
Decisions taken at the meeting held on Thursday, 11 September 2025.

Meeting Time:

7.00 pm

Meeting Venue:

Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames TW18 1XB

PRESENT: Councillor Howard Williams (Chair), Councillor Chris Bateson, Councillor Sean Beatty, Councillor Malcolm Beecher, Councillor Simon Bhadye, Councillor Darren Clarke, Councillor Michele Gibson and Councillor Naz Islam

6. SPELTHORNE BUSINESS HUB*

The Committee **resolved** to

1. Agree the closure of the Spelthorne Business Hub at the Summit Centre, Sunbury by 31 March 2026;
2. Relocate the Business Hub to the Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames;
3. Approve the continuation of the Council's Business Support Service, delivered independently of the Hub premises.

7. ASHFORD BID REPORT*

The Committee **resolved** to

1. Agree to progress the development of a Business Improvement District (BID) for Ashford town Centre proposal to the next stage.
2. Note the feasibility study undertaken on a potential Business Improvement District in Ashford completed by consultants Heartflood

8. HSR/SLR WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATION

The Committee **resolved** to **recommend** to Council that this Council supports Heathrow Southern Rail (HSR) link proposal conditional upon

- (a) Trains stopping at Staines;
- (b) Evidence that the proposal will not harm Staines Moor nor increase the groundwater flood risk in the area; and

- (c) Reviewing and agreeing detailed terms of the HSR link proposal.

11. THAMESIDE HOUSE

The Committee **resolved** to recommend to Council to:

- a) Approve the disposal of Thameside House, Staines, to the preferred bidder (A) as set out in more detail in the confidential Appendix 1 attached to the report;
- b) Delegate authority to the Group Head of Assets in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Business, Infrastructure, and Growth Committee to agree any variations to the terms of the disposal relating to Thameside House;
- c) Delegate authority to the Group Head of Corporate Governance to enter into a transfer to complete the disposal and any ancillary legal documentation required in relation to the proposed disposal of Thameside House.

NOTES:-

- (1) *Members are reminded that the “call-in” procedure as set out in Part 4b of the Constitution, shall not apply to the following matters:*
 - (a) *Urgent decisions as defined in Paragraph 9. of the Call-in Scrutiny Procedure Rules;*
 - (b) *Decisions to award a contract following a lawful procurement process;*
 - (c) *Those decisions:*
 - i. *reserved to full Council*
 - ii. *on regulatory matters*
 - iii. *on member conduct issues.*
- (2) *Those matters to which Note (1) applies, if any, are identified with an asterisk [*] in the above Minutes.*
- (3) *Within three working days of the date on which this decision is published, not less than three members from two or more political groups by submission of the standard call-in pro-forma, may ask for that decision to be referred to a meeting of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee for review (call-in). The completed pro-forma must be received by the Proper Officer by 5pm three working days after publication of the decision.*
- (4) *The members exercising the right of call-in must not be members of the Committee which considered the matter.*
- (5) *When calling in a decision for review the members doing so must demonstrate the following exceptional circumstances:*
 - a. *Evidence which suggests that the decision maker, did not take the decision in accordance with the principles set out in Article 11 (Decision Making); or*
 - b. *Evidence that the decision fails to support one or more of the Council’s Corporate Plan priorities to the detriment of the majority of the Borough’s residents; or*
 - c. *Evidence that explicit Council Policy or legal requirements were disregarded.*

- (6) *Once the request for 'call-in' has been deemed valid by the Monitoring Officer the matter will be suspended until the call-in procedure has been exhausted.*
- (7) *The Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant officer, will determine if the interests of the Council or Borough would be prejudiced by a delay in implementing a decision such that the call-in cannot wait until the next ordinary meeting of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.*
- (8) *Where the call-in cannot wait until the next ordinary meeting, the Monitoring Officer will arrange an extraordinary meeting of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to review the decision subject to call-in at the earliest possible opportunity.*
- (9) *In exceptional cases, where there is clear evidence that a delay to the implementation of a decision would lead to a specific and significant financial or reputational harm to the Council, a call-in request may be refused by the Chief Executive following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.*
- (10) *In reviewing a matter referred to it under the call-in scrutiny procedure rules, the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee shall follow the procedure for dealing with call-in scrutiny at its meetings as set out in Part 4b of the Constitution.*
- (11) *The deadline of three working days for "call in" in relation to the above decisions by the Committee is the close of business on **29 September 2025**.*