

Update on Motions agreed by the Council

Date	From	Motion	Status	Director
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 agreed in consultation with Group Leaders; 5. Request that all reports in preparation for the 2020/21 budget cycle and investment strategy will take into account the actions the Council will take to address this emergency; 6. 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. 	<p>As agreed by Group Leaders on the 13 January 2020, a Task Force 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.</p> <p>Terms of Reference have been drafted and a draft work programme put together. That work programme is currently being reviewed. In addition, supporting arrangements to assist in the delivery of that work have been recently agreed. The delivery of the programme will commence shortly and an update report will be presented to Cleaner, Greener, Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee in December.</p>	Andy Millard

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29 January 2020	Cllr J Kent	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. 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.	We have been unable to follow up on the report due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID pandemic. This will be followed up with education as soon as we are able to do so.	Roger Harris
26 February 2020	Cllr Redsell	Council calls on Cabinet to consider a new wood and bluebells to be planted on a piece of land at the edge of Woodside.	The requirement from the s106 is for the open space to be kept mowed, with limited planting around the edges. Numerous attempts have been made to have dialogue with the developer to discuss the motion presented, to no avail. Officers will continue to pursue.	Julie Rogers
8 July 2020	Cllr Kerin	This Chamber calls on Thurrock Council to celebrate and thank our National Health Service by marking the 5th July, every year, with the raising of the National Health Service flag outside the Civic Offices.	Thurrock Council will be proud to celebrate NHS Day each year. Earlier this year, the council flew the 'thank you NHS' flag as instigated by the Mayor and celebrated the anniversary.	Karen Wheeler