

Update on Motions agreed by the Council

Date	From	Motion	Status	Director
18/9/2019	Cllr Jefferies	<p>This Council notes with concern the alleged violation of planning regulations at Buckles Lane in South Ockendon, which includes unlawful development in the greenbelt. Members therefore call on the Council to bring forward a report detailing violations, what action has been taken to date and how the authority will address planning infringements at Buckles Lane, including via the use of further enforcement proceedings, whilst protecting the Showmen community.</p>	<p>Part of the site is long established and is allocated as a Show people site, however in recent years the site has been sub-divided and extended with further unauthorised development and non-Show people have found accommodation on the site without permission which has created cramped living conditions and incidences of public disorder. Recent attempts to introduce further mobile homes onto the eastern part of the site without permission have been prevented by the Council through injunctive action. Through the Council's review of the site, genuine Show people have been receptive and keen to engage with the Council to achieve a permanent permission for the site. The Council has adopted a multi-disciplinary approach to the case and is committed to working with land owners to bring forward planning applications to create a safe and well-designed residential environment for the Showmen Community in Thurrock. This approach is supported by the Showmen's Guild who we have been closely liaising with. The Council recognises its role as part of a wider collective to ensure all aspects of the case are addressed. A cross-service group of officers now meet regularly, tasked with the responsibility of considering the full range of issues affecting the site. A dedicated Project Manager for Buckles Lane joined the Council in January 2020 providing further resource and momentum to the case.</p>	Andy Millard

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23/10/2019	Cllr Gerrish	<p>Thurrock Council therefore resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency' that requires urgent action; 2. Request that the Council's activities become net-zero carbon by 2030; 3. Request that the Council embed this work in all areas and take responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities; 4. Request that the relevant Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Climate Change convenes a Citizens' Assembly on Climate Change and a Climate Change partnership group, involving Councillors, residents, young citizens, climate science and solutions experts, businesses and other relevant parties. Over the following 6 months, the Group should consider strategies and actions being developed by the Council and other partner organisations and develop a strategy in line with a target of net zero emissions by 2030. It should also recommend ways to maximise local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as employment, health, agriculture, transport and the economy. The membership of this group should be 	<p>As agreed by Group Leaders on the 13 January 2020, a Task Force containing business and resident's representatives will be established to consider the recommendations included within the motion, evidence from experts within the field and what actions are required to be taken. Terms of Reference for the Task Force are being drafted.</p>	Andy Millard

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		5. agreed in consultation with Group Leaders; 6. Request that all reports in preparation for 2020/21 budget cycle and investment strategy will take into account the actions Council will take to address this emergency; 7. Request that the Leader write to the UK Government asking them to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible and ask local MPs to do likewise		
29 January 2020	Cllr Huelin	<p>The Motion calls on Council to adopt the below definition of antisemitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) and its guidelines giving working examples of antisemitism.</p> <p>“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”</p>	A reference will be added to the Equalities page of Thurrock Council to inform people that this definition and associated guidance has been adopted.	Roger Harris

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29 January 2020	Cllr J Kent	<p>This year's Holocaust Memorial Day marked the 75th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust. Thurrock Council understands the importance of remembering the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust and the genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.</p> <p>The Council calls upon Cabinet to explore the opportunity to work with schools to facilitate visits to former Nazi death camps, including Auschwitz-Birkenau, to help learn first-hand the consequences of hate. A future programme should seek to work across schools in Thurrock.</p>	Officers are currently reviewing how the arrangements worked previously, the costs involved and engagement with schools. A report will be discussed with Cabinet in due course.	Roger Harris