

Thurrock

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Related subject: Tilbury

Whilst I am an elected member for Grays Thurrock ward I have lived in Tilbury all my life.

We currently have 4 councillors in Tilbury and its split into 2 wards.

I believe there should be no change in the number of councillors (even if a decision is made to take Thurrock Park out).

Tilbury is one of the most deprived if not the most deprived area in Thurrock and health inequalities means we have high numbers of poor health markers. We are likely to die 10 year's earlier than someone in Orsett. Drs numbers can reflect this with higher than average Dr to patient ratio.

Tilbury has a higher than average number of council housing stock as well as a settled traveller community.

Education attainment is lower than average and crime is much higher than other areas of Thurrock.

We are a community that often gets overlooked and everything is done to us and not with us.

High number of families with very complex needs means case work for our councillors is often complex and high in numbers.

Residents do expect to see their councillors on a regular basis and not just at election time.

Tilbury is not an arms length ward- Residents expect councillors to be highly visible and there to support them.

I believe we as residents would be unfairly disadvantaged if our number of councillors were reduced in any way as part of this boundary review.

Attached Documents:

None attached