



**Spelthorne
Borough Council**

Council Meeting
Thursday, 19 July 2018



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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 July 2018** 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 17 May 2018.	9 - 14
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 his 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 12 noon on Thursday 12 July 2018.</i> Two questions have been received to date from Caroline Nichols of Sunbury. Question 1. Plastic waste in the local environment I walk regularly along the narrow 'green lung' in Lower Sunbury that links Harfield Road at the Kempton end of the route to Squires Garden Centre in Halliford. Plastic waste of all shapes and sizes is strewn along the entire length; it is particularly troubling to see the quantity of plastic trapped in the hedgerows around Sivyers Lake and Vicarage Farm. It is also worrying to witness tiny pieces of plastic material dropping into the drains around the local roads – presumably to end up in the Thames and the North Sea.	

The problem of plastic waste in the environment is now so serious that UK citizens are reacting to the disturbing ocean scenes in David Attenborough's Blue Planet 2 series on BBC 1 which reportedly reached 37m viewers.

Is it now time for the Council to engage with its residents and co-ordinate a mass participation clean-up programme in the Borough?
How is the Council responding to the initiatives in the BBC's national Plastics Watch campaign?

Question 2. Sunbury Adult Education Centre

It is being mooted that Surrey's Adult Education Centre in Sunbury, the last of its type in the Borough, will be sacrificed in the bid to meet housing targets.

What is Spelthorne Borough Council's position on this proposal? Is Spelthorne Council aware that the centre provides an essential function as a source of relaxation, wellbeing and self-improvement for different social groups, including the increasing number of carers who are looking after young, disabled or elderly relatives for whom engagement in classes represents a valuable respite activity? What does Spelthorne Council see as its role in respect to users of the centre and will it be lobbying on their behalf for the Centre's retention?

8. Petitions

To receive any petitions from members of the public.

9. Appointment of Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer functions

To consider the report of the Head of Corporate Governance. 15 - 16

10. Recommendations of the Cabinet

To consider the recommendations of the Cabinet on the following items from its meetings held on 20 June 2018 [attached – a) and b) refers] and 18 July 2018 [to follow – c) to g) refers]. 17 - 18

- a) Spelthorne Pay Supplement
- b) Thameside House Construction Budget approval
- c) Supplementary Capital Programme Provision for Asset Acquisitions
- d) Proposal for future terms and conditions
- e) Members' Allowances Scheme 2018-2019
- f) White House construction advisors and design team
- g) Acquisition of Property O

11. 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 meetings held on 20 June 2018 (attached) and 18 July 2018 (to follow). 19 - 20

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 her Committee. To Follow

13. Report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee

To receive the report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee on the work of his Committee. 21 - 22

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 July 2018 and none were received.

15. Questions on Ward Issues

The Leader, or his nominee, to answer questions from Councillors on issues in their Wards, in accordance with Standing Order 15.

Note: the deadline for questions to be considered at this meeting is 12 noon on Thursday 12 July 2018.

One Ward Issue question has been received to date from Councillor R.W. Sider BEM:

Shepperton Town Ward has once more suffered what can only be described as an unwanted encampment of Travellers at the Greeno Centre Recreation Ground, Manor Park and Lower Halliford Green. In the light of this, the local community has suffered not only a high degree of anguish and fear, but instances of wanton vandalism, theft, and a total disregard of council property. In leaving these areas, the council has since been engaged with removing large amounts of general rubbish and litter, disinfecting areas where bushes had been used as toilets, and arranging for repairs to council property to prevent further access. That said, will the Leader and members of all parties of this Council note that in 2017 the cost of dealing with matters such as I have described was in the sum of £50,665. And will they now join me in condemning these intrusions on our community, and congratulate the Group Head of Neighbourhood Services and her team, and those involved with the administration and legal aspects of removing these incumbents, for a job well done, for which those I represent are extremely grateful, and for which such duties were often carried out under duress?

16. General questions

The Leader, or his 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 12 noon on Thursday 12 July 2018.

Two general questions have been received to date from Councillors S.A. Dunn and A.E. Friday.

Question from Councillor Dunn:

The Spelthorne Borough signs proudly proclaim that Spelthorne is twinned with Melun. The Council website states that Spelthorne wishes to develop closer links with Melun. What steps are currently being taken to achieve this aim and which schools, clubs & associations, in the borough, are already twinned with corresponding ones in Melun?

Question from Councillor Friday:

As a member of the Members' Development Steering Group it has been disappointing to note the lack of interest shown by some members of this Council to the training seminars offered to them. Does the Leader agree with me that it is important for councillors to attend the training courses provided in order that they can effectively serve the people they represent?

Two further questions were received by the deadline from Councillors R.A. Smith-Ainsley and I.J. Beardsmore.

Question from Councillor Smith-Ainsley:

Those in the Chamber will recall that the borough was recently subjected to a large unlawful encampment of Travellers. Their encampments caused significant harm to several parks including Ashford Recreation Ground, Manor Park, Greenfield Park, Littleton recreation ground, Lower Halliford Green, Cedars Recreation Ground and Shepperton Recreation Ground. Jackie Taylor and her JET team worked tirelessly to try to protect our parks, successfully blocking off entrances to Laleham Park. The conditions they worked in were very difficult and often intimidating, sometimes without assistance from other public bodies.

Would the Leader agree with me that this the work of these officers is another example of 'Spelthorne Means Business' and the whole team deserve the appreciation and thanks of this Council and the residents of Spelthorne?

Question from Councillor Ian Beardsmore:

Across the board every member in this Chamber is worried at the threat to our Green Belt from the proposed numbers of new houses we are expected to build. Much of this extra burden has been inflicted on us by

central government guidelines and methodology. So far our MP has said nothing on this. Will the leader write to him on behalf of all of us expressing our deep concern about it and requesting he raises this issue with government as a matter of the greatest urgency with the aim of finding a solution to the problem?

17. Appointment of a representative Trustee

Staines Parochial Charity

1. To consider the re-appointment of Mrs Denise Turner-Stewart, as a representative Trustee to the Staines Parochial Charity for a further 4 year term until April 2022.
2. To consider the appointment of Mr Nick Wood-Dow, as a representative Trustee to the Staines Parochial Charity for a 4 year term until July 2022.