

Item 16 - Update on Motions agreed by the Council – 28 June 2017

Date	From	Motion	Status	Accountable Director
27/7/2016	Cllr Hebb	Thurrock Council calls upon the government to introduce legislation to provide for a right of "Recall" of local government councillors, alongside Thurrock Council also exploring the possibilities to introduce its own local recall scheme.	General Services Committee on 3 May 2017 resolved to consult with Secretary of State on potential draft options for local scheme and whether they might usefully inform any relevant legislation by government. And to seek feedback / support from other authorities to build case for legislative change.	David Lawson
28/09/2016	Cllr Aker	Thurrock Council calls on the government to make unauthorised traveller pitches and unauthorised events a criminal offence	Officers are consulting with Legal on the wording of a letter to government calling for a specific offence of pulling caravans on to land without the owner's prior permission.	Steve Cox
28/09/2016	Cllr Jones	We call on Thurrock Council to write to the Secretary of State to express many residents' views that in its present state the police service contact number 101 is not fit for purpose.	A letter has been sent to the Secretary of State advising of the motion of Thurrock Council and inviting a response. No response has been received yet.	Gavin Dennett
28/09/2016	Cllr Duffin	That Thurrock Council support the inclusion in the annual Council Tax mail out of details of changes to Council funding by government in the last 5 years and an indication of planned changes in the next 3 years, including in graph format. This would be an effective way to let residents of Thurrock understand the financial pressures the Council has faced over this period and those due to be addressed.	This is complete.	Sean Clark
28/09/2016	Cllr J Kent	Thurrock Council is extremely concerned that much of Grays Beach Park was not open for residents to enjoy for so much of the summer. Council requests that the Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or / and the relevant director) investigate these issues including inviting evidence from Anglian Water, relevant council officers and members before	Cleaner, Greener, Safer, Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this at its meeting of 11 October 2016 and set out the terms for an investigation. The outcome of the investigation was considered by Cleaner, Greener, Safer, Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6 December 2016. Following a letter from officers, a reassurance has	Steve Cox

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		reporting back to the Full Council as soon as reasonably practical about the reasons and responsibilities for so much of Grays Beach Park not being open to residents over the summer period.	been received from Anglian Water that the maintenance program they have implemented is ongoing and similar problems should not reoccur.	
26/10/2016	Cllr Collins	This Council condemns in the strongest possible terms, the horrific practice of Female Genital Mutilation and will support all health, welfare, civil and criminal enforcements to eradicate it from our Thurrock and the rest of the World.	<p>Thurrock Council and its partners continue to robustly tackle Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and provide support for its victims. There are clear pathways in place across health agencies, Children's Services and the Community Safety Partnership to identify and support those suspected to be at risk. The Council are working in partnership with the Barnardo's, National FGM Centre for Excellence to provide training, support and interventions to assist communities in eradicating FGM. Staff from the National FGM Centre is part of the Thurrock Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). In partnership with the Police, Thurrock Council will continue to pursue prosecutions for perpetrators of this abuse; supporting national and international efforts to eliminate FGM.</p> <p>Update: Councillor S Little was pleased to announce that she had managed to agree a commitment from Barnardo's to continue funding the specialist Female Genital Mutilation worker in MASH for a further three months. During this time the national Female Genital Mutilation centre would prepare and submit a substantial business plan for funding to cover a further 18 months additional funding. The post had proved invaluable in identifying those children at risk and ensuring that they were protected from this brutal act and would continue to hold these services to account and ensure they remain vigilant.</p>	Rory Patterson/ Andrew Carter
30/11/2016	Cllr Duffin	This Council supports the need to reduce and eliminate fuel poverty for Thurrock residents who struggle to heat their homes. Council requests that Cabinet investigate what options, including creating	Officers are considering the various opportunities and approaches and will bring a report to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the first instance.	Sean Clark

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		a fuel poverty grant that may exist for the Council to support the community by working with residents and providers.		
25/1/2017	Cllr Watkins	That Thurrock Council supports the government's position on introducing an oath to British Values, and will look into the options for creating a local one for Thurrock.	Consultation with Governance Group arranged for June 2017 and proposed report to General Service Committee, pursuant to the Committee' remit to examine potential changes to the Constitution in order to advise Full Council as to any legal or other implications.	David Lawson
22/02/17	Cllr J Kent	The Thameside Theatre is held in great affection by residents across Thurrock. Therefore the sudden announcement that the theatre is likely to close by April 2019 is causing real concern in many quarters. Council is of the collective view that the Thameside Theatre should remain open until a new civic theatre for Thurrock, situated in Grays, has opened.	Work is ongoing to review what is currently provided at the theatre and what can be done to improve its future financial viability. In parallel, work is continuing to look at options for new theatre provision in Grays in the context of work on the wider Grays masterplan. The commitment remains to theatre provision continuing in Grays to support an evening economy. The theatre will not be closed until there is a replacement.	Steve Cox
22/02/17	Cllr Snell	In order to demonstrate transparency on its policies, implementation of its policies and overall performance and further to Gloriana Limited willingness to co-operate with such scrutiny from Members, Thurrock Council believes that Gloriana Limited should: provide an Annual Report to the Council; provide regular quarterly updates to our General Services Committee, voluntarily submit to the full democratic scrutiny of Full Council and General Services Committee on the thoroughness of its Business Plan and funding requirements. This is not to seek to inappropriately discuss the specific merits of any material planning considerations or predetermine the quasi-judicial decision properly within the remit of our Planning Committee on the current part heard planning application.	The motion agreed by Council has been raised and discussed with Gloriana Thurrock Ltd (GTL). GTL welcomes the continued scrutiny of its activities, business planning and funding requirements by Council, including producing an annual report and quarterly reports to its shareholders forming part of the General Services Committee. GTL is working with the Council to formalise how this will be implemented at the next Gloriana Board meeting and ahead of a report to the next general meeting of GTL Shareholders planned for May 2017. GTL welcomes the reassurance provided in the motion with regard to Members of the Council which also form part of the Planning Committee.	Steve Cox

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29/03/2017	Cllr Hebb	Thurrock Council resolves to thank HM The Queen, for her selflessness and grace as monarch of the United Kingdom for 65 years, and it thanks her for her years of dedicated public service and advocacy of our great nation. In the spirit in which HM The Queen has herself taken with the Sapphire Jubilee, this council also seeks to recognise the memory of our former monarch George VI, for his unwavering patriotism during our nation's darkest hours. This council therefore resolves to rename a suitable park within the borough to be identified after public consultation - to the George VI Memorial Park in honour of the former King and his years of service to our country.	A process of public consultations is being prepared in order to identify a suitable park to be renamed.	Steve Cox
29/03/2017	Cllr B Rice	Council note consultation has begun on a £15 per week service charge on sheltered homes. This Council believes this is an unfair charge against some of our most vulnerable residents. Council calls on Cabinet to scrap this unfair proposal.	The consultation on the proposed changes has now been completed and a final report on the way forward for both general housing and sheltered housing charges will be going to the June Cabinet.	Roger Harris