

Minutes of Cabinet

19 June 2019

Present:

Councillor I.T.E. Harvey, Leader and Council Policy co-ordination
Councillor A.C. Harman, Deputy Leader and Finance
Councillor R.O. Barratt, Environment and Compliance
Councillor J.R. Boughtflower, Corporate Management
Councillor O. Rybinski, Economic Development, Customer Service, Estates and Transport

Apologies:

Councillor M.M. Attewell, Community Wellbeing and Housing

Councillors in attendance:

Councillor C. Bateson
Councillor T. Lagden
Councillor R.J. Noble

2605 Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 24 April 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

2606 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

2607 Single-Use Plastics Policy and Strategy - Key Decision

Cabinet considered a proposal to adopt a Single-use Plastics Policy and Action Plan.

Alternative options considered and rejected by the Cabinet:

- Not adopting the Strategy and Policy.

Resolved to adopt the Spelthorne Borough Council Single-use Plastics Policy and Five Year Action Plan, and the associated Single-use Plastics Strategy for Surrey.

Reason for Decision:

- To demonstrate that Spelthorne Borough Council understands the urgent need to tackle avoidable plastic waste and is committed to being part of the solution.
- To embed and enact the common vision for Surrey and set a clear roadmap on how this shall be achieved in Spelthorne.

2608 Treasury Management Strategy Annual report

Cabinet considered the Treasury Management Annual Report 2018-19.

Resolved to note:

- a) the Treasury Outturn position for 2018-19, and
- b) the financial environment in global markets as detailed in the report.

2609 Revenue Monitoring Q4 - (January to March 2019) and outturn of previous year

Cabinet considered the 2018/19 Provisional Revenue Outturn Report.

Resolved to:

- a) Note the provisional revenue outturn for 2018/19, and
- b) Approve the revenue carry forwards for 2018/19 totalling £1,626,061.

2610 Capital Monitoring Q4 - (January to March 2019) and outturn of previous year

Cabinet considered the 2018/19 Provisional Capital Outturn Report

Resolved to:-

- a) Note the provisional capital outturn spend for 2018/19, and
- b) Approve the capital carry forward for 2018/19 totalling £17,474,900.

2611 Appointments to Outside Bodies

Cabinet considered the report on Appointments to Outside Bodies for 2019-20. The nominations to the outside bodies listed in the Appendix to the report were not yet available, so it was proposed that the decision on the appointments of representatives be delegated to the Leader and Deputy Leader.

Resolved to delegate the decision to appoint councillor representatives to the outside bodies listed at Appendix 1 to the report to the Leader, Councillor Ian Harvey and Deputy Leader, Councillor Tony Harman.

Reason for decision:

The annual appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies helps the Council fulfil its community engagement role.

2612 Leader's announcements

The Leader announced the following:-

Cllr Mary Madams was elected as the new Mayor for Spelthorne at the Annual Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 May. Cllr Colin Barnard was elected as Deputy Mayor.

Heathrow is writing to residents and organisations to help identify those who have an interest in property or land which may be affected by the airport

expansion plans. This process is a legal requirement known as 'Land Referencing'.

Heathrow's first consultation showed just how much the planned expansion is likely to affect people's day to day lives.

The assumption that Spelthorne communities will not be newly impacted by the Heathrow expansion is wrong.

The impact from not only the third runway expansion, but also pre-third runway construction on our community, will affect all residents through the intensification of low flying aircraft, an increase of flights, noise pollution, heavy goods vehicle usage and environmental damage across our Borough.

Spelthorne Council is consulting on local green space, as we appreciate how important this is to communities in urban locations. We are proposing a new assessment system as the previous Protected Urban Open Space (PUOS) has been a local designation since 2001 but we have had a number of occasions where planning applications to develop sites have been lost at appeal meaning it is not always capable of protecting these spaces.

Spelthorne's formal response to Surrey's proposed 'Making Surrey Safer Plan', has been submitted expressing significant concern about proposed cuts to fire services in the Borough, which would result in reduced night-time cover. From when it was announced in 2017 that Staines and Sunbury fire stations were to be closed and replaced with a single station in Ashford, this Council has consistently argued for the current arrangement of two whole-time crews to be retained to protect our residents and businesses.

The Council has officially opened newly refurbished toilets at Shepperton Lock after working alongside the River Thames Task Group. The refurbishment work included the renewal of the floor and ceiling coverings and the addition of new cubicles, toilets, vanity units, taps, washroom accessories and baby changing facilities. Disabled facilities are also available.

The 2019 Staines 10K race took place on Sunday 12 May with a record number of 712 runners. The event is organised by Staines Strollers and Runnymede Runners, with support from Spelthorne Borough Council.

The tennis pavilion at Fordbridge Park in Ashford was officially opened on Wednesday 15 May. The tennis courts at Fordbridge Park on Kingston Road are now operated by Community Tennis Limited which run a full programme of tennis activities, for all abilities, from ages 2+.

Funding from Spelthorne Council, Surrey LTA, Bretts, and Heathrow has enabled the courts to be upgraded with floodlighting and a café pavilion serving drinks and snacks.

In the Queen's birthday honours list, Dennis Brock, 100 bell ringer from Sunbury has been awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the community in Sunbury on Thames.

Shepperton Village Parade and Fair was a great success on Saturday 8 June. The organisers did an absolutely fabulous job and the event attracted thousands of people.

2613 Urgent items

There were none.

NOTES:-

- (1) *Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are reminded that under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16, the "call-in" procedure shall not apply to recommendations the Cabinet makes to the Council. The matters on which recommendations have been made to the Council, if any, are identified with an asterisk [*] in the above Minutes.***
- (2) *Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are entitled to call in decisions taken by the Cabinet for scrutiny before they are implemented, other than any recommendations covered under (1) above.***
- (3) *Within five working days of the date on which a decision of the Cabinet or a Cabinet Member is published, not less than three members [one of whom must be the Chairman] of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are able to "call in" a decision;***
- (4) *To avoid delay in considering an item "called in", an extraordinary meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be convened within seven days of a "call in" being received if an ordinary meeting is not scheduled in that period;***
- (5) *When calling in a Cabinet decision for review the members doing so should in their notice of "call in":-***

 - *Outline their reasons for requiring a review;***
 - *Indicate any further information they consider the Overview and Scrutiny Committee needs to have before it in order to conduct a review in addition to the written report made by officers to the Cabinet;***
 - *Indicate whether, where the decision was taken collectively by the Cabinet, they wish the Leader or his nominee (who should normally be the Cabinet Member) or where the decision was taken by a Cabinet Member, the member of the Cabinet making the decision, to attend the committee meeting; and***

- ***Indicate whether the officer making the report to the Cabinet or the Cabinet Member taking the decision or his/her representative should attend the meeting.***
- (6) ***The deadline of five working days for "call in" by Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to the above decisions by the Cabinet is the close of business on 27 June 2019.***