



**Spelthorne  
Borough Council**

Council Meeting  
Thursday, 22 February 2018



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To the Councillors of Spelthorne Borough Council

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames** on **Thursday, 22 February 2018** commencing at **7.30 pm** for the transaction of the following business.

Daniel Mouawad  
*Chief Executive*

Councillors are encouraged to wear their badge of past office at the Council meeting.

**For those Councillors wishing to participate, prayers will be said in the Leader's office starting at 7pm.**

## AGENDA

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<p><b>1. Apologies for absence</b> To receive any apologies for non-attendance.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes</b> To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 December 2017.</p>	7 - 12
<p><b>3. Disclosures of Interest</b> To receive any disclosures of interest from Councillors in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for members.</p>	
<p><b>4. Announcements from the Mayor</b> To receive any announcements from the Mayor.</p>	
<p><b>5. Announcements from the Leader</b> To receive any announcements from the Leader.</p>	
<p><b>6. Announcements from the Chief Executive</b> To receive any announcements from the Chief Executive.</p>	
<p><b>7. Questions from members of the public</b> The Leader, or their nominee, to answer any questions raised by members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 14.</p> <p><i>Note: the deadline for questions to be considered at this meeting is 12 noon on Thursday 15 February 2018.</i></p>	
<p><b>8. Petitions</b> To receive any petitions from members of the public.</p>	
<p><b>9. Recommendations of the Cabinet</b> To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet from its meetings held on 24 January 2018 and 21 February 2018 in relation to:</p>	
<p>a) Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2018-2019</p>	13 - 14
<p>b) Revenue Budget 2018/19 The Budget Book (green cover) will be issued in a supplementary agenda and will reflect the recommendations considered at the meeting of the Cabinet on 21 February 2018.</p>	To Follow

- c) Capital Programme and Strategy 2018/19 to 2021/22 To Follow  
d) Pay Policy Statement 2018/19 To Follow

**10. Report from the Leader of the Council**

To receive the report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet at its meetings held on 24 January 2018 (attached) and 21 February 2018 (to follow). 15 - 16

**11. Report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

To receive the report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the work of her Committee at its meeting held on 16 January 2018. 17 - 18

**12. Report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee**

To receive the report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee on the work of his Committee. 19 - 20

**13. Motions**

To receive any motions from Councillors in accordance with Standing Order 19.

*Note: The deadline for motions to be considered at this meeting was Monday 12 February 2018 and none were received.*

**14. Questions on Ward Issues**

The Leader, or their nominee, to answer questions from Councillors on issues in their Ward, in accordance with Standing Order 15.

*Note: the deadline for questions to be considered at this meeting is 12 noon on Thursday 15 February 2018.*

**15. General questions**

The Leader, or their nominee, to answer questions from Councillors on matters affecting the Borough, in accordance with Standing Order 15.

*Note: the deadline for questions to be considered at this meeting was 12 noon on Thursday 15 February 2018.*

Five questions were received - from Councillors Robin Sider, Joanne Sexton and Denise Saliagopoulos.

Question from Councillor Sider:

‘Will the Leader and Members of this Council join me in congratulating Freeman of the Borough Colin Squire on his being awarded the OBE in Her Majesty’s New Year’s Honours List’.

Question from Councillor Sexton:

“Once again earlier this month I had to alert the Council to the dire cleaning regime carried out at Knowle Green Leisure Centre. Members of the public had alerted me to the public areas which were obviously not cleaned for weeks. Their photographs proved it. Officers of the Council have been sent these photographs. I was astounded to find out that there is still no record keeping of cleansing of the public areas - something when I was in position as Cabinet Member, was set up. The officer in charge informed me that this would be put in place for the future. Why was this slippage allowed - it is surely mandatory to inspect the public areas for cleanliness? Our residents need to have confidence that the Leisure Centre is clean and well kept.

Whilst I thank the Cabinet Member for her intervening to once again try and sort this out, how can the users of the Leisure Centre have confidence that this will continue? Are we now leaving it to residents to have to make complaints? If a proper regime of inspection had been put in place this would not be an issue here today. Officer need to ensure that there are proactive measures at the Leisure Centre and not continual reactive ones”.

Questions from Councillor Saliagopoulos:

“At the request of Cllr Colin Davis, the then Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Council was put to extra expense on a so called security issue; can I please be advised as to the extra cost incurred to the Council on this whim? Can the Leader assure me that tax payers' monies were protected at all times? it would appear that the said Councillor for Staines Town is no longer the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny - which may I add is an excellent move on the part of the Leader - and indeed no longer a member of the ruling Conservative group - can the Council please be assured that the Committee will now run as a proper scrutiny committee rather than a platform which was used to belittle and dismiss the opposition? As the Leader is aware, scrutiny is something that is vital to any Council. Unfortunately it has been stifled continuously by the above named individual (and only the above named individual) due to his own personal agenda. I believe the local taxpayer needs to be aware of this and that indeed I would seek the Leader's assurance that this individual will no longer be in any position of authority on this Council”.

“Would the Leader please give consideration to the questioning of individual Cabinet Members in full Council? Questions relating to individual portfolio holders are always answered by the Leader. Of course the opposition is aware that the leadership of the Council is only as good as their team. Of course scrutiny of Cabinet Members can be carried out in other committees - with their officers in attendance. If the Leader is not prepared to agree to this - why? At a recent Overview and Scrutiny I asked a question to the portfolio member for housing - a very important brief to the Council - he did not answer the question and left it to the officer - as opposition we want to pursue this further. Whilst on this issue, any questions ever put to Cllr Howard Williams have been

answered with expertise and thorough knowledge. If the Leader has such confidence in the remaining Cabinet members he will surely allow them to answer questions on their portfolios in the future? If not, why not?"

"What are the Leader's thoughts on the recently announced high Council Tax rise by Surrey County Council - indeed some of the Councillors here are also on Surrey and voted for the 6% increase! As the Leader is working to ensure the future viability of Spelthorne by acquiring properties - something which the opposition have supported - surely this is a kick in the teeth. Is there something he could teach the leader of Surrey? How will the Leader now explain to the residents of Spelthorne that they are going to have to pay more once again?"