

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH JANUARY
2005**

**AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, KNOWLE GREEN, STAINES
ON WEDNESDAY 19TH JANUARY 2005 AT 7.30PM**

Ayers F	Hyams Mrs M	Ponton Mrs J. E.
Bain Ms M	James P R	Royer M T
Beardsmore I J	Leighton Mrs V J	Searancke E J
Bhadye S	Madams M J	Sider R W
Bouquet M.L.	Napper I	Spencer Mrs C L
Ceaser G S	O'Hara E	Strong C V
Colison-Crawford R B	Packman J D (Deputy Leader)	Trussler G F (Mayor)
Davies F (Leader)	Paton J M	Turner D.
Grant Mrs D L	Pinkerton Mrs J.M.	Weston Mrs P. (Deputy Mayor)
Hirst A P	Pinkerton J D	Wood-Dow J M

G F Trussler, Mayor, in the Chair

9/05 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P.C. Amos, E.K. Culnane, R. D'Sa, G.E. Forsbrey, J.M. Fullbrook, H.R. Jaffer, S.B.S. Lorch and Mr Murray Litvak.

10/05 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 December 2004 be approved as a correct record.

11/05 LEISURE CENTRE PROCUREMENT

The Council considered a recommendation from the Executive on options for the future of Spelthorne and Sunbury Leisure Centres.

RESOLVED: -

- 1 To continue the procurement process for Spelthorne and Sunbury Leisure Centres.**
- 2 To invite the following companies to submit formal tenders by the end of March 2005: -**
 - Community Leisure**
 - Greenwich Leisure**
 - Leisure Connections**
 - Parkwood**
 - Sports and Leisure Management**
- 3 That the tender proposal should include the following:**
 - a. Proposals for changes to the structure of the centre to optimise leisure uses (Capital developments).**

- b. **Potential other options for the site management, including long-term leasing or freehold disposal (with restricted user clauses) of the site to the Management Company.**
 - c. **Proposals for the leisure operator to be responsible for all repairs and maintenance (as identified by the Limbrick Report), subject to the structural liability being retained by the Authority.**
- 4 **That, in respect of Option A [i.e. retain both Leisure Centres], that the length of the contract should be for 15 years with an option for an extension of an additional five years and that officers evaluate the Council's best approach to offering a lease or licence to the successful contractor.**

12/05 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2005/2006

The Council considered a recommendation from the Executive on the current treasury position and on proposals for setting the Annual Investment Strategy and Prudential Indicators for 2005/2006 to 2007/2008.

RESOLVED to approve the Treasury Management Strategy for 2004/2005, the Annual Investment Strategy for 2005/2006 and the Prudential Indicators for 2005/2006 to 2007/2008.

13/05 REVIEW OF DELEGATIONS TO OFFICERS

The Council considered a recommendation from the Executive on proposals to update delegated powers to Officers within the Council's Constitution, in order to reflect recent changes in legislation and the updates to current working practices.

RESOLVED to approve the revised delegated powers to Officers, as outlined in Appendices A, B, C and D of the report of the Strategic Director (Support).

14/05 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Council considered a recommendation from the Licensing Committee on proposals for changes required to Committee arrangements and procedures in order that the Council's Licensing Committee might properly discharge its statutory responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003.

RESOLVED: -

1. **That the arrangements for calling Licensing Sub-Committees as set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report of the Strategic Director (Support) be confirmed and the necessary changes required to Delegations to Officers be approved.**
2. **That changes required to Standing Orders concerning the arrangements for the Chairing of Licensing Sub-Committees for the new Licensing Act procedures and Private Hire / Taxi/ Vehicle/ Driver appeals as set out in paragraph 2.9 and 2.10 of the report of the Strategic Director (Support) be approved.**
3. **That Private Hire /Taxi /Vehicle /Driver appeals be heard by Sub-Committees of 3 Members.**
4. **That arrangements to hold daytime and evening meetings be noted.**

5. That the calling of a fourth 'stand by' member as set out in paragraph 2.18–2.20 of the report of the Strategic Director (Support) be approved.
6. That the Head of Corporate Governance, in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee, draw up guidelines on procedures at Sub-Committee meetings following receipt of the Government's final proposals.
7. That holding Members' Briefings prior to hearings under Licensing Act 2003 be discontinued by the second appointed day.

15/05 URGENT BUSINESS – APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Council considered a recommendation from the Chief Executive on the constitution of an Appointments Committee to make an appointment to the post of Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED that: -

1. An Appointments Committee be set up comprising four members, 3 Conservatives and 1 Liberal Democrat, one member to be a member of the Executive; and
2. The appointment of Members to serve on the Appointments Committee be left to the two Group Leaders to process and to advise the Chief Executive of their Group's nominations.