

This report lists all motions from the previous twelve months which still have updates forthcoming. All Motions which have been resolved or the actions from officers have been completed are removed.

Date	From	Motion	Status	Director
26 January 2022	Cllr J Kent	<p>This Council is concerned at the impact the Cost of Living Crisis is having on residents of Thurrock and notes that domestic gas and electricity bills are predicted to rise by, almost, 50% this year – from an average of £1277 to £1865. The Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to deliver a Brexit promise and ask him to help residents by scrapping VAT on domestic gas and electricity bills.</li> <li>2. Write to Thurrock's Members of Parliament asking that they use their positions to support residents by working to achieve a cut in VAT.</li> <li>3. Write to Thurrock's Members of Parliament asking for a temporary suspension of all green levies on domestic gas and electricity bills.</li> </ol>	Letters are being finalised to be sent to the Chancellor and Thurrock MPs expressing the concerns regarding the rising cost of living for residents and specific issues reflected in the Motion.	Karen Wheeler
26 January 2022	Cllr Collins	Modern Day slavery is seeing more and more people smuggled in to the UK using dangerous, and as we know too well sometimes fatal, methods as well as vulnerable UK minors and adults being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Modern Slavery Act 2015 (MSA 2015) applies to England and Wales and includes the offences of human trafficking and slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour. The Act consolidated and simplified existing offences and establishes a legal duty under Section 52 for specified public authorities to notify the Home Office where there are reasonable grounds to believe a person may be a victim of modern slavery.</li> </ul>	Julie Rogers

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		<p>groomed or duped and forced into sexual exploitation, domestic slavery, forced labour on farms, in construction, shops, bars, nail bars, car washes or manufacturing. We call on Thurrock Council to lead the charge in tackling this abhorrent practice by inviting all Thurrock based businesses to support our anti-modern day slavery charter and drive down and stamp out modern day slavery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 54 of the MSA 2015 requires commercial organisations carrying out business in the UK, with a turnover of at least £35 million, to prepare and publish a slavery and human trafficking statement for each and every financial year.</li> <li>• A review of the legislation published in May 2019 recommended that Government should extend section 54 requirements to the public sector and strengthen its public procurement processes. Thurrock has prepared a statement and is ready for ratification and adoption by Cabinet.</li> <li>• This Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement sets out the Council's current position to understand all potential modern slavery risks related to its business and to put in place steps to ensure there is no slavery or human trafficking in its own business and/or in its supply chains, and to protect and support victims.</li> </ul> <p>Thurrock Council, through the Community Safety Partnership, is refreshing its strategy in relation to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. It is proposed that this ambition is reflected in one of our new priorities; <i>'Priority 3 Strengthened partnerships and outreach to Thurrock businesses to ensure ethical trading practices'</i>. This will enable us to include businesses in our action plan going forward and offer training and awareness raising alongside agreement to support our anti-modern day slavery charter.</p>	