

LOWER THAMES CROSSING TASK FORCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Aim:

To create a responsive working group to discuss and make recommendations in relation to environmental, economic and social aspects of the Lower Thames Crossing (LTC).

Membership:

- 9 elected Members (3 Conservatives, 3 Labour, 3 Thurrock Independents)
- 1 representative from the Thames Crossing Action Group, who is also a resident of Thurrock
- 1 representative from the Thurrock business community
- 1 representative of the Thurrock Business Board
- 1 Thurrock resident from the wider community

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

Chair:

The Chair will be elected by the membership of the Task Force on an annual basis to run within each municipal year. The election will take place at the first meeting of the Task Force each municipal year.

Duration:

The Group will be established to continue for an indefinite period until such time as all business of the task force is complete. The ultimate decision to discontinue the group will lie with the General Services Committee, but the Chair of the Task Force may make such a request to disband the Force upon completion of business.

Meeting Schedule:

The Task Force will meet each month at a date and time to be scheduled in advance. The schedule will be agreed at the first meeting of the Task Force.

Activities:

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

1. To act as a consultee for Planning Committee or any other executive/quasi-judicial committee on LTC matters if that committee so desires.
2. Receive any reports which it is required to make recommendations upon by officers, Cabinet or any other relevant committee of the Council.
3. Receive a monthly update of all Council activity in relation to the LTC (by way of an update report)
4. Invite strategic partners to meet with them to gather evidence to aid the Council's work in relation to the LTC.
5. Commission or undertake research on behalf of the Council in relation to the LTC.
6. The Chair to provide a monthly/bimonthly report to Cabinet on its work.
7. Any other duties within its powers to do so.

Decision-Making:

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