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**Spelthorne
Borough Council**

Council Meeting
Thursday, 19 October 2017



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Revised Agenda

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To the Councillors of Spelthorne Borough Council

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in the **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames** on **Thursday, 19 October 2017** commencing at **7.30 pm** for the transaction of the following business.

Daniel Mouawad
Chief Executive

Councillors are encouraged to wear their badge of past office at the Council meeting.

For those Councillors wishing to participate, prayers will be said in the Leader's office starting at 7pm.

AGENDA

Description	Page nos.
1. Apologies for absence To receive any apologies for non-attendance.	
2. Minutes To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 20 July 2017 and the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on the 21 August 2017.	7 - 16
3. Disclosures of Interest To receive any disclosures of interest from Councillors in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for members.	
4. Announcements from the Mayor To receive any announcements from the Mayor.	
5. Announcements from the Leader To receive any announcements from the Leader.	
6. Announcements from the Chief Executive To receive any announcements from the Chief Executive.	
7. Questions from members of the public The Leader, or their nominee, to answer any questions raised by members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 14. <i>Note: the deadline for questions to be considered at this meeting is noon on Thursday 12 October 2017.</i>	
8. Petitions To receive any petitions from members of the public.	
9. Report from the Leader of the Council To receive the report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet at its meeting on 27 September 2017.	17 - 18
10. Report from the Chairman of the Audit Committee To receive the report from the Chairman of the Audit Committee on the work of her Committee.	To Follow

- 11. Report from the Chairman of the Licensing Committee**
To receive the report from the Chairman of the Licensing Committee on the work of his Committee. To Follow
- 12. Report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
To receive the report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the work of his Committee. 19 - 20
- 13. Report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee**
To receive the reports from the Chairman of the Planning Committee on the work of his Committee at the meetings held on: 21 - 22

26 July 2017, 23 August 2017 and 20 September 2017 – attached
18 October – to follow
- 14. Motions**
To receive any motions from Councillors in accordance with Standing Order 19.

Note: The deadline for motions to be considered at this meeting was Monday 9 October 2017 and none were received.
- 15. Questions on Ward Issues**
The Leader, or their nominee, to answer questions from Councillors on issues in their Ward, in accordance with Standing Order 15.

Note: the deadline for questions is noon on 12 October 2017 and the following question was received from Councillor Sider:

“In recent months there have been several incursions of Travellers on council land in all areas of the borough. In Shepperton, the group who recently encamped on Duppas Park were particularly aggressive, destructive and intimidated local residents, eventually departing leaving a great deal of rubbish for the council to collect. Whilst this authority takes, and has taken every precaution to prevent these incursions and encampments, the borough is still committed to dealing with this ongoing problem both with its financial resources and limited manpower. That said, will the Leader and all members of the council join me in congratulating the Group Head for Neighbourhood Services and the council’s legal team for their unstinting efforts in the way that they have dealt with the aforesaid incursions, and at most times under considerable pressure and duress.”
- 16. General questions**
The Leader, or their nominee, to answer questions from Councillors on matters affecting the Borough, in accordance with Standing Order 15.

Note: the deadline for questions to be considered at this meeting is noon on 12 October 2017.

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MINUTES OF THE SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Spelthorne Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames on Thursday, 20 July 2017 at 7.30 pm

Present:

Councillors:

M.M. Attewell	M.P.C. Francis	D. Patel
C.B. Barnard	A.E. Friday	J.M. Pinkerton OBE
R.O. Barratt	N.J. Gething	O. Rybinski
I.J. Beardsmore	A.L. Griffiths	D. Saliagopoulos
R. Chandler	A.C. Harman	J.R. Sexton
S.M. Doran	I.T.E. Harvey	R.W. Sider BEM
S.A. Dunn	N. Islam	R.A. Smith-Ainsley
Q.R. Edgington	A.T. Jones	H.A. Thomson
T.J.M. Evans	M.J. Madams	H.R.D. Williams
K. Flurry	S.C. Mooney	

Also in attendance: Murray Litvak, Chairman of Members' Code of Conduct Committee

Councillor V.J. Leighton, The Mayor, in the Chair

Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillors J.R. Boughtflower, S.J. Burkmar, S. Capes, C.A. Davis, P.C. Forbes-Forsyth, J.G. Kavanagh, A.J. Mitchell, A. Sapunovas and B.B. Spoor and Miss Sue Faulkner, Vice-Chairman of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee

481/17 Minute's Silence

The Mayor invited all those present to join her in a minute's silence as a mark of respect and in memory of former Mayor Judith Wood-Dow who passed away on 26 May 2017.

482/17 Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 18 May 2017 and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on the 21 June 2017 were agreed as correct records.

483/17 Disclosures of Interest

Councillor A.C. Harman declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 21, the appointment of representative trustees, as his wife was one of the nominees for the Staines Parochial Charity.

484/17 Announcements from the Mayor

The Mayor thanked all those who contributed to the success of the Mayor's River Day on 24 June 2017, including the sponsors and volunteers.

The Mayor highlighted two other notable events from her mayoral year so far – the launch of a new sailing boat for the disabled at Queen Mary Reservoir by Princess Anne and the opening of a new £3m facility at Bishop Wand School for the Spelthorne Gymnastics Club.

Looking ahead, the Mayor informed councillors of two upcoming fundraising events, the commemoration of the Battle of Passchendale on 18 October and a workshop for young musicians run by an army band on the 2 November.

485/17 Announcements from the Leader

The Leader made the following announcements:

- The Walled Garden and Sunbury Park have just been awarded Green Flag status. The Walled Garden is often referred to as a “hidden gem” and has on a number of occasions also won “The Best Small Park in the South East” accolade.
- From 23rd June our street lights are back on during the night.
- Following our taking back the Grounds Maintenance Contract from 1st July we are able to continue cutting of verges to the current standard.
- Last week we exchanged contracts on the purchase of a modern office unit at the prestigious Stockley Park. This will generate a further £500k per annum net revenue benefit and we are expecting to exchange any day on another property that will generate a similar annual income. All of this goes towards supporting the service we provide our residents, who otherwise would be facing significant cuts to the service they expect and rely upon.
- The Leader announced that the last day of service of Chief Executive Roberto Tambini who would shortly be retiring, will be 8th September 2017. During his service at Spelthorne Borough Council he had attended 82 Council meetings and only missed one Cabinet meeting, in the previous month, which was arranged after he had already committed to be overseas.
- The Leader said that the Borough owed Roberto an immense debt of gratitude; Spelthorne simply would not be the great Borough that it is today without Roberto's influence, commitment and dedication over the last 11 and a half years and believed his impact on Spelthorne would remain for many years to come. The Leader thanked him for all his work, sacrifice, help, guidance and friendship, but also as a personal

friend. Councillor Harvey wished Roberto and his wife, Anne a very long and happy retirement.

- The Leader announced that the Appointments Committee unanimously selected a new Chief Executive this week. He thanked the members of the Appointments Committee, Cllrs Pinkerton, Harman and Barnard, as well as former Council Leader Gerry Ceaser and Roberto who assisted the members, for their contributions to this process.

The Mayor supported the Leader's comments and added her thanks to Roberto Tambini.

486/17 Announcements from the Chief Executive

The Chief Executive thanked the Mayor and the Leader for their generous words of praise in relation to his forthcoming retirement.

The Chief Executive was pleased to confirm that the National Campaign for Courtesy had announced Shepperton as the top town for 2017 and confirmed that the award would be presented at a ceremony in October.

487/17 Questions from members of the public

There were no questions from members of the public.

488/17 Petitions

There were no petitions.

489/17 Interim arrangements following the retirement of the Chief Executive

The Council considered the recommendations from the Head of Corporate Governance on the interim arrangements for the Council following the retirement of the Chief Executive.

It was moved by Councillor I.T. Harvey and seconded by Councillor A.C. Harman and

Resolved to:

- a) Note the anticipated timelines for the recruitment of the full-time Chief Executive / Head of the Paid Service.
- b) Appoint Terry Collier and Lee O'Neil as Joint Acting Chief Executives with effect from 8 September 2017 until a new full-time Chief Executive is in post.
- c) Appoint Lee O'Neil as Acting Head of Paid Service with effect from 8 September 2017 until a new full-time Chief Executive is in post.
- d) Appoint Michael Graham as Interim Electoral Registration Officer / Interim Returning Officer with effect from 8 September 2017 until a new full-time Chief Executive is in post.
- e) Delegate authority to the Leader to make any consequential pay decisions in relation to the temporary arrangements described in the report.

490/17 Members' Allowances Scheme 2017-2018

The Council considered the recommendation from the Cabinet on the Members' Allowances Scheme 2017-18.

It was moved by Councillor I.T. Harvey and seconded by Councillor A.C. Harman and

Resolved to approve the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the Members' Allowances Scheme 2017-2018, as set out below, and that these be backdated to take effect from 1 April 2017.

Allowance	Current amount	Number	Recommended Allowance for 2017/18
Basic (BA):	£5785	39	£5901
Special Responsibility (SRA):			
Leader of the Council	£13306	1	£13572
Deputy Leader	£8782	1	£8958
Cabinet Members	£6653	7¹	£6786
Spelthorne Joint Committee Chairman/Vice-Chairman	N/A	1	£4758
Planning Committee Chairman	£5322	1	£5428
Licensing Committee Chairman	£4657	1	£4750
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairman	£4657	1	£4750
Audit Committee Chairman	£3327	1	£3394
Opposition Group Leader	£3100	1	£3162

Co-Optees' Allowance	£1000 (Chair) £500 (Vice-Chair)	1 1	£1000 (Chair) £500 (Vice-Chair)
Total Budget	£316, 837		£327,913

Allowance for expenditure incurred in relation to Approved Duties (Schedule 1 to Scheme)	Unchanged allowances for 2017/18
Dependants' Carer's Allowance	Reimbursement of actual costs incurred

Travelling and Subsistence Allowances	
Motor Mileage Allowance (per mile)	
Cars	Up to 999cc – 46.9p 1000cc – 1199cc – 52.2p 1200cc and over – 65p
Motorcycles	24p
Cycle	Nil
Day Subsistence Allowance	Reimbursement of actual costs incurred

- a) that the 'one SRA only' rule be waived only in the situation where the Chairman/Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee is a Borough Councillor already in receipt of an SRA under the Scheme.
- b) that the 'one third' rule be maintained as a standard by which the Panel will consider if it is happy with the numbers of SRAs designated, rather than a hard and fast rule to which it must abide.

491/17 Recommendation of the Code of Conduct Committee

The Council considered the recommendation of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee from its meeting held on 25 April 2017, on changes to the Petition Scheme.

Resolved to agree:

1. The proposed options for responses to petitions as follows:
 - (a) take, or support, the action the petition requests; or
 - (a) not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate; or
 - (b) note the petition and keep the matter under review; or
 - (c) if the content relates to a matter on the agenda for the meeting the petition be considered when the item is debated; or
 - (d) the petition be referred to the Cabinet or Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration

492/17 Report from the Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council, Councillor I.T.E. Harvey, presented the reports of the Cabinet meeting held on the 11 May 2017, 21 June 2017 and 19 July 2017; and the Extraordinary Cabinet meetings held on the 2 June 2017 and 13 July 2017 which outlined the matters the Cabinet had decided since the last Council meeting.

493/17 Report from the Chairman of the Audit Committee

The Chairman of the Audit Committee, Councillor M.J. Madams, presented her report which outlined the matters the Committee had decided since the last Council meeting.

494/17 Report from the Chairman of the Licensing Committee

The Chairman of the Licensing Committee, Councillor R.W. Sider BEM, presented his report which outlined the matters the Committee had decided since the last Council meeting.

495/17 Report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor S. Mooney, presented the Chairman's report on his behalf which outlined the matters the Committee had considered since the last Council meeting.

496/17 Report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley, presented his report which outlined the matters the Committee had decided since the last Council meeting. Councillor Smith-Ainsley also encouraged all councillors to attend future seminars on planning applications.

497/17 Motions

There were no motions.

498/17 Questions on Ward Issues

The Mayor reported that one question on a ward issue had been received, in accordance with Standing Order 15, from Councillor Sider.

1. Question from Councillor R.W. Sider

“Within the last week, there has been yet another incursion of Travellers in Shepperton and this required action by the Council to serve notice to leave. Will the Leader and members of this council join me in congratulating Group Head for Neighbourhood Services and her staff for their prompt attendance and subsequent action in removing these unwanted visitors without further disturbance to local residents.”

Response from Councillor I.T.E. Harvey, Leader of the Council

“Thank you, Councillor Sider, for your kind words of congratulations.

All the staff in the service area concerned, who assisted with the removal of the travellers in Shepperton, are very grateful for your kind remarks. This type of event, whilst difficult to manage at the time, shows to residents how effective we can be when we all work together to achieve the same outcome and Streetscene staff would like to acknowledge the assistance of their colleagues in Legal Services in helping to achieve this action.”

499/17 General questions

There were no general questions.

500/17 Appointment of representative Trustees

It was proposed by Councillor I.T.E Harvey and seconded by Councillor M. Francis and

Resolved that Mrs Daphne Harman and Mr John Packman be appointed as Council representative trustees to serve on the Staines Parochial Charity for four year terms of office until July 2021.

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MINUTES OF THE SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Present:

Councillors:

M.M. Attewell	A.E. Friday	D. Patel
C.B. Barnard	N.J. Gething	J.M. Pinkerton OBE
I.J. Beardsmore	A.C. Harman	J.R. Sexton
R. Chandler	I.T.E. Harvey	R.W. Sider BEM
C.A. Davis	N. Islam	R.A. Smith-Ainsley
S.A. Dunn	A.T. Jones	B.B. Spoor
Q.R. Edgington	J.G. Kavanagh	H.A. Thomson
T.J.M. Evans	M.J. Madams	H.R.D. Williams
P.C. Forbes-Forsyth	A.J. Mitchell	
M.P.C. Francis	S.C. Mooney	

Councillor V.J. Leighton, The Mayor, in the Chair

Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillors R.O. Barratt, J.R. Boughtflower, S.J. Burkmar, S. Capes, S.M. Doran, Mr Murray Litvak, O. Rybinski, D. Saliagopoulos and A. Sapunovas and Mr. Murray Litvak and Miss Sue Faulkner the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee.

513/17 Disclosures of Interest

The Leader, Councillor I.T.E. Harvey declared an interest on behalf of the Conservative Group that the Chief Executive of the consultants involved with the appointment process, Mike Brennan, is Chairman of the Spelthorne Conservative Association. He confirmed that Mr Brennan played no part in the recruitment process.

514/17 Appointment of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

The Council considered the recommendation of the Appointments Committee from its meetings held on 17 and 18 July 2017, on the appointment of a new Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

In accordance with Standing Order 22.4, Councillor I.T.E. Harvey called for a recorded vote to be taken on the motion before the Council.

The voting was as follows:

For (23)	Councillors I.T.E. Harvey (Leader), A.C. Harman (Deputy Leader), M.M. Attewell, C.B. Barnard, R. Chandler, C.A. Davis, T.J.M. Evans, M.P.C. Francis, A.E. Friday, N.J. Gething, N. Islam, A.T. Jones, J.G. Kavanagh, V.J. Leighton (Mayor), M.J. Madams, A.J. Mitchell, S.C. Mooney, D. Patel, J.M. Pinkerton (Deputy Mayor), R.W. Sider, R.A. Smith-Ainsley, H.A. Thomson and H.R.D. Williams.
Against (4)	Councillors Q.R. Edgington, P.C. Forbes-Forsyth, J.R. Sexton and B.B. Spoor.
Abstain (2)	Councillors I.J. Beardsmore, and S.A. Dunn.

Resolved that Daniel Mouawad be appointed as Chief Executive and Head of the Paid Service of Spelthorne Borough Council.

As a consequence of this decision it was necessary for the Council to consider the report of the Principal Solicitor on interim arrangements for Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer functions, which had been circulated on the supplementary Council agenda at the meeting.

Resolved to appoint Michael Graham (Head of Corporate Governance) as Interim Electoral Registration Officer / Interim Returning Officer with effect from 8 September 2017 to the 7 September 2018.

Report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet

Meeting held on 27 September 2017

This is my report as the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet. It is an overview of the main items of business considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 27 September 2017.

Cabinet – 27 September 2017

1. Knowle Green and Centres cleaning contract – Key Decision

- 1.1 We considered a report on the Knowle Green and Centres cleaning contract
- 1.2 We agreed to:
 1. Authorise the Group Head Regeneration and Growth to determine the cleaning contractor to be appointed (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development and the Chief Finance Officer) and
 2. Authorise the Head of Corporate Governance to enter into the legal documentation in order to appoint the new cleaning contractor.

2. Housing Allocation Policy- Key Decision

- 2.1 We considered a report on the Spelthorne Housing Allocation Policy.
- 2.2 We agreed:
 1. To approve the updated Spelthorne Housing Allocation Policy;
 2. That the Portfolio Holder in conjunction with the joint Group Heads for Community Wellbeing be given authority to approve amendments to the policy due to the forthcoming changes in legislation/case law and the changing needs of the community; and
 3. To approve the Equality Analysis for the Policy.

3. Grounds maintenance vehicles

- 3.1 We considered a report on the purchase of grounds maintenance machinery and vehicles.
- 3.2 We agreed to authorise the Group Head (Neighbourhood Services) to make a direct award to Supplier A outside of the framework tender.

4. Disabled Facilities Grant Policy

- 4.1 We considered a report seeking approval for the adoption of a Disabled Facilities Grant Policy.
- 4.2 We agreed the new Disabled Facilities Grant Policy.

5. Benwell House Construction Budget Approval – Key Decision

- 5.1 We considered an exempt report on the approval of the construction budget for Benwell House.
- 5.2 We agreed to:
 - 1. Approve the construction and refurbishment budget for the creation of a target of 69 new flats at Benwell House;
 - 2. Authorise the Group Head of Regeneration and Growth to oversee the implementation of the budget;
 - 3. Authorise the Chief Financial Officer to decide (i) the most financially advantageous funding arrangements for the capital expenditure, (ii) the most tax efficient method of holding the completed asset and overall to ensure the acquisition is prudentially affordable;
 - 4. Authorise the Head of Corporate Governance to enter into any legal documentation necessary to implement the refurbishment and construction project; and
 - 5. Agree to exempt Contract Standing Orders in respect of advisors where appropriate.

6. Acquisition of assets for investment

- 6.1 We considered two exempt reports on opportunities to acquire assets which due to their location would each be of strategic value to the Council in the short/medium term.
- 6.2 We approved the acquisition of the assets and gave authority to:
 - 1. the Chief Executive to undertake any necessary subsequent negotiations (including further bids if required) and complete the acquisition of the asset (in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Finance);
 - 2. the Chief Finance Officer to decide (i) the most financially advantageous funding arrangements for the purchases, (ii) the most tax efficient methods of holding the assets, and overall to ensure the acquisitions are prudentially affordable; and
 - 3. the Head of Corporate Governance to enter into any legal documentation necessary to acquire the assets.

Councillor Ian Harvey

Leader of the Council

19 October 2017

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

This report gives an overview of the main issues considered at the extraordinary meeting held on 31 July 2017 and the 19 September 2017 meeting.

Extraordinary Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 31 July 2017

1. Changes to Surrey County Council's Community Recycling Centres

- 1.1 The Committee discussed Surrey County Council's proposed changes to Community Recycling Centres which were out to consultation. It heard from the Council's Group Head for Neighbourhood Services that since previous changes and charges to waste services were implemented in 2016, the number of fly tipping incidents in Spelthorne had nearly doubled and that it would therefore be reasonable to conclude that the latest proposals to remove the free daily allowance and/or reduce opening hours would lead to a further increase.
- 1.2 County Councillor Goodman attended the meeting and explained the financial reasons for the proposed changes. He confirmed that all the comments made by councillors and residents at the meeting would be considered as part of the consultation process.
- 1.3 The Committee recommended that: Surrey County Council include the concerns and feedback raised at this meeting in its consultation; each Surrey district and borough council to develop, in partnership with Surrey County Council, a common assessment/framework for measuring fly tipping waste.
- 1.4 The Committee also commented that the Eco Park at Charlton Lane would be operating 24/7 and therefore believed a closure of the Community Recycling Centre for two days a week would result in minimal savings.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 19 September 2017

1. Review of Community Safety

- 1.1 The Committee noted the report from Keith McGroary, Community Safety Officer on a review of Community Safety over the past year and that there was an increase of 8.1% in reported crime which was consistent with the national picture.
- 1.2 Inspector Sproston of Surrey Police attended the meeting and explained the reasons for the rise in reported crime: that in addition to more reports being made of child sexual exploitation and domestic violence, changes to Home Office accounting rules had meant incidents that would not have been recorded as a crime in the past were now classified as such.
- 1.3 The Committee thanked the Police for their community based handling of the national security operations over the previous weekend on behalf of affected residents.

Report from Police and Crime Commissioner

- 1.4 The Committee heard from Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner David Munro who gave an overview of his priorities, the successes of his first year in office and the ongoing challenges.

2. Anti-Social Behaviour in Staines-upon-Thames town centre

- 2.1 The Committee discussed a report by Keith McGroary, Community Safety Officer on anti-social behaviour in Staines-upon-Thames town centre which had seen a rise of 19% in 2016 compared to a drop in incidents across the Borough.
- 2.2 Inspector Alan Sproston confirmed that Surrey Police had already put measures in place to deal with the problems in the town centre and that they were committed to providing a further resource on Sundays, to work with businesses and help reassure the community that the area is a safe place to be.
- 2.3 The Committee also heard from Joanna Hall, Two Rivers Manager, who said that the Staines-upon-Thames Business Improvement District (BID) would be providing Town Rangers to act as ambassadors for the town and work in partnership with Surrey Police.
- 2.4 The Committee recommended that the Council give consideration to expansion of the Joint Enforcement Team (JET) and further integration of the JET team with the Police; and agreed to establish a Task and Finish group incorporating key partners, to further review the effectiveness of the multi-agency response to anti-social behaviour, improving community engagement and increasing footfall in Staines town centre on Sundays.

Councillor Colin Davis

Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

19 October 2017

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Planning Committee

1. The Planning Committee has met on four occasions since the previous report was prepared for the Council meeting. This report gives an overview of the key items considered by the Committee at its meetings on 26 July, 23 August and 20 September 2017. A separate report will be circulated at Council on the key items considered by the Committee at its meeting on 18 October.

Planning Committee – 26 July 2017

2. The July meeting dealt with three planning applications. Public speaking took place on one item with one person taking the opportunity to address the Committee. The items considered by the Committee are set out below.
3. This first application related to 10A Thames Street, Staines-upon-Thames (17/00700/FUL). The application proposed the conversion of the second floor from leisure use to 10 flats and a change of use of the first floor to leisure/office. The Planning Committee resolved to approve the application.
4. This second application related to 22 Riverside Close, Staines-upon-Thames (17/00849/HOU). The application sought retrospective planning permission for the erection of decking and associated screening. Councillor Denise Saliagopoulos spoke as ward councillor against the planning application. The application was approved.
5. The third planning application concerned the erection of a single storey side extension at 3 Corsair Road, Stanwell (17/00696/HOU). Councillor Richard Barratt spoke as ward councillor on the application. The application was approved.

Planning Committee – 23 August 2017

6. At the Planning Committee meeting on 23 August 2017, four planning applications were considered. There was four public speakers. The details of the proposals considered by the Committee are set out below.
7. The first application related to 243 Thames Side, Chertsey (17/00752/FUL). The application proposed the erection of a detached two storey dwelling and associated wheel chair access. The application was refused planning permission.
8. The second application concerned the Bugle Returns Public House, 173 Upper Halliford Road, Shepperton (17/01028/FUL). The application proposed the demolition of the existing public house and erection of a new building to provide 8 flats together with associated access, parking, amenity space and other associated works. The application was approved.
9. The third application related to 524 – 538 London Road, Ashford (17/00639/FUL). The application proposed the demolition of existing buildings and erection of a 132 room hotel with parking spaces, access and landscaping.

Councillors Joanne Sexton and Sinead Mooney, in their capacity as ward councillors, spoke against the application. The application was approved.

10. The fourth application concerned 55A Woodthorpe Road, Ashford (17/00560/FUL). The application proposed the redevelopment of the site to provide one building comprising 9 apartments with associated parking and communal amenity space. The application was approved.
11. In addition to the above applications, the Planning Committee also considered a report from officers containing advice from the Council's consultants and legal advisors about matters arising in the Inland Homes appeal against refusal of permission at the former Brooklands College site. Members considered the matters arising and gave instructions to officers in order to progress the appeal. The conclusions reached by the Committee were:
 - (i) Not to defend the highways reason for refusal at the forthcoming appeal; and
 - (ii) to agree that the decision made by the Planning Committee had regard to the current housing land supply position of the Borough and the advice set out in the NPPF for the determination of planning applications where there is a shortfall of housing land supply.

The Council will continue to defend Reason for Refusal 1 and 2 at appeal.

Planning Committee – 20 September 2017

12. At the Planning Committee meeting on 20 September 2017, a total of three items were considered with one person taking the opportunity to address the Committee. The key items considered are set out below.
13. The first application, related to Headline House, Stanwell Road, Ashford (17/00782/FUL). The application proposed the demolition of the existing building and erection of a two storey building with second floor accommodation to provide 10 flats with associated parking and amenity space. Councillor Nick Gething spoke against the application in his capacity as a ward councillor. The Planning Committee approved the application.
14. The second application concerned Monkey Puzzle House, 69-71 Windmill Road, Sunbury (17/00366/FUL). The application proposed alterations and extension to the existing building to provide 14 apartments. The application was approved.
15. The third item was an enforcement matter relating to the unauthorised conversion of a dwelling into three flats at 6 Stanhope Heath, Stanwell (14/00175/UNDEV). The Committee resolved to agree to take enforcement action against the unauthorised use.

Councillor Richard Smith-Ainsley

Chairman of Planning Committee

19 October 2017