

MINUTES OF THE CABINET

28 SEPTEMBER 2010

PRESENT:

Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley (Deputy Leader of the Council, Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet and Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing (IN THE CHAIR);
Councillor F. Ayers (Cabinet Member for Community Safety);
Councillor C.A. Davis (Cabinet Member for Economic Development);
Councillor G.E. Forsbrey (Cabinet Member for Environment);
Councillor Mrs D.L. Grant (Cabinet Member for Young People and Culture);
Councillor Mrs. V.J. Leighton (Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources) and
Councillor Mrs J.M. Pinkerton (Cabinet Member for Communications) and

Apology: Councillor J.D. Packman, (Cabinet Member and Leader of the Council)

1632. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 July and of the Special Meeting held on 23 August 2010 were confirmed as a correct record.

1633. MINUTES OF THE SPELTHORNE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING - 20 JULY 2010

The Cabinet discussed the Minutes of the Spelthorne Youth Council meeting held on 20 July 2010. The Cabinet was concerned to note that no responses had been received from the MEPs regarding funding for a trip to the European Parliament.

RESOLVED to note the Minutes of the Spelthorne Youth Council meeting held on 20 July 2010.

1634. MINUTES OF THE MEMBERS DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP – 13 JULY 2010

The Cabinet considered the Minutes and recommendations of the Members Development Steering Group held on 13 July 2010.

The Cabinet were informed that in respect of Recommendation (d) Skills Portal the Cabinet Member, Cllr Mrs J. Pinkerton had requested the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to approve under urgent action, expenditure to enable Spelthorne to obtain and set up the Members' Development Skills Portal in time to have it available for members' use in the last 8 months of this administration.

RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the urgent action as set out above, and approves the recommendations of the Members Development Steering Group held on 13 July 2010.

1635. CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT APRIL - JULY 2010

The Cabinet considered a report on the Capital Programme spending figures for the period April to July 2010.

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RESOLVED that the Capital Monitoring Report for the period April to July 2010 be noted.

1636. REVENUE MONITORING REPORT APRIL - JULY 2010

The Cabinet considered a report on Revenue spend figures and how resources were spent on providing services for residents for the period April to July 2010.

RESOLVED that the Revenue Monitoring report for the period April to July 2010 be noted.

1637. STREET CLEANSING VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

The Cabinet considered a report on the procurement of Street Cleansing mechanical sweepers and the procurement methods to be adopted.

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

RESOLVED that the Cabinet authorises Streetscene to obtain costs for both lease and purchase options for the procurement of six specialist vehicles through a framework agreement to replace the equivalent number for use in the Council's street cleaning services.

1638. * NEW GOVERNANCE MODELS - OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

The Cabinet considered a report on the outcome of the consultation undertaken by the Council on the "Strong Leader v Elected Mayor" new governance model.

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

RESOLVED that Cabinet recommends the Council at its December 2010 meeting that the Strong Leader model be adopted as the form of governance for Spelthorne Borough Council.

1639. REVISED BUILDING CONTROL FEE CHARGING SCHEME

The Cabinet considered a report on a proposed revised building control fee charging scheme following a change in legislation.

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

RESOLVED that the Cabinet approves the proposed charging scheme for building control fees outlined in Appendix 1 of the report of the Assistant Chief Executive, for implementation from 1 October 2010.

1640. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Cabinet considered a report on the award of the contract for Christmas lighting in Staines and the future funding of Christmas lights in the borough.

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

RESOLVED that the proposed 3 year contract for Christmas lighting in Staines Town Centre be awarded to the Festive Lighting Company Ltd and officers be instructed to work with

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Chambers of Commerce and traders in the borough to take responsibility for Christmas lights.

1641. CAPITAL FUNDING FOR SALIX PROJECT

The Cabinet considered a report on capital funding for the draught proofing of windows at the Knowle Green Council Offices.

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

RESOLVED that Cabinet approves a net capital contribution of £21,500 (and a gross capital provision of £43,000) to proceed with the Salix funded project to draught proof the Knowle Green Council Offices.

1642. EXEMPT BUSINESS

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph, of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, indicated below.

1643. EXEMPT REPORT - WRITE OFFS

[Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)]

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to write off debts over the delegated amount contained in Standing Orders.

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

RESOLVED that Cabinet approves the write off of debts in the cases listed in Appendix 1 of the report of the Chief Finance Officer.

1644. EXEMPT REPORT - STANWELL NEW START PROJECT – UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS

[Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)]

The Cabinet considered an update report on the negotiations with A2Dominion since the last Cabinet report in October 2009, and which sought agreement to revisions to the proposed transaction.

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

RESOLVED that Cabinet agrees:-

- 1) To proceed with the Stanwell New Start project under the revised Heads of Terms, as set out in section 2 of the report (option 3.1) of the report of the Deputy Chief Executive;
- 2) To proceed with the sale of Council land to facilitate the scheme, provided the Council's advisors can confirm its permissibility under the General Disposal Consent and section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972; and

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- 3) any other subsequent changes / variations to the scheme which may arise, either before or after the completion of the Sale and Development Agreement, provided that all statutory obligations of the Council are complied with.

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 5 October 2010.***