

Item 16 - Update on Motions agreed by the Council – 25 July 2018

Date	From	Motion	Status	Accountable Director
27/09/2017	Cllr Spillman	<p>Council calls on Cabinet to work with local arts and music groups to assist them in looking at options for establishing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A not-for-profit community arts and music multi use venue open to all arts, crafts and music groups across Thurrock which will be able to secure relevant licenses that will allow the venue to be financially sustainable by raising revenue through ticketed music and performance events, and • A not-for-profit, open air, "Festival of Thurrock" to provide an opportunity for a wide range of artists and musicians in Thurrock to showcase their talents. 	Preparation of the Cultural Strategy is ongoing. The new Portfolio Holder has been briefed and further work is underway which will involve local arts and heritage groups and partners.	Steve Cox
25/10/2017	Cllr Gerrish	<p>Thurrock Council calls on the Government to provide the necessary resources and rule changes which would allow councils to build additional council housing at a scale proportional to need, in particular removing the Housing Revenue Account borrowing cap. Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write to the Prime Minister, Chancellor and DCLG setting out our concerns and seeking urgent action to enable the building of council housing at necessary volumes. • Write to Thurrock's MPs seeking all possible Parliamentary support. • Request that the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider whether there are any additional local opportunities to increase our 	Officers of the Council have met with officials from the MHCLG to press our case for a relaxation of the HRA borrowing requirements. In June 2018 the MHCLG issued its prospectus and guidance notes for applying to have HRA borrowing limits extended. This was following up the announcement of the extra £1bn in the budget last Autumn. The deadline for applications is 7 September 2018 and officers, in consultation with the PFH, will be submitting an application for Thurrock.	Roger Harris

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		supply of new council houses in Thurrock.		
27/6/2018	Cllr Duffin	Thurrock Council should look into contacting all sports teams/clubs competing across the borough and ask them what support they need moving forward. Many need support with facilities and raising awareness that the Council can assist with without giving financial support.	<p>Thurrock Council recognises the importance of sports teams and clubs across the Borough and the significant contribution that they make to both the quality of life for residents and overall health and well-being. Support mechanisms for local voluntary sports clubs are in place and what more can be done will be explored.</p> <p>The Council's Communication Team will work with the service to encourage clubs to register on the Active Essex "Where Can I Get Active" Directory via the link on the Council's website to make it easier for residents to find local clubs and teams.</p>	Julie Rogers
27/6/18	Cllr Aker	This Council calls on Cabinet to commit to looking at each private contract and assess whether, or not, it could be fulfilled locally and begin a process of bringing private contracts back in-house as soon as possible so that the Council can maximise the benefits for Thurrock rather than multi-national corporations.	<p>An analysis is being undertaken for each service area to assess level of procured spend and whether the provider is a local business.</p> <p>The team actively work with the Thurrock Business Board and have outlined the framework agreement opportunities that are in place for local businesses. To further support engagement with local business the team will be launching a series of training programmes the 'what makes a winning bid' programme has been designed with local businesses in mind.</p>	Sharon Bayliss
27/6/18	Cllr Gerrish	Thurrock Council notes the recent consultation which included the future of Orsett Hospital. Thurrock Council further notes the overwhelming opposition of Thurrock residents to the closure of Orsett Hospital. Thurrock Council calls on Cabinet to work with health partners to seek a solution which leaves Orsett Hospital open and retains all services in Thurrock.	The Joint Committee of the five CCG's in Mid and South Essex agreed at their meeting on 6 July 2018 that Orsett Hospital would close. The meeting also agreed that Orsett will not close until the 4 Integrated Medical Centres are up and running and no clinical services for Thurrock patients will move outside of Thurrock. This is consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the Council and Health partners in 2017. Cabinet will receive a report in September on the progress with the development of	Roger Harris

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			the IMCs and consider the next steps in light of the Joint Committee decision.	
27/6/18	Cllr Spillman	Council requests that Planning, Transport & Regeneration Overview & Scrutiny Committee consider adding to its work programme at its next meeting on 4 July 2018 research into the feasibility of building 8,000 council, housing association and low-cost homes within the next five years without such buildings threatening the character of any existing settlements within the borough and to seek to explore the extent to which Thurrock Regeneration Limited could input into such a target.	This was considered at the meeting of Planning, Transport and Regeneration Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 4 July and it was agreed to be included in the work programme for the committee.	Steve Cox