

Spelthorne Borough Council

Council Meeting Thursday, 18 July 2019



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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, 18 July 2019** commencing at **7.30 pm** for the transaction of the following business.

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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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1.	Apologies for absence To receive any apologies for non-attendance.	
2.	Minutes To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 21 May 2019.	9 - 14

3. **Disclosures of Interest**

To receive any disclosures of interest from Councillors in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

4. Announcements from the Mayor

To receive any announcements from the Mayor.

5. Announcements from the Leader

To receive any announcements from the Leader.

6. Announcements from the Chief Executive

To receive any announcements from the Chief Executive.

7. Questions from members of the public

The Leader, or his nominee, to answer any questions raised by members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 14.

Note: the deadline for questions to be considered at this meeting is 12 noon on Thursday 11 July 2019.

The following questions have been submitted by John Seaman:

- 1. "To enhance equity may everyone who receives an answer to a written question at a meeting of Spelthorne Borough Council have the opportunity to ask a supplementary question?"
- 2. "Is Flower Pot Green in Sunbury a registered village green?"

8. Petitions

To receive any petitions from members of the public.

9. Report from the Leader of the Council

To receive the report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the 15 - 16 Cabinet at its meetings held on 19 June (attached) and 17 July 2019 (to follow).

10. Report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To receive the report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny To Follow Committee on the work of her Committee.

11. Report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee

To receive the report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee on 17 - 18 the work of his Committee.

12. Motions

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

The following three Motions were received by the deadline of Monday 8 July 2019:

1. "That officers investigate whether it is feasible to enter into a reciprocal agreement with Surrey County Council for Spelthorne Borough Council to act on their behalf to remove Traveller encampments when on the highway and append such charges involved to Surrey."

Proposed by Councillor R.W. Sider BEM Seconded by Councillor C. Barnard

2. "That henceforth the formal position of Spelthorne Borough Council will be to oppose any increase in air traffic movements at Heathrow airport.

The Council notes that this new position in principle is based on the impact on local residents and the environment from air traffic, and that the Council now believes that an increase in capacity is unsustainable and damaging to the borough.

The Council's response to the LHR Expansion Consultation closing on 13th September 2019 will clearly indicate this change in policy and Spelthorne Borough Council's opposition to the proposals in principle."

Proposed by Councillor L.E. Nichols Seconded by Councillor S.M. Doran

3. "In the light of Spelthorne Borough Council's commitment not to allow "any developments in the Borough that are detrimental to air quality" (as per the SBC press release 'Protecting Air quality in Spelthorne' dated 20/6/2019) and bearing in mind the fact that any Heathrow expansion will have serious knock on effects in terms of air quality and reduction of green spaces in the Borough inter alia through the envisaged building of a large car park between Oaks Road and the A3044 in Stanwell which currently acts as an important noise and pollution buffer zone for residents and as a carbon sink, the Council's new position to be reflected in its official response to the London Heathrow expansion consultation will be to oppose any expansion of Heathrow completely."

Proposed by Councillor J.H.J. Doerfel Seconded by Councillor V. Siva

13. Questions on Ward Issues

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

Note: the deadline for questions to be considered at this meeting is 12 noon on Thursday 11 July 2019.

One Ward Issue question has been received to date from Councillor J.R. Sexton.

"Why did it take the Police one day to support the Council to move the unlawful caravans and owners from Shortwood Common on the 16th June?

We allowed them one night driving around the Common like a race track.

The Council and the Police have a statutory duty to protect the land under section 34, 1988 Road Traffic Act.

Why was this not used to move them on sooner? It also states "No vehicle may be driven on common land" and we allowed them to flout the law. Can I have assurances that if I receive a call again we will ensure we all act sooner. The law is the law and we must ensure all abide accordingly."

14. General questions

The Leader, or his 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 is 12 noon on Thursday 11 July 2019.

The following questions have been received to date:

Councillor R.W. Sider BEM

"Will the Leader and members of this Council join me in congratulating Team Spelthorne who took part in this year's Surrey Youth Games at Guildford, and in doing so with 10 other boroughs competing, topped the medals table with 5 Golds, 5 Silver and 3 Bronze medals?

And, will members also join me in thanking the Council Leisure staff who undertook the arrangements to partake in these games, and to the many coaches who freely gave up their time to coach and encourage these young people?"

Councillor L.E. Nichols

"Could the Leader please explain why he feels that it is not appropriate to have any councillors from the official opposition on the Local Plan working group?"