

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14TH MARCH 2005

**AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, KNOWLE GREEN, STAINES
ON MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2005 AT 6.30PM**

Ayers F.	Forsbrey G.E.	Royer M.T.
Bain Miss M.M.	Fullbrook J.M.	Spencer Mrs C.L.
Bouquet M.L.	Grant Mrs D.L.	Trussler G.F. (Mayor)
Ceaser G.S.	Hirst A.P.	Turner Mrs. D.
Chouhan K.	James P.R.	Weston Mrs P. (Deputy
Culnane E.K.	Packman J.D. (Deputy Leader)	Mayor)
Davies F. (Leader)	Paton J.M.	Wood-Dow Mrs. J.M.
D'Sa R.V.	Pinkerton J.D.	

G.F. Trussler, Mayor, in the Chair

87/05 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P.C. Amos, S. Bhadye, R.B. Colison-Crawford, Mrs M. Hyams, H.R. Jaffer, Mrs V.J. Leighton, S.B.S. Lorch, Mrs I. Napper, E. O'Hara, Mrs. J.M. Pinkerton, Mrs. J.E. Ponton and R.W. Sider and Mr Murray Litvak.

88/05 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 February 2005 be approved as a correct record.

89/05 APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S MONITORING OFFICER

The Council considered the recommendation from the Appointments Committee held on 28 February 2005 that Mr. Michael Graham, currently Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive at Surrey County Council, be appointed to the post of Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer. Members noted that the actual start date for Mr. Graham taking up the post was still to be confirmed with Surrey County Council.

RESOLVED that the Council confirm the appointment of Mr. Michael Graham as Monitoring Officer, in accordance with Article 4.2(i) of the Council's Constitution.

90/05 URGENT BUSINESS – MOTIONS WHICH MAY BE MOVED WITHOUT NOTICE

The Mayor had agreed that the following item be dealt with as urgent business, as a decision on the matter was required now and therefore it could not wait until the next ordinary meeting of the Council on 28 April 2005.

Under Standing Order 15 [Motions which may be moved without notice], Councillor J.D. Packman proposed the following motion under Standing Order 15 (d) which was seconded by Councillor G.S. Ceaser.

" Spelthorne Borough Council calls for the abolition of the South East England Regional Assembly and the return of its statutory powers, including housing, to local

authorities which are best served to champion the interests of local people, and for a report to be made to the next meeting of the Executive."

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the motion put by Councillor Packman and seconded by Councillor Ceaser be adopted and that the Strategic Director (Community) reports to the next Executive on 12 April 2005 on the abolition of the South East England Regional Assembly and the return of its statutory powers, including housing, to local authorities.
- (2) That a press release be issued immediately on this matter.

Pursuant to Standing Order 18.4, a Member requested that a record be made of the voting on the motion. The voting was unanimously in favour of the motion, without any abstentions, as follows:-

For the Motion: Councillors F. Ayers, Miss. M.M. Bain, M.L. Bouquet, G.S. Ceaser, K. Chouhan, E.K. Culnane, F. Davies, R.V. D'Sa, G.E. Forsbrey, J.M. Fullbrook, Mrs. D.L. Grant, A.P. Hirst, P.R. James, J.D. Packman, J.M. Paton, J.D. Pinkerton, M.T. Royer, Mrs. C.L. Spencer, G.F. Trussler, Mrs. D. Turner, Mrs. P. Weston and Mrs. J.M. Wood-Dow.