

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2002

## BOROUGH OF SPELTHORNE

At The Special Meeting Of The Council Of The Borough Of Spelthorne, Held In  
The  
Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines  
On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June At 7.30pm

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

*Councillor G.S. Ceaser, Deputy Mayor, in the Chair*

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors V. Agarwal, Mrs P.C. Amos, H.V. Drinkwater, G.E. Forsbrey, J.M.Fullbrook, Mrs M.J. Martin, R.W. Sider, T. Stubbs, R. Watkins and Mrs J.M. Wood-Dow.

### 206/02 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2002 were approved as a correct record.

### 207/02 SPELTHORNE BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN (BVPP) 2002/2003 – KEY DECISION

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive on a draft of the Council's Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) for 2002/2003.

Members noted the change needed to page 5 of the spreadsheet of Performance Indicators under the section on Planning to read: Target for BVPI 107 for 02/03 be £11.51 and not £6.39.

### RESOLVED:

- a. That the key priorities for the Council listed in the Best Value Performance Plan for 2002/2003 be endorsed;
- b. That the target for BVPI 107 for 02/03 to £11.51 and not £6.39; and

- c. That subject to the above change the Best Value Performance Plan for 2002/2003 as presented be adopted.

**208/02 IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW POLLING DISTRICT ARRANGEMENTS –  
KEY DECISION**

The Council considered the recommendation of the Executive on new Polling Districts and Polling Places to be introduced within the Borough of Spelthorne in May 2003.

**RESOLVED:**

- a. That the following Polling Districts and Polling Places for the Borough be approved:-

<b>WARD</b>	<b>NEW POLLING DISTRICT</b>	<b>NEW POLLING PLACE</b>
<b>STANWELL NORTH</b>	SN1	STANWELL MOOR VILLAGE HALL
	SN2	STANWELL VILLAGE HALL
	SN3	YOUTH CENTRE,
	SN4	ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
<b>ASHFORD NORTH &amp; STANWELL SOUTH</b>	ANS1	STANWELL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL
	ANS2	FORDWAY CENTRE,
	ANS3	MOBILE POLLING STATION
<b>STAINES</b>	S1	SHORTWOOD INFANT SCHOOL,
	S2	STAINES COMMUNITY CENTRE
	S3	STAINES YOUTH SPORTS CENTRE,
	S4	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
<b>STAINES SOUTH</b>	SS1	ST. MARTIN'S COURT HALL
	SS2	RESOURCE CENTRE
	SS3	BUCKLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL
<b>ASHFORD TOWN</b>	AT1	ASHFORD PARK SCHOOL
	AT2	ST. HILDA'S CHURCH HALL
	AT3	CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL
<b>ASHFORD EAST</b>	AE1	ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH HALL
	AE2	CLOCKHOUSE LANE PAVILION
	AE3	ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL
<b>ASHFORD COMMON</b>	AC1	EHELDFORD SCHOOL
	AC2	ASHFORD C OF E SCHOOL
	AC3	SPELTHORNE INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL
<b>RIVERSIDE &amp; LALEHAM</b>	RL1	ST. PETER'S CHURCH HALL
	RL2	BUCKLAND INFANT SCHOOL
<b>LALEHAM &amp; SHEPPERTON GREEN</b>	LSG1	ALL SAINT'S CHURCH HALL
	LSG2	ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH HALL
	LSG3	CHARLTON VILLAGE HALL
<b>SUNBURY COMMON</b>	SC	KENYNGTON MANOR SCHOOL
<b>SHEPPERTON TOWN</b>	ST	SHEPPERTON VILLAGE HALL
<b>HALLIFORD &amp; SUNBURY WEST</b>	HSW1	HALLIFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE
	HSW2	SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL
	HSW3	ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL
<b>SUNBURY EAST</b>	SE1	ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH HALL
	SE2	CHENNESTONE SCHOOL
	SE3	BEAUCLERC SCHOOL

- b. That the Director of Community Services to allocate parking free of charge at the Riverside Car Park for those electors voting at the new Staines Community Centre in the new polling District S2.

The Council considered the recommendation of the Economic Committee on the Statement of Accounts for 2001/2002.

**RESOLVED** that the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2001/2002, as presented, be approved.

**210/02 210/02 URGENT BUSINESS – FIRE AT KNOWLE GREEN**

The Chief Executive updated members on the recent arson attack at the Council Offices and referred to the report previously circulated to all members.

The Chief Executive reported that one of the main operational problems following the fire was operating from temporary reception areas and to overcome this the feasibility of using a portacabin for a reception area was being investigated. He went on to report that the Loss Adjustor had indicated that works to bring the building back to normal working arrangements could take up to three months but ways of reducing this period was being looked at. A report on improving security would be submitted to the Executive at its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2002.

Discussion took place on the temporary arrangements made for people to make cash payments for their Council Tax etc at the main Post Office in Staines and at Barclays Bank in the High Street, Staines. Arrangements could be made for other sub Post Offices in the Borough to process cash payments without charge. Members felt that this issue should be investigated further to prevent people being out of pocket and whether there was scope to reimburse those people who do incur the expense.

The Leader placed on record the gratitude of all members to all Council staff who despite working under difficult circumstances had worked extremely hard to provide a service to the public and to other organisations in the building which had given assistance in the immediate aftermath of the fire.

**RESOLVED:**

- a. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to take all action necessary, including incurring expenditure to reinstate normal working arrangements at the Knowle Green Council Offices as quickly as possible;
- b. That the Officers be requested to present a report to the Executive on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2002 on (a) above and on future security arrangements for Knowle Green Council Offices; and
- c. That Officers investigate the possibility of payments being made without charge to other Post Offices in the Borough.