Issued 879 fixed penalty notices for offences including littering, spitting and dropping cigarette ends.

36. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

37. Petitions from Members of the Public and Councillors

No notices of petition had been received.

38. Petitions Update Report

Members received a report on the status of those petitions handed in at Council meetings and Council offices.

39. Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies, Statutory and Other Panels

The Mayor enquired whether there were any changes to be made to the appointments previously made by Committees and Outside Bodies, statutory and other panels.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Gledhill, stated he had the following changes to make:

- Remove Councillor Carter from the Standards and Audit Committee.
- Add Councillor Mayes to the Standards and Audit Committee.

- Remove Councillor Halden from the Planning Committee.
- Add Councillor Carter to the Planning Committee.
- Remove Councillor Duffin from the Essex Pension Fund Advisory Board Outside Body.

Councillor Allen stated he had no changes to make.

40. Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy - deferred item from June Council

The report presented by Councillor Collins required under the Licensing Act 2003 for a licensing authority to review their Statement of Licensing Policy at least once every five years. The reviewed policy had been produced and consulted on, the consultation response had been considered by the Licensing Committee with the final versions agreed and ready for adoption.

Councillor M Coxshall referred to Appendix A of the report, A Profile of Thurrock, which was just one document that demonstrated that Thurrock was open for business, open and transparent and wanted to move forward.

Councillor Gledhill agreed this was a vital report, that as Thurrock evolved and moved forward it had recognised that Thurrock had a small night-time economy and would like to see this grow as part of the regeneration programme.

With 28 votes for and 0 votes against the recommendation was carried.

RESOLVED

That the Committee adopt the reviewed Statement of Licensing Policy as attached at Appendix A, with immediate effect.

41. Gambling Act Statement of Principles - deferred item from June Council

The report presented by Councillor Collins required under The Gambling Act 2005 for all local authorities to produce a Statement of Principles, to apply when exercising their functions under the Act. The Act also required that this statement was kept under review and must be reviewed at least every three years. A reviewed statement had been produced and consulted on, the consultation response had been considered by the Licensing Committee with the final versions agreed and ready for adoption.

With 28 votes for and 0 votes against the recommendation was carried.

RESOLVED

That the Committee adopt the reviewed Gambling Act Statement of Principles as attached at Appendix A, with immediate effect.

42. Assistant Director Appointment

The report sought the approval from Council to appoint the permanent Assistant Director Regeneration and Place Delivery. Following a robust search and selection process, General Services Committee interviewed on 11 July 2022 and agreed to recommend the appointment of Kevin Munnelly as Assistant Director Regeneration and Place Delivery. The Leader thanked the stakeholder panel for their participation.

Councillor Coxshall stated he had worked with Kevin Munnelly for some time now in Tilbury and he had been an excellent choice who had a good understanding of Thurrock and a good history of delivery.

With 28 votes for and 0 votes against the recommendation was carried.

RESOLVED

Approved the appointment of Kevin Munnelly as Assistant Director Regeneration and Place Delivery.

43. Questions from Members

The Mayor informed the Chamber that two questions to the Leader had been received and eight questions to Cabinet Members.

Question 2 to the Leader and Questions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 to Cabinet Members fell.

A copy of the transcript of questions and answers can be found at Appendix A to these minutes.

44. Reports from Members representing the Council on Outside Bodies

Councillor Polley provided Members with an update report on the Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust Council of Governors outside body. That she had attended two meetings in July, one at the Basildon Training Facility with the Trust Chairman and Governors, the other one she had met with the Council of Governors where she had received a warm welcome with the hope of developing good relationships in representing Thurrock at these meetings.

45. Minutes of Committees

The Minutes of Committees as set out in the agenda were received.

46. Update on motions resolved at Council during the previous year

Members received an information report updating the progress in respect of Motions received at Council.

Councillor Gledhill provided an update to Councillor J Kent question from June Council in that the letter was now ready to be sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding the cost-of-living crisis.

47. Motion submitted by Councillor J Kent

Motion 1 fell due to non-attendance of Councillor J Kent.

At 7.56pm, Councillor Gledhill called Point of Order as to whether the motion could be moved in the absence of the proposer to which he was informed that only formally the proposer would be entitled to speak in introducing the motion.

At 7.58pm, Councillor Gledhill called Point of Order as to whether the motion could be amended to which he was informed any amendments to the motion had to be received by the monitoring officer before noon of the date of the meeting.

48. Motion submitted by Councillor Liddiard

Motion 2 fell due to non-attendance of Councillor Liddiard.

The meeting finished at 7.58pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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Appendix A to the Council Minutes – 27 July 2022

Item 6 – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No public questions had been received.

Item 13 – QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

1. From Councillor Mayes to Councillor Gledhill

Councillor Mayes

Thank you, Mr Mayor. Could the Leader of the Council outline what the Council and other agencies are doing to tackle the scourge of illegally used and ridden motorbikes, mopeds, quadbikes and electric scooters in Tilbury?

Mayor

Leader of the Council, would you please respond to Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Gledhill

Thank you, Councillor Mayes for this question, and thank you for taking the time out to meet me and others to witness this problem first hand. Clearly from my visit on Sunday, this issue really does fall within a couple of categories. Firstly, it's those who are clearly misusing the road by undertaking races, performing wheelies, and general making of noise. Some of them would normally be good, normal, responsible riders. The others are using machines in parks, green spaces, across pavements, pedestrian areas, and others causing a huge problem and indeed a danger to themselves and others. Both these are a danger to residents alike as said and both of them need to be tackled in different ways. Just putting it in perspective, there were nine reports of nuisance vehicles in Calcutta Road, Leicester Road, Civic Square, Dock Road and Feenan Highway in June alone. Also, I've witnessed this first hand over previous months, including riding without a helmet, riding across crowded footways, across parks, when I've either been out with enforcement officers, out with myself, out on my own, or indeed other reasons for being in Tilbury. So, for the past few months Council officers and I have been liaising with the community policing team regarding the issue of these nuisance machines, specifically in Tilbury. Separate meetings have taken place with the issue elsewhere across the borough. A community safety inspector has put together Operation Savage along with the roads policing unit. As Members will appreciate, it's not an option for local police to chase the riders in certain circumstances. I will not say what these certain circumstances are, but I can assure you there will be specialist resources on hand in order to address this at the time. As part of this Essex Police have been working with our CCTV team already and have been able to provide images which are now with officers for identification. I have made clear that we have the ability to publish those images on our website to help the identification of those putting

themselves and others at risk, and we will not shy away from using that facility. The police also attended the recent publicised incident in Tilbury, the rider was identified and are now pursuing a case for careless driving. I would really urge anyone in Tilbury, or anywhere else in the borough who's affected by these irresponsible riders, to report it to the police on 101 or online as soon as they possibly can. Descriptions of the bikes, what the riders are wearing etc. is always helpful, names are even better. Whilst the police may not be able to take action on that specific incident when called in, it may well lead to action in the near future or a cumulative effect where they can take action against multiple offences. I would again remind anyone that the police have really stepped up their game this year, they've issued 40 section 39 notices, and they've seized 4 motorbikes, which is twice the amount of paperwork issued from the whole of last year in these six months, and more motorcycles than last month have been seized. They will continue this, but please bear with us, not only in Tilbury but across the borough. Thank you.

Mayor

Thank you, Leader. Councillor Mayes would you like to pose a supplementary question to the Leader of the Council.

Councillor Mayes

Thank you, Mr Mayor. Thank you for your detailed response, Leader. Just how far are we along with the PSPO that was agreed in this Chamber? It would seem that this would massively help empower the police and make it easier for them to take action.

Mayor

Councillor Gledhill would you please respond to the supplementary question from Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Gledhill

Thank you, Mr Mayor and thank you Councillor Mayes for your question. I recently met with police officers and council officers and our legal team in relation to the Public Space Protection Order. They've come up with some different wordings for, not so much different scenarios, but more different types of evidence put forward. Public Space Protection Orders work on evidence base and evidence of wrongdoing, but not just evidence of wrongdoing that could be dealt with by another criminal law, but something that is a cumulative effect. For instance, we have the Public Space Protection Order in Grays, which I'll probably come onto next, but that's got four points and that's street drinking, public urination, swearing in a public place, and so on, so it's has to be that criteria because those will identify problems. It's the same, so the more residents report in to the police and to the Council, the more we can do to get the right wordings. It was an absolutely fantastic motion and it's been a long time coming. I know Councillor Redsell and I, and a few of the other older sticks, and those that have left and re-joined, I'm

looking specifically at Councillor Pearce there, this has been a problem since first elected. It goes up and down, up and down, up and down, but hopefully this PSPO will be, you know, the end of that problem. Can't forget that it doesn't mean the police will go out and spend all their time dealing with the motorbikes if we the Public Space Protection Order across the borough, it will be a tool in their armoury, it will make it easier for them to do things during and after the event. But again, I am going to get back to, it does need the evidence. 9 is quite a lot at the moment, I'm sure it affected more than 9 people, so rather than residents going to social media to mention that there's a problem, go to the police, go to 101, report it on 101 and get those numbers up. The more numbers, the easier it is for us to apply to a judge to get Public Space Protection Orders.

Mayor

Thank you, Leader. Councillor Mayes would you like to ask a second supplementary.

Councillor Mayes

Yes please Mr Mayor. Thank you, Leader. When can residents of Tilbury expect action on this, and can we expect a region of target hardening, or something more visible? Thank you.

Mayor

Leader would you like to respond to Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Gledhill

Thank you Mr Mayor and thank you Councillor Mayes. I'll be honest with you, I'm not a great fan of target hardening and bunding. Bunding creates obstructions for other people to see round and see over. If it's not done correctly then all it adds is an extra added jump for them to zoom over. It's expensive and invariably, as I know Councillor Carter experienced in Chadwell, things can be put in and they get ripped out that night, and the Council has spent an awful lot of money, and indeed taxpayers' money on trying to solve this. But, as mentioned, we've got Operation Savage coming online very, very shortly. That will make a huge difference. But and I've already mentioned this before, the Council have put a massive – sorry, put a massive investment into the police for quadbike teams. It will be their job to help and in certain circumstances track down the individuals doing this – these dangerous riders and they've given a bad name to all riders, and that's what they will be there for and that's in the short term. Medium term Public Space Protection Order, again I'll reiterate, you've got to report it. If you don't report it then you won't get it. That's going forward. But we also need to start looking at some form of education. A lot of these riders are very young, some of them are below the age of having the ability to have a motorcycle licence, so it does fall not only on them, but on the parents to make clear that riding in a dangerous way, not only might injure you, might kill you, but could quite

easily injure or kill somebody else. Last year someone that I know had their pet dog killed in Chadwell, which was absolutely terrible, 12–13-week-old puppy. We've had a couple of minors already injured who were pedestrians. I've had complaints, we know in Tilbury with Jacob Rees-Mogg MP turning up, that we had people zooming up and down, and older residents come to me physically shaking and scared that they can't walk along the pavements. So we do need to get that education piece out as well and I hope over the coming sort of year or so, we come forward with those plans as part of the normal reporting process. Thank you.

2. Question 2 fell.

Item 13 - QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO CABINET MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON A JOINT COMMITTEE

1. From Councillor Polley to Councillor Jefferies

Councillor Polley

Thank you, Mr Mayor. Can the Portfolio Holder give me an update on when the new resident waste collection services will be introduced? Thank you.

Mayor

Councillor Jefferies could you please respond to Councillor Polley.

Councillor Jefferies

Thank you, Mr Mayor. Thank you, Councillor Polley for your question. It was planned that from September this year we would be able to implement a new system of waste collection, which would include a separate collection for food waste. However, for two reasons it's been decided to suspend implementation for a year. The first reason is that the government is carrying out a review of waste management, and whilst all the findings of this review have not been made public, the following has become apparent. Local authorities will be required to provide separate food waste collections and there will be a new burden fund, which will mean capital costs for new containers and vehicles can be claimed from the government, and the Secretary of State will publish statutory guidance on service standards. If we invest in amending the current service before the guidance is provided, we risk implementing something that may not be compliant with the guidelines. We also need to ensure that the current service level is improved and that residents are happy with the service that they're being provided with at the moment.

Mayor

Thank you, Councillor Jefferies. Councillor Polley do you have a supplementary question?

Councillor Polley

Thank you very much for that response, Councillor Jefferies. My supplementary is: does this mean that the issues faced by residents with non-collection of waste will continue?

Mayor

Councillor Jefferies, could you respond to Councillor Polley please.

Councillor Jefferies

Thank you, Mr Mayor. Thank you, Councillor Polley. Let me first start by saying that I'm really sorry for the poor service that residents have been receiving recently. As a result of the lack of refuse collection, we've instigated a full review of the service by bringing in a waste expert who has already implemented changes, which have seen some improvements. However, this weekend where we had crews working all weekend to try and catch-up on missed bins, is evidence that there is still a lot of work to do. As part of this review, a report has been prepared for the Chief Executive, which is now on her desk and I fully expect to see this full report, warts and all, with a comprehensive plan of how we can deliver a first-class waste service for our residents. One thing that I think Members would be interested to hear is the changing of how we report bins. We have too many rules in place as to what counts as a missed bin, and we are too quick to dismiss a complaint from a resident when complaining about a missed bin, and I'm sure we're all familiar with the line 'case closed' after you've submitted a report of a missed bin. This is going to change, and every bin reported as missed will be counted as a missed bin. So, we'll have accurate reports of how many bins have been collected, and how many bins have been missed.

Mayor

Thank you, Councillor Jefferies. Councillor Polley would you like to pose a second supplementary.

Councillor Polley

I would indeed, thank you Mr Mayor. Thank you so much for that Councillor Jefferies. I'm sure that is news that is well received by every Member that is present in this Chamber tonight, because I think we've all had those resident emails regarding these very frustrating situations that you've alluded to. My final supplementary would be: would you now confirm that the review will be covering all aspects of the service, from top to bottom please.

Mayor

Thank you, Councillor Polley. Councillor Jefferies could you please reply to Councillor Polley.

Councillor Jefferies

Thank you, Mr Mayor. Thank you, Councillor Polley. I can confirm that already there have been changes made in the way that the service is managed, and I do foresee further changes being made. Changes so far have been welcomed by almost everybody, in particular our hardworking bin crews, who after all do a job that most of us would not like to do. Some of the things that we've implemented to make the bin crews work experience a lot better have been small, but have made a big difference. So, just to name a few that have happened already, weekly health and safety surgeries where issues about health and safety can be raised, which previously weren't actually listened to, where crews raise issues about blocked roads. We've all had complaints where bins haven't been collected because of a blocked road. They're now properly investigated, and a solution should be found. We've introduced summer uniforms to help them with the heat, and we've also agreed that there should be a 5am start, which I'm pleased to say that the bin crews asked for that and we were pleased to say that they could do it. Regular health checks, all the vehicles have been assigned a health and safety kit bag, and by the end of September we should have considerably reduced our agency staff. On a slightly lighter note, but very important to the bin crews, during this particularly hot weather we've been offering water, sun cream, and in some cases ice creams to help with the difficult job they've got to do.

2. Question 2 fell.
3. Question 3 fell.
4. Question 4 fell.
5. Question 5 fell.
6. Question 6 fell.
7. From Councillor G Coxshall to Councillor Maney

Councillor G Coxshall

Could the Cabinet Member advise what enforcement has taken place around Somers Heath School in an effort to tackle illegal parking? Thank you.

Mayor

Thank you, Councillor Coxshall. Councillor Maney would you please respond.

Councillor Maney

Thank you, Mr Mayor. Thank you, Councillor Coxshall for your question. I will start by saying Somers Heath is not a school in respect of which the Council gets very many complaints or concerns raised in relation to illegal parking and safety related to that, but in no small part due to the representations that you

and Councillor Polley have made, we have revisited that recently and stepped-up enforcement patrols in the area. Again, that hasn't identified that there is a particular problem of illegal parking or safety, but I can advise that today four penalty charge notices have been issued for illegal parking. We will of course carry on these operations and respond to any safety concerns that we identify, but as I said at the moment it's not one of those schools that raises particular concern, but I can give an assurance that we will continue to monitor the situation there. Thank you, Mr Mayor.

Mayor

Thank you, Councillor Maney. Councillor Coxshall, would you like to pose a supplementary?

Councillor G Coxshall

Yes, thank you Mr Mayor. Thank you, Councillor Maney for your response. Really pleased to see that we've had enforcement patrols stepped-up around the school and they will continue. Just, my supplementary being: would you be able to advise if consideration has been given to deploy a school crossing patrol officer outside the primary school, or perhaps if there are other measures that we could perhaps take should illegal parking instances start to increase. Thank you.

Mayor

Thank you, Councillor Coxshall. Councillor Maney would you like to reply please.

Councillor Maney

Thank you, Mr Mayor. Yes, I would. First of all, it's good to see you here representing your constituents on this very important matter. Yes, the Council has given consideration to deploying a school crossing patrol officer. I've learnt this week that there's actually quite a bizarre mathematical equation contained in government guidance, which Council's use to determine whether the criteria for such officers are met, and crudely speaking it basically involves counting the number of child pedestrians at a given time, counting the number of vehicles at the same time, and multiplying one by the other, and that has been applied numerous times in the case of Somers Heath. It doesn't make the grade for a school crossing patrol officer. I can say that if residents or Ward Councillors who are at meetings want us to revisit that and carry out another assessment, we can do so. In terms of other measures, as I said we will carry on with enforcement operations. That's one of the surest ways to address illegal parking obviously, and safety issues, but something else we are looking at bringing on stream is the acquisition and deployment of a CCTV car. It's at a very early stage at the moment, but I'm hoping it will progress and come to fruition soon, and obviously if we have that we will be able to carry out much more high-profile and rapid enforcement around schools, and as part of that one of the things we'll have to do is revisit all schools in the

borough and make an assessment of road markings and restrictions outside to see whether they, first of all are what comply with the requirements of a CCTV car because there are only certain things they can enforce, but it will give us an opportunity, as I say, to look at all the restrictions, all the safety measures around schools, and to see whether they need updating. So, I can assure you that Somers Heath will be included in that and I'm obviously happy to meet you or Councillor Polley on site anytime to talk to residents, talk to the school to see what we can do to improve safety to the utmost. Thank you, Mr Mayor.

Mayor

Thank you, Councillor Maney. Councillor Coxshall would you like to pose a final supplementary.

Councillor G Coxshall

No. I'm fine thank you Mr Mayor. Thank you, Councillor Maney.

8. Question 8 fell.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions were received from members of the public.

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Petitions Update Report

Petition No.	Description	Presented (date)	Presented (at)	Responsible Director	Status
564	We the undersigned call on Thurrock Council to address the lack of vehicle parking in Love Lane. In particular, we ask that the council look into replacing the worn and unsightly grass verges with hardstanding. We also call on the council to repair the cracked and uneven paving in Love Lane, Aveley, South Ockendon.	29 June 2022	Council	Julie Rogers	A scheme has been approved that will address the issues raised. The plans of the proposals have been sent to all residents of Love Lane, advising that these works will take place in the near future. The Contractor has the works programmed to commence on site on October 24 th and are expected to be completed next June.

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Questions from Members to the Leader, Cabinet Members, Chairs of Committees or Members appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee in accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 14) of the Council's Constitution.

There were 2 questions to the Leader and 10 questions to Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs and Member appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee.

QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER

1. From Councillor J Kent

We are told, the new council chamber “has been meticulously designed to stand for generations.” Why then, was this “meticulously designed” chamber unable to be used for annual council, on the 25th of May or for the June and July council meetings?

2. From Councillor J Kent

Does the Leader of the Council agree with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when he says that Thurrock Council has a "culture of poor financial management"?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO CABINET MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON A JOINT COMMITTEE

1. From Councillor Byrne to Councillor Duffin

What due diligence was carried out on Toucan Energy and Rockfire before we trusted it with the family silver?

2. From Councillor Muldowney to Councillor Coxshall

Can the Portfolio Holder tell the Chamber what this administration intends to do with the land known as Flat Irons Field opposite Cole Avenue?

3. From Councillor Pearce to Councillor Coxshall

To ask that the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration comment on recent suggestions that the Council has held discussions with landowners and or developers who may have an interest in developing large areas of greenbelt, often insensitively referred to as 'the smile', behind Ship Lane, Hall Road, Love Lane and Purfleet Road in Aveley?

4. From Councillor Pearce to Councillor Maney

Is the Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport aware of recent incidents of HGVs entering The Village Development in Aveley and what action has been taken to address this?

5. From Councillor Redsell to Councillor Jefferies

I am sure that Cllr Jeffries will like me have been concerned and disturbed by footage and images of recent fires around the country this summer, particularly the one in Wennington which led to the destruction of many residential properties. Would the portfolio advise what steps the council has taken to assess and reduce the risk of grass/vegetation catching fire on council owned land particularly those areas surrounding by residential properties?

6. From Councillor Byrne to Councillor Duffin

In February 2022, the portfolio holder for communications promised a good news story to come out of Comms every day. What happened, are we short of good news stories?

7. From Councillor Polley to Councillor Huelin

How many Residential and Nursing Home in Thurrock operate a No Lift Policy in the event of a resident falling?

8. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Duffin

It has been widely reported that, between late 2018 and early 2019, Thurrock Council made payments of £138 million to companies linked to Liam Kavanagh. Can the portfolio holder explain what these payments were for?

9. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Duffin

The Bureau of Investigative Journalism reports that Thurrock Council has hired Camdor Global Advisers to value the solar farms, owned by Toucan, that the council has invested in. They report the value of those solar farms is £200 million less than the council's investment. Can the portfolio holder confirm whether this is the case?

10. From Councillor Kerin to Councillor Johnson

Can the Portfolio Holder please outline what support is being offered to the families affected by the recent news about the Orsett Heath Academy admissions for academic year 2022/23?

This report lists all motions from the previous twelve months which still have updates forthcoming. All Motions which have been resolved or the actions from officers have been completed are removed.

Date	From	Motion	Status	Director
		No current motions.		

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Motions Submitted to Council

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 15) of the Council's Constitution

Motion 1

Submitted by Councillor J Kent

Council notes that the findings of January's Corporate Peer Challenge, and its accompanying action plan, have been published on the council's website. Council believes that it is important that, to ensure members learn from the CPC process, that these documents should be presented to, both, the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to Cabinet for formal adoption.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

The motion relates to a matter affecting the authority's area and relates to a matter in respect of which the Council has a relevant function.

Cabinet and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny are responsible for setting their own work programmes but are able to consider matters which fall within their terms of reference at the request of Full Council.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

There are no financial implications arising from this motion.

Is the above motion within the remit of Council to approve?

Yes

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Motions Submitted to Council

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 15) of the Council's Constitution

Motion 2

Submitted by Councillor Carter

The Council calls for the building operationally known as C03 to be renamed as the Town Hall and to be referred to as such in all communications.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

Rule 15.2 of the Council Procedure and Rules states that a notice of motion must relate to a matter which affects the authority or the authority's area and must relate to a matter in respect of which the authority has a relevant function. The renaming of a council owned building is a matter which affects the authority. The renaming of C03 as the Town Hall will be subject to any processes that may be required for this to occur.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

There are no specific financial implications arising from the motion.

Is the above motion within the remit of Council to approve?

Yes

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Motions Submitted to Council

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 15) of the Council's Constitution

Motion 3

Submitted by Councillor Polley

That this council makes representation to the Blood and Transplant Authority to re-instate the blood testing service in South Ockendon at the Ockendon Health Centre.

Monitoring Officer Comments:

Rule 15.2 of the Council Procedure and Rules states that a notice of motion must relate to a matter which affects the authority or the authority's area and must relate to a matter in respect of which the authority has a relevant function. The provision of blood testing services is a matter which affects communities in the authority's area and relates to the Council's public health and general power of competence functions.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

There are no specific financial implications arising from the motion.

Is the above motion within the remit of Council to approve?

Yes

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