

Minutes of the Cabinet

21 February 2012

Present:

Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley (Acting Leader of the Council, Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet and Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing)

Councillor Mrs. J.M. Pinkerton (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Older People and Health Liaison)

Councillor F. Ayers (Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Assets)

Councillor C. A. Davis (Cabinet Member for Economic Development)

Councillor T.J.M. Evans (Cabinet Member for Finance)

Councillor P.C. Forbes-Forsyth (Cabinet Member for Parks and Leisure)

Councillor N. Gething (Cabinet Member for Communications)

Councillor R.L. Watts (Cabinet Member for Environment)

1780. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

At this point in the meeting, the Leader-elect, Councillor Frank Ayers, expressed his thanks to the outgoing Leader, Councillor Leighton, for all her hard work over the past year.

1781. Disclosures of interest

There were none.

1782. *Fees and charges 2012-13 – Key Decision

Cabinet considered a report seeking members' approval of the proposed schedule of fees and charges to be implemented from 1 April 2012.

Cabinet noted that in the current challenging economic climate, the Council needed to be careful in setting fee levels which were sustainable and would not adversely impact on income levels.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that Council approves the fees and charges as set out in Appendix A to the report of the Chief Finance Officer.

1783. *Draft Capital Programme 2011-12 to 2015-16 – Key Decision

Cabinet considered a report on the proposed Capital Programme for 2012/13 to 2015/16 in the light of the available resources and corporate priorities. The report covered progress on the current scheme and included future schemes for consideration.

It also provided information on the availability of resources to continue moving forward with the proposed schemes.

Cabinet noted the expenditure of £60,000 for disabled children in Ashford.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that Council approves the Capital Programme and Prudential Indicators for 2012/13 to 2015/16.

1784. *Draft Detailed Budget 2012-13 – Key Decision

Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer seeking Members consideration of the net Revenue Expenditure Budget for 2012/2013 and a formal proposal on a Council Tax

for 2012/2013 for recommendation to the Council for approval. By accurately planning and managing its financial resources the Council is able to maximise the services it provides to the public.

Cabinet noted that significant savings had been made to enable a balanced Budget for 2012-13.

The options considered were in the main body of the report.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that Council:

1. approves the growth and savings items as set out in the Appendices to the Report of the Chief Finance Officer.
2. agrees the Council Tax Base for the whole council area as at 2012/2013. [Item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")] and calculates that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purpose for 2012/2013 is £172.22
3. approves a 2.9% increase in the Spelthorne Borough Council element of the council tax for 2012/13 the following proposals:
 - a) the Revenue Estimates as set out be approved
 - b) no money, as set out in this report, is appropriated from General Reserves in support of Spelthorne's local Council Tax for 2012/13.
 - c) to agree that the council tax base for the year 2011/12 is 40,667.3 calculated in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as amended, made under Section 35(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
4. agrees that the following sums be now calculated by the Council for the year 2012-13 in accordance with Section 31 to 36 of the Local Government Act 1992.

(a)	£54,616,000	Being the aggregate of the amount which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Council.
(b)	£47,612,334	Being the aggregate of the amount which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.
(c)	£7,003,666	Being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31A (4) of the Act.
(d)	£172.22	Being the amount at 3(c)above (Item R), all divided by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).

(e)	£0	Being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act (as per the Attached Appendix).
(f)	£172.22	Being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2012/2013 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

VALUATION BAND	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Spelthorne	114.81	133.95	153.08	172.22	210.49	248.76	287.03	344.44

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (e) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the sum which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band 'D', calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different band.

1785. 2011-12 Capital Monitoring

Cabinet considered a report on the capital spend against the budget position of schemes which had been included in the capital programme for the period April to December 2011.

RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the 2011-12 Capital Monitoring report.

1786. Net Revenue Monitoring and projected outturns as at December 2011

Cabinet considered a report updating members on the Council's net revenue spend figures and forecast outturn position as at 31 December 2011. The report detailed how resources were spent on providing services for residents for the 9 month period, April to December 2011.

RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the Net Revenue Monitoring and projected outturns report as at December 2011.

1787. Revenue Grants 2012-13 and other funding arrangements

Cabinet considered a report recommending funding for voluntary sector organisations for 2012/13 and seeking members agreement on future performance monitoring arrangements.

The options considered were in the main body of the report.

RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees

1. the future performance monitoring arrangements as set out in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive;
2. funding for the various organisations as detailed in appendix D to the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and
3. to allocate remaining funds of £17,550 to organisations (voluntary /business) who have worthwhile projects which support the local community, during 2012/13.

1788. *Pay Policy Statement

Cabinet considered a report on a Pay Policy Statement for 2012/13.

Cabinet noted that the Localism Act 2011 required local authorities to publish an annual Pay Policy Statement, approved by full Council, to increase transparency regarding the use of public funds to pay council staff.

The first annual statement must be published by 31 March 2012.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that Council approves the Pay Policy Statement for 2012/13.

1789. Adoption of Food and Health and Safety Service Plans 2012-13

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval for the adoption of the Food and Health and Safety Service Plans for 2012/13.

RESOLVED that Cabinet adopts the Food and Health and Safety Service Plans for 2012/13.

1790. *Spelthorne Safer, Stronger Partnership (SSSP) Plan 2012-15

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval of the Spelthorne Safer, Stronger Partnership (SSSP) Plan 2012-15. The Plan set out the priorities for the Safer Stronger Partnership for the period 2012-2015.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that Council approves the Spelthorne Safer, Stronger Partnership (SSSP) Plan 2012-15, (shown at Appendix A to the Report of the Chief Executive) in its capacity as a statutory member of the Spelthorne Safer, Stronger Partnership.

1791. Surrey Minerals Plan

Cabinet considered a report on Surrey County Council's Aggregates Recycling Joint Development Plan Document and seeking its endorsement to the consultation response agreed with Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing Strategy and provided to Surrey County Council within the consultation period.

Cabinet noted that it was important the Borough Council responded to the consultation to ensure that the policies set out in the latest Surrey Minerals Plan document would most effectively protect and enhance the environment of the Borough.

RESOLVED that Cabinet endorses the response to Surrey County Council's consultation on the Aggregates Recycling Joint Development Plan Document, as shown at Appendices A and B to the Report of the Assistant Chief Executive.

1792. *Members' Allowances scheme

Cabinet considered the minutes and recommendations of the Independent Review Panel (IRP) for Members Allowances, which met on 10 February 2012.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that Council:

1. agrees the recommendation of the IRP in relation to the freezing of the Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances (paragraph 4.1(b))
2. agrees to refer back to the Panel, the recommendation at paragraph 4.1(a) to ask them to review the issue of travel expenses in the light of data to be obtained from other Surrey districts.

1793. Issues for future meetings

There were none.

1794. Urgent items

There were none.

NOTES:-

- (1) ***Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are reminded that under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule, 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 three 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 three 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 2 March 2012