

# **Revocation of Part Resolution - Non Fluoridated Water Supply in Thames**

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<b>TO</b>	Thames Community Board
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<b>DATE</b>	23 March 2017
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Revocation of Part Resolution - Non Fluoridated Water Supply in Thames</b>

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## **1 Purpose of Report**

To consider revoking part of a resolution made at the Thames Community Boards 27 February 2017 meeting regarding the provision of a non-fluoridated water supply in Thames.

## **2 Background**

In 2012 the Thames Community Board resolved to undertake a consultation on whether to continue to fluoridate the Thames water supply.

Hearings and deliberations took place on 24 and 25 January 2013 where it was resolved to recommend to Council that fluoride continue to be added to the Thames water supply. The Board also resolved to request staff to research options for members of the community to 'opt out' from receiving fluoride in their drinking water.

In March 2013 a report was provided to the Thames Community Board outlining some potential options and it resolved to provide information on domestic treatment for removal of fluoride from water and a local supplier list on the TCDC website. This does not appear to have happened.

As part of the 2013/2014 Annual Plan process the Board was asked to comment on submissions received relating to Thames. At its 7 May 2013 meeting it resolved to request Council to make clear its decision regarding the matter of fluoridation of the Thames water supply and advise Annual Plan submitters and the Thames community when and under what circumstances it will next consider the matter of fluoridation of the Thames water supply.

In December 2014 the Council resolved to undertake a binding referendum in the second half of 2015 to determine if fluoridation was to continue.

The result of the referendum that took place on 5 November 2015 was 72.99% in favour and 26.98% against meaning that fluoridation continues.

After the referendum Dr Jane Beck wrote to the Council requesting a 'fluoride free tap' to be made available in Thames. As a result some preliminary investigations were made and it was suggested that the provision of a non-fluoridated water supply could be proposed in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan.

The Thames Community Board resolved as follows at its 27 February 2017 meeting:

- TCB** That the Thames Community Board:
1. Receives the Area Manager Update to the Thames Community Board report.
  2. Instructs staff to develop detailed project documentation including confirmed costings and location of a non-fluoridated water supply in Thames for consideration in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan.

**Moved/seconded by:** Croft/Simpson

### **3 Issue**

Under standing orders to revoke a resolution at a following meeting requires the following:

23. Revocation or alteration of resolutions

23.6 Revocation or alteration by recommendation in report.

The local authority, on a recommendation in a report by the Chairperson, chief executive, or any committee or subcommittee, local or community board, may revoke or alter all or part of a resolution passed by a previous meeting. The chief executive must give at least two clear working days' notice of any meeting that will consider a revocation or alteration recommendation.

### **4 Discussion**

The Board considered proposing a project in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan for the provision of a non-fluoridated water supply in Thames as part of its Annual Plan workshop on 20 March 2017.

In those discussions the Thames Community Board provided direction to staff that it does not wish to pursue the provision of a non-fluoridated water supply in Thames at this time now that the proposal for District Health Boards to decide whether to fluoridate water supplies rather than Local Authorities is in the legislative process.

### **5 Suggested Resolution(s)**

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the Revocation of Part Resolution - Non Fluoridated Water Supply in Thames report.
2. Approves the revocation of part 2 of the following resolution (shown in italics):

#### **023/17 Resolved**

- TCB** That the Thames Community Board:
1. Receives the Area Manager Update to the Thames Community Board report.
  2. *Instructs staff to develop detailed project documentation including confirmed costings and location of a non-fluoridated water supply in Thames for consideration in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan.*

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