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# Delivery of Private and Housing Stock Task and Finish Group

The meeting will be held at **6.00 pm** on **16 August 2023**

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

## Membership:

Councillors James Halden, Joycelyn Redsell, Sue Shinnick, Neil Speight and Lee Watson

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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

## **Housing Task and Finish Group – Delivery of private and housing stock Terms of Reference**

### **Aim:**

To create a responsive working group to discuss Thurrock Council's capacity to deliver major projects in regard to private and housing stock houses. To discuss major new builds, look at those partnerships who successfully delivered homes, those partnerships that were non-successful, look at examples of what went well v. not so well and analyse the differences. To work alongside the Planning Transport and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee members in achieving this. To recommend findings of the task and finish group and report back to the main committee. Final report to be presented but all members of the Housing and Planning Transport and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee should be in attendance.

The key areas of focus would be:

- Thurrock Council's capacity to deliver major projects in regard to private and housing stock houses.
- Major new builds, look at those partnerships who successfully delivered homes, those partnerships that were non-successful,

### **Membership:**

- 5 elected members (2 Conservatives, 2 Labour, 1 Independent) (total number of members from both Housing and PTR O&S)
- 1 representative from the Tenant Housing Representative

All members of the group have a right to vote if required to during a meeting of the group.

### **Chair:**

The Chair will be elected by the membership of the Task and Finish Group.

### **Duration:**

The Group will be established to continue for a period of six months. The ultimate decision to discontinue the group will lie with the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### Provisional Timetable for Review:

Review Component	Form the component will take	Draft date
Initial terms of reference	Briefing Note	August 2023
Undertake research	Officers	August 2023
Visit Project Site	Visit	August 2023
Invite to task and strategic partners	Visit	August 2023
Officers to present log of lessons learnt from projects and scheme	Meeting	September 2023
Presentations from Housing Association, Potential Partners, Local Plan	Meeting	October 2023
Meet to review research and recommendations	Meeting	November 2023
Write report and sign off by the task and finish group	Meeting	December 2023

### Activities:

The Task Force will undertake all but not exclusively the following activities:

1. Meet with officers to go those projects the group would like to focus on.
2. Make visits to major project sites.
3. To consult with the Planning Transport and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
4. Invite strategic partners to meet with them to gather evidence to aid the Council's work in relation to the group.
5. Researching and state of play of housing stocks.
6. Preparing Briefing Notes.
7. Any other duties within its powers to do so.



**Decision-Making:**

The Task and Finish Group has no executive powers and will refer all recommendations direct to the appropriate executive or quasi-judicial committee via a report for action.

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