

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Spelthorne Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames on Thursday 16 January 2014**

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Ayers F.	Francis M.P.	Patterson A.C.
Ayub A.	Frazer C.M.	Rough Mrs M.W.
Bannister C.A.	Gething N.	Sexton Miss J.
Beardsmore I.J.	Gohil D.	Sider R.W.
Budd S.E.W.	Grant D.L.	Smith-Ainsley R.A.
Dunn R.D.	Harvey I.T.E	Spoor B.B.
Dunn S.A.	Leighton V.J.	Strong C.V.
Evans T.M.	Mitchell A.J.	Taylor S.D.
Forbes-Forsyth P.C. (Deputy Leader)	Patel Ms D.	Watts R.L. (Leader)
Forsbrey G.E.		

Murray Litvak, Chairman of Members' Code of Conduct Committee

Councillor R.W. Sider in the Chair

In attendance: Kwasi Kwarteng MP, Member of Parliament for Spelthorne.

**Apologies:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P.A. Broom, M. Bushnell, J.A. Dale, C.A Davis, A.E. Friday, A.C. Harman (Mayor), M.J. Madams, J.M. Pinkerton O.B.E., D. Saliagopoulos, C.L. Spencer, S. Webb (Deputy Mayor) and Miss Sue Faulkner, the Vice Chairman of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee.

**6/14 Election of Chairman**

In the absence of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor and in accordance with the Constitution, Standing Order 3.1, the members of the Council present, elected a past Mayor to chair the meeting.

**Resolved** that Councillor R.W. Sider be elected Chairman for the duration of this meeting.

**7/14 Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**8/14 The Airport Commission's Interim Report on Airport Capacity**

The Council received a presentation from John Brooks, Deputy Head of Planning by way of background and introduction to the Airport Commission's interim report on airport capacity.

The Chairman then invited three expert external speakers to present their proposals.

Mr Guy Lavis from the Mayor of London's Office addressed the Council on the new airport proposal submitted by the Mayor of London on the Isle of Grain, followed by Jock Lowe who presented the Heathrow Hub proposals and Nigel Milton from Heathrow Airport Ltd, who presented an outline of the third runway proposal.

A copy of the presentation on the proposal for Gatwick Airport was laid around at the meeting.

The Chairman gave members an opportunity to ask questions of the presenters before opening the matter for debate.

In accordance with Standing Order 5.1, the meeting having lasted for 3 hours, Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley moved and Councillor S.D. Taylor seconded that the meeting continue to complete the business on the agenda.

**RESOLVED** that the meeting continue to resolve the item of business.

The Leader Councillor R.W. Watts moved:

1. "that the Council continues to support a third runway at Heathrow as the best location in the local and national economic interest and that
2. the Council will work with all appropriate parties to bring forward and promote an appropriate third runway proposal, and associated transport links, that best mitigates the environmental and other impacts, whilst seeking to secure the best outcome for local residents."

It was moved by Councillor A.J. Mitchell and seconded by Councillor N. Gething to amend the motion by the addition of the words in italics and removal of the word underlined:

1. "that the Council continues to support a third *northwest* runway at Heathrow as the best location in the local and national economic interest and that
2. the Council will work with all appropriate parties to bring forward and promote an appropriate third *northwest* runway proposal, and associated transport links, that best mitigates the environmental and other impacts, whilst seeking to secure the best outcome for local residents."

The Chief Executive confirmed that it would be noted that in referring to the 'northwest runway' the intention of the Council was to include the two options put forward by Heathrow Hub and Heathrow Airport Ltd.

The amendment was voted on and carried.

Under Standing Order 21.4 Councillor I.J. Beardsmore requested a recorded vote on the substantive motion.

FOR (18)	R.W. Watts (Leader), P.C. Forbes-Forsyth (Deputy Leader), A. Ayub, C.A. Bannister, T. Evans, M.P.C. Francis, C.M. Frazer, N. Gething, D. Gohil, I.T.E. Harvey, V.J. Leighton, A.J. Mitchell, D. Patel, A.C. Patterson, M.W. Rough, J.R. Sexton, R.A. Smith-Ainsley, S.D. Taylor.
AGAINST (5)	I.J. Beardsmore, R.A. Dunn, S.A. Dunn, B.B. Spoor, C.V. Strong.
ABSTAIN (5)	F. Ayers, S.E.W. Budd, G.E. Forsbrey, D.L. Grant, R.W. Sider.

The Motion was carried and it was

**Resolved:**

1. "that the Council continues to support a third northwest runway at Heathrow as the best location in the local and national economic interest and that
2. the Council will work with appropriate parties to bring forward and promote an appropriate third northwest runway proposal, and associated transport links, that best mitigates the environmental and other impacts, whilst seeking to secure the best outcome for local residents."

It was noted that in referring to the 'northwest runway' the intention of the Council was to include the two options put forward by Heathrow Hub and Heathrow Airport Ltd.

**9/14 Urgent Business**

There were no urgent items.

