

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2001

BOROUGH OF SPELTHORNE

At the Meeting of the COUNCIL of the BOROUGH of SPELTHORNE, held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines on Thursday 13th December, 2001 at 7.30 pm

Present: -

<i>Agarwal V</i>	<i>Fisher C M</i>	<i>Ponton Mrs J E</i>
<i>Appleyard M A</i>	<i>Forsbrey G E</i>	<i>Read E I J</i>
<i>Ayers F</i>	<i>Fullbrook J M</i>	<i>Searancke E J</i>
<i>Beardsmore I J</i>	<i>Grant Mrs D L</i>	<i>Sider R W (Deputy Mayor)</i>
<i>Blampied G G</i>	<i>Hermes A W</i>	<i>Smith J E H</i>
<i>Burrell L J W</i>	<i>Hirst A P</i>	<i>Smith Mrs P A</i>
<i>Ceaser G S</i>	<i>Hyams Mrs M</i>	<i>Smith-Ainsley R A</i>
<i>Crabb T W</i>	<i>James P R</i>	<i>Stubbs T</i>
<i>Culnane E K</i>	<i>Norcross Mrs G A</i>	<i>Trussler G F</i>
<i>Davies F (Leader)</i>	<i>O'Hara E</i>	<i>Watkins R</i>
<i>Drinkwater H V (Mayor)</i>	<i>Packman J D (Deputy Leader)</i>	<i>Weston Mrs P</i>
	<i>Paton J M</i>	<i>Wood-Dow Mrs J M</i>

Councillor Vic Drinkwater, Mayor, in the Chair

526/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P.C. Amos, Ms A. Leedham, Mrs M.J Martin, Mrs H.E.L. Mellett and Mrs I. Napper.

527/01 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on, 11th October 2001 were approved as a correct record.

528/01 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Under Standing Order 17, Mr. M. Wilkie of 48 Watersplash Road, Shepperton asked Councillor E.J. Searancke, the Portfolio holder for Environment and Planning, various questions on the following matters :-

A). Sheepwalk – Fly-Tipping

- i). “Is the CCTV camera in Sheepwalk operational?”
- ii). Have any fly-tippers been identified, and if so, have they been either “Named and Shamed” in the local press or prosecuted?
- iii). If not, why not?

- iv). Why is the rubbish that was dumped (right opposite the CCTV camera) on the 1st December, still there?
- v). Were the culprits identified?
- vi). If so, is there a prosecution pending, and if not, why not?
- vii). When a culprit is identified, are the police involved, do they prosecute? If not, why not?
- viii). How many prosecutions have been successful since the CCTV was installed?
- ix). Has the Council considered making the non-residential section of Sheepwalk (from BlackDitch Walk to Renfree Way) one-way or perhaps using height restrictions at each end (Tarmac and Emergency vehicles could have a key)?"

B). Walton Bridge

- i). "Bearing in mind the extra weight of traffic that is likely to result from Terminal 5, what does the Council/Surrey C.C. propose to do about the poor state of repair of the *new* Walton Bridge? (the tarmac is moving and it has already been repaired on numerous occasions).
- ii). Was the new bridge poorly designed, were sub-standard materials used or was the volume of commercial traffic severely underestimated? "

Councillor Searancke replied as follows: -

1. Fly tipping

"I would like to thank Mr. Wilkie for raising these two issues tonight.

Dealing firstly with the matter of fly tipping in Sheep Walk I can confirm that the CCTV Camera is still operating and although there are still occasional problems of fly tipping, the volumes we were experiencing earlier this year have been significantly reduced. Back in the summer we were spending on average around £1,000 per week clearing up fly tipping – a figure that has now dropped to a few hundred pounds a month.

Nonetheless, any fly tipping is totally anti-social and unacceptable and does need to be controlled.

Several vehicles involved in fly tipping have been identified by the Cameras unfortunately but not unexpectedly we have been unable to trace the owners of the vehicles through the DVLC as vehicles involved in fly tipping are rarely properly registered.

We have been unable to identify and provide evidence that would lead to a successful prosecution but we will continue to seek to gain this evidence. It would be a great help to the Council if Members of the Public were not only prepared to report fly tipping but also were prepared to provide us with the evidence we need to carry out a successful prosecution.

I do not believe that making Sheep Walk one-way or providing a height restriction would make any significant difference to the amount of fly tipping

that takes place. All this would do would create inconvenience to road users and in particular local residents.

The rubbish referred to by Mr. Wilkie has now been removed. There was a delay in moving it while Council officers examined it for the presence of hazardous waste. We do, however try to remove most fly tipping within 48 hours of it being reported”.

2. Walton Bridge

“Turning to the matter of Walton Bridge, I cannot comment in any detail on the issues raised by Mr. Wilkie as this is the responsibility of Surrey County Council. I am aware, however, that Surrey County Council who were responsible for the design and for its future maintenance are addressing the matter of the tarmac moving and other problems being experienced.

To ensure that Mr. Wilkie gets a full and accurate response to his questions, I have asked the Director of Community Services to pass them on to Surrey County Council who will ensure that he gets a full response.”

529/01 529/01 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor, Councillor Vic Drinkwater, announced that tickets for the Mayor’s Charity Ball were now available.

530/01 530/01 CRIME AND DISORDER DELEGATIONS

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive on proposals for changes to Officer Delegations in respect of crime and disorder activities covering action in accordance with the existing Crime and Disorder Strategy and within the Spelthorne Partnership Board’s annual budget.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That powers be delegated to the Chief Executive to take any action in accordance with the 3-year Spelthorne Crime and Disorder Strategy providing it is within the Spelthorne Partnership Board’s annual budget; and
- (2) That any new initiatives be delegated on a similar basis, but in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and also on the basis that reports be made to the Executive if any additional financial support is required.

531/01 ICT AND E-GOVERNMENT STRATEGY – PROGRESS AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – KEY DECISION

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive on progress made with the implementation of the Council’s Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Electronic Government Strategy and the financial implications for current and future Capital and Revenue budgets.

RESOLVED that a Supplementary Capital Estimate of £42,000 to finance the balance over budget of the anticipated ICT Capital requirements for the remainder of 2001/2002 be approved.

532/01 COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – KEY DECISION

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive to adopt the draft Constitution reflecting their views on the matters in paragraphs 6.7, 6.10, and 6.12 of the report of the Chief Executive.

An Amendment was Moved by Councillor T. Stubbs and seconded by Councillor A.P. Hirst:-

“That Article 8 – Regulatory and other committees of the draft Constitution be amended to include the reinstatement of the Council and Staff Joint Sub-Committee.”

Councillor F. Davies suggested to the mover and seconder of the Amendment that he believed that a Council and Staff Joint Committee had not existed for a number of years and that the matter should be first investigated and a full report prepared before any changes were made to the Constitution.

Councillor Stubbs and Councillor Hirst agreed to ask the Council to allow the withdrawal of the Amendment subject to the matter being included in the Agenda for consideration at the next Council meeting on 21st February, 2002.

RESOLVED:-

- [1] That the procedural standing order rules referred to in paragraph 6.7 of the report of the Chief Executive be applied to Executive meetings.
- [2] That Option 1 in paragraph 6.10 of the report be adopted, i.e. (a) approval by the Council of an appointment of a Chief Executive on the recommendation of an Appointments Committee and (b) appointment of Directors by an Appointments Committee.
- [3] That no changes be made to the existing arrangements for the appointment of Assistant Directors and Heads of Service.
- [4] That the Council approve the draft Constitution in the form submitted with amendments to reflect the points at [1], [2] and [3] above.
- [5] That an additional delegation to the Chief Executive be included in Part 3(b) of the Constitution to repeat the current delegation to the Chief Executive [which currently appears in the Council's existing Standing Order 55(7)] to make or terminate, in accordance with the wishes of a political group, the appointment of a member to a seat on any committee, sub committee, working party or panel which has been allocated to that group.
- [6] That the Chief Executive be authorised to make such alterations to the Constitution from time to time as are necessary to reflect decisions taken by the Council on the matters contained within the Constitution.
- [7] That an Independent Panel on Members Allowances be reappointed and that the arrangements be made by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the 3 Political Group Leaders.
- [8] That the amendment concerning the reinstatement of the Council and Staff Joint

Committee be considered by the Council at its meeting on 21st February, 2002.

533/01 OUTLINE BUDGET 2002/2003 - 2005/2006 – KEY DECISION

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive on Revenue Expenditure and Financing Projections for the four-year period from 1st April 2002 to 31st March 2006.

RESOLVED: -

- [1] That the revised estimate for 2001/2002 of £13.481 million be approved.
- [2] That a maximum of £2.860 million be taken from general reserves in support of 2001/2002 expenditure.
- [3] That the outline budget projections for the years 2002/2003 – 2005/2006 be noted.
- [4] That the maximum revenue expenditure for 2002/2003 be set at £13.064 million, to include an allowance for expenditure slippage during 2002/2003 of £250,000.
- [5] That an amount not exceeding £2.052 million be taken from general reserves in support of expenditure and the council tax for 2002/2003, to include £210,000 in respect of the cost of appointing Directors and the Implementing Electronic Government programme.
- [6] That an amount not exceeding £161,000 be taken from the New Schemes Fund in support of revenue expenditure for 2002/2003.
- [7] That a council tax increase for 2002/2003 of a minimum of 5% be approved in principle, subject to [8] below.
- [8] That the decisions set out in [1] – [7] above be reviewed after detailed consideration of the Council's Revenue Support Grant allocation for 2002/2003 and its implication for Council services and expenditure.
- [9] That in view of the budget deficit identified in the report of the Director of Resources for 2002/2003 and subsequent years
 - a. the Council's Best Value Panels be reminded of the need to undertake fundamental reviews and consider radical approaches to the Council's future service provision;
 - b. a report be made by Management Team to the Executive by the end of March 2002 on the level of savings that could be found from radical Best Value Reviews and other action to be taken both during the current and the next financial year;

- c. a small group of Members comprising Councillors Davies, Hermes, Mrs. Hyams and Mrs. Weston be established to consider the Council's increased expenditure on Housing Benefits and Insurance Premiums and report back to the Executive by the end of March 2002.

[10] That the report to the Executive by the Director of Resources on the Revenue Support Grant Settlement for 2002/2003 and its implications for Spelthorne be noted and the Director of Resources and the Council's Leader be authorised to make strong representations to the Government on the detailed points identified in the report.

534/01 MINOR WORKS AND SERVICES PROGRAMME 2002/2003 – KEY DECISION

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive to proceed with the Minor Works and Services Programme, including schemes suggested by Members.

An amendment was moved by Councillor T. Stubbs and seconded by Councillor G.G. Blampied: -

“That only 10 of the 19 notice boards be renewed next year and the allocation of £40,000 for the felling of dead and dying trees be removed from the programme.”

This amendment was lost.

A further amendment was moved by Councillor C.M. Fisher and seconded by Councillor T. Crabb: -

“That the amount for notice boards in the Minor Works budget for 2002/2003 be reduced to £12,000”

After discussion it was moved by Councillor G.G. Blampied and seconded by Mrs D.L. Grant and **RESOLVED** that the motion be put.

The amendment was lost.

RESOLVED:

[1] That subject to [2] below, the Minor Works and Services Programme for 2002/2003 set out at Appendix A to the report of the Director of Resources be approved pending further analysis as to feasibility and cost of the schemes suggested by Members set out at Appendix C.

[2] That the schemes suggested by Members which were highway agency related and the responsibility of Surrey County Council be referred by the Director of Community Services to that Council for approval and funding.

535/01 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/2003 - 2005/2006 – KEY DECISION

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive to approve the Capital Programme on the basis that funding of the Housing Investment Programme Schemes would be from capital receipts and government grants and in line with Council policies, with funding of the Other Services Programme either from capital receipts or revenue reserves.

RESOLVED that the Capital Programme for 2002/2003 to 2005/2006 as set out at Appendix A to the report of the Director of Resources to the Executive be approved , subject to the Programme being amended to reflect the separate decisions by the Council on the following matters: -

[Minute 537/01] - Expenditure on Housing Development Programme

[Minute 538/01] - Spelthorne Leisure Centre – Replacement of Floor in Pool and other

Improvement Items - Key Decision

[Minute 539/01] – Sunbury Leisure Centre – Water Treatment Systems - Key Decision

[Minute 540/01] – Ashford Tennis Centre – Key Decision

[Minute 541/01] – Demolition of Staines Day Centre

[Minute 554/01] – Staines Community Centre, Staines – Key Decision

536/01 COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR TAX SETTING

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive based on the statutory requirement for the Council to approve the tax base, which would be used to calculate Spelthorne's entitlement to Revenue Support Grant and the level of Council Tax for the year 2002/2003.

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the amount calculated by Spelthorne Borough Council as its tax base for 2002/2003 be set at 38,633.8.

537/01 EXPENDITURE ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive to proceed with the proposal in the report of the Director of Community Services, which was in line with the Council's current Existing Satisfactory Properties (ESP) programme.

RESOLVED that additional capital funding of £840,000 to support the acquisition of an additional 7 properties for housing purposes and to provide local authority social housing grant at a total cost of £564,000 on these units be approved.

538/01 SPELTHORNE LEISURE CENTRE – REPLACEMENT OF FLOOR IN POOL AND OTHER IMPROVEMENT ITEMS – KEY DECISION

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive to proceed with the proposal for funding the renewal and upgrading of the changing and pool area at Spelthorne Leisure Centre.

RESOLVED: -

[1] That the replacement of the floor tiles and the removal of other features at Spelthorne Leisure Centre at an overall cost of £166,000, including the expenditure involved in undertaking this work overnight and all fees and contingencies, be approved; and

[2] That this work will be undertaken and should be financed from the Council's Other Services Capital Programme for 2002/2003.

SUNBURY LEISURE CENTRE – WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS – KEY DECISION

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive to proceed with the proposal for funding essential works required on the Water Treatment Systems at this Centre either in one stage or in a phased approach.

RESOLVED:-

[1] That the work detailed in the report of the Director of Community Services to replace the existing Water Treatment System and address other Health and Safety matters at Sunbury Leisure Centre be carried out in April 2002, at a total cost of £245,600, including fees contingencies and loss of income; and

[2] That the scheme be financed from the Council's New Schemes Fund, in 2002/2003.

539/01 ASHFORD TENNIS CENTRE

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive to drop the scheme for the Indoor Tennis Centre but continue to support other elements of the global scheme.

RESOLVED that the Council do not proceed with the planning application for an indoor tennis centre on the land at Spelthorne College, Ashford, but continue to support other elements of the global scheme to enable National Lottery Funding and seek other possible sites in Ashford for an indoor tennis centre.

540/01 DEMOLITION OF STAINES DAY CENTRE

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive to proceed with the planning application for demolition of Staines Day Centre as this work was essential to facilitate the completion of the Memorial Gardens Scheme currently under construction.

RESOLVED that the Council: -

[1] Confirms its intention to use the existing Staines Day Centre site as a conservatory / patio area as part of the redevelopment of the Old Town Hall, Staines and its incorporation into the design for the Memorial Gardens Scheme.

[2] Approves the submission of a planning application for the demolition of Staines Day Centre.

[3] Approves a Supplementary Capital Budget of £89,000 to cover the cost of submitting a planning application and the demolition of the existing Staines Day Centre, as part of the budget for the Memorial Gardens Scheme.

541/01 STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Council considered the recommendation of the Standards Committee to amend the Council's Anti Fraud and Corruption Strategy.

RESOLVED that the following procedural changes be made to the Council's Confidential Reporting Code:

- (a) Paragraph 1 – Introduction – be amended to make specific reference to the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998; and
- (b) Paragraph 7.6 – How to Raise Concerns – be amended:
 - i) To refer to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee as possible contact points for staff rather than the Chairman of the Review and Scrutiny Committee; and
 - ii) To make it clear that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee are non councillors and that the Committee have a specific role in enhancing probity.

542/01 EXECUTIVE

The Leader of the Council, Councillor F. Davies, presented his report which outlined the various matters the Executive had dealt with since the last Council meeting, excluding matters resolved at the meeting on 11th December, which would be included in his report to the next Council Meeting.

543/01 COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Community Committee, Councillor G.F. Trussler, presented his report which outlined the matters the Community Committee had dealt with since the last Council meeting.

544/01 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Economic Committee, Councillor Mrs Hyams, presented her report which outlined the matters the Economic Committee had dealt with since the last Council meeting.

545/01 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Environment Committee, Councillor G.E. Forsbrey, presented his report which outlined the matters the Environment Committee had dealt with since the last Council meeting.

546/01 LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Licensing Committee, Councillor Mrs P. Weston , presented her report which outlined the matters the Licensing Committee had dealt with since the last Council meeting.

547/01 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor G.S. Ceaser, presented his report which outlined the matters the Planning Committee had dealt with since the last Council meeting.

548/01 STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Standards Committee, Mr M. Litvak , presented his report which outlined the matters the Standards Committee had dealt with since the last Council

meeting and reminded Members that there would be a Members' Seminar, on the New Code of Conduct for Members, on Tuesday 5th February at 7.00pm.

549/01 QUESTIONS ON WARD ISSUES

Under Standing Order 13, Councillor L.J.W. Burrell asked the following question: -

"In relation to the EEC directive coming into force in January 2002 regarding the disposal of old refrigerators.

1. What plans and contingency arrangements does this Council have in place to remove and dispose of any refrigerators that are dumped on the highway, in view of the restrictions that will be imposed regarding the CFC gases contained in the refrigerators.
2. Will the future removal and disposal of these items have a budget implication for Spelthorne Council and what security arrangements are in place to ensure that we as an authority do not breach the directive until they are removed to or by Surrey County Council's Waste Contractors.
3. Are we considering any publicity in the local papers to point out the requirements of the EEC directive to retailers and the local community to ensure that all old refrigerators are disposed of legally?"

Councillor Searancke replied as follows: -

"I share Councillor Burrell's concern for the impact the proposed directive on the disposal of old refrigerators could have on the local environment.

The responsibility for storage and disposal of old refrigerators lies with Surrey County Council as the Waste Disposal Authority and how the public respond to this directive will be dictated by the arrangements Surrey County Council put in place for receiving old refrigerators.

Surrey will accept refrigerators from Members of the Public free of charge but will charge trade customers. This could lead to retailers who currently take away old fridges for disposal when they deliver new appliances no longer being prepared to provide this service.

This could lead to an increased demand for the Borough Council to collect refrigerators as bulky waste for which we make a small charge or to an increase in fly tipping.

If this level of fly tipping is significant this could have budget implications for the Borough Council.

The dumping of old refrigerators will be dealt with by the Borough Council as fly tipping in the normal way, which is to collect and deliver to the County Council disposal site. As the Borough Council will not be involved in storing or disposal, I do not believe we need to take any special precautions to avoid breaching the directive.

Publicity surrounding the new directive and the arrangements being put in place by Surrey County Council will be essential and I will ensure the Council's Officers will work with Surrey County Council's Officers to keep the public properly informed and to encourage them to act responsibly when disposing of old refrigerators."

Under Standing Order 13, Councillor Paton asked the following question: -

“Would the Leader give an update on the role of the Borough/County Partnership Committees relating to Highways issues as there appears to be some confusion as to who will be responsible and how it will function as of the 1st April 2002 and what roles will it cover.”

Councillor Davies replied as follows: -

With the transfer of the Highway Agency back to Surrey County Council from the 1st of April 2002, Spelthorne as a Council will cease to have any direct responsibility for Highway and Transportation matters. All of the Borough Staff currently dealing with Highways issues will be transferred to the County and we will no longer have the expertise "in house" to deal with highway matters.

All future highway schemes in the Borough such as highway maintenance, traffic calming, highway flooding, verge maintenance and grass cutting etc. will be dealt with by the County Staff who will continue to operate from Knowle Green in the short term.

How the Borough/County Partnership Committees will work and how the Borough will input to them is still being developed but will obviously need to be clarified before April 2002.

550/01 GENERAL QUESTIONS

Under Standing Order 13, Councillor James asked the following questions: -

- “1. Can we have an update on the computerised system? If we do have one in place. I believe we do not.
2. Why have Members not been updated since my question to Council on 14th December, 2000 last year?”

Councillor Searancke replied as follows:-

“Our paper-based Highway Drainage Records have been placed on the GIS System which is the computer based mapping system. Having transferred the information to the GIS System we have now spent the last 12 months surveying and verifying the information held on the system. This work which is 80% completed will be finalised by April 2002 in time for the information to be passed on to Surrey County Council when they take back the Highway Agency which will include highway drainage. We will also be passing onto Surrey County Council a record of all the outstanding problems as highway drainage will be the responsibility of the County from the 1st April next year.

The comprehensive survey of the minor water courses and piped ditches, which will remain Spelthorne’s responsibility after April 2002 will be completed by the end of December. From this survey we will develop a programme of the works required to improve the strategic drainage system, which we will bring forward for consideration by Members during 2002 for inclusion in the budget, which will be set for 2003/2004.

A report updating Members on the next steps was presented to the Executive on 12th June 2001 and further reports will come forward over the coming months as our strategy is developed.”

Under Standing Order 13, Councillor Crabb asked the following question: -

“Does the Leader of the Council share my concern at the inaccuracy of the population forecast figures for Spelthorne as issued to Members, which have twice wrongly forecast a decline instead of an increase? Can he reassure the Council that no per capita funding for the Borough is compromised by these inaccuracies? Will he take steps to ensure that revised figures are made available, especially in the light of the decision to proceed with Terminal Five, so that central Government and partnership bodies such as SCC, Health Trusts, the Highway authority and Surrey Police are made fully aware of the population pressures on the Borough?”

Councillor Davies replied as follows: -

Population forecasts are produced by the Office for National Statistics, a Government body, and are based upon the ten yearly census figures as adjusted by projections for demographic and other information. We have no control over this process and have to accept figures provided.

It is true that for a considerable number of years Spelthorne's population has been predicted to fall each year. It is also true that this directly affects the revenue support grant we receive, as this is partly distributed per head of population. For example, in this year 2001/2002 we are receiving £90.12 for each person in the Borough. To the extent that our population is underestimated we lose that much multiplied by the shortfall. There is no mechanism for appealing against the population estimate but every ten years differences are corrected by the census. The 2001 Census figures will be used for the first time in the Financial Year 2003/2004, but the grant system is due to change from 1st April 2003 and it is not yet clear what effect population changes will have on future grants entitlements. They will of course have an effect on service demands for the area and we will play our full part along with other bodies in lobbying for adequate funding to meet those demands.

A full report will be made to Members on the outcome of the 2001 Census as soon as it is available.

In view of the response to a previous question, Councillor L.J.W. Burrell withdrew his question regarding the provisional local government finance settlement for the year 2002/2003.

551/01 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Ashford Relief In Need Charities

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. P. Weston be appointed to serve as a Trustee on the Ashford Relief In Need Charities until 13th December, 2005.

St Mary's C of E Junior School, Clare Road, Stanwell

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

Shortwood Infant School, Stanwell New Road, Staines

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

552/01 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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.

553/01 STAINES COMMUNITY CENTRE, STAINES - KEY DECISION ***(Paragraph 9 – Proposed Terms of a Contract)***

RESOLVED:-

- [1] That the Tender from BRBS in the sum of £1,036,830, the lowest received for a modular construction of the new Staines Community Centre, be accepted and that it be noted the fixtures and fittings of the new Community Centre would be at an additional cost of £80,000.

- [2] That a Supplementary Estimate of £236,830 be approved for 2001/2002 to cover the increase in the budget for the new Staines Community Centre Scheme