



# **Spelthorne Borough Council**

Extraordinary Council Meeting  
Thursday, 24 September 2020





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To the Councillors of Spelthorne Borough Council

I hereby summon you to attend an extraordinary meeting of the Council to be held remotely via Skype for Business video conferencing on **Thursday, 24 September 2020** commencing at **6.00 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.

*Councillors are reminded to notify Committee Services of any Gifts and Hospitality offered to you since the last Council meeting so that these may be entered in the Gifts and Hospitality Declaration book.*

## **AGENDA**

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**1. Apologies for absence**

To receive any apologies for non-attendance.

**2. Disclosures of Interest**

To receive any disclosures of interest from Councillors in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

**3. Motions on Surrey County Council's proposals to form a Unitary Authority**

To receive any motions from Councillors in accordance with Standing Order 17.

Four motions in relation to the proposal by Surrey County Council to form a Unitary Authority were received by the deadline of Monday 14 September 2020 for consideration at this meeting.

The motions are as follows:

**Motion 1**

In response to SCCs recently publicised proposal, this Council strongly opposes a single Surrey-wide Unitary Authority.

Proposed – Cllr John Boughtflower

Seconded – Cllr Jim McIlroy

**Motion 2**

This Council is concerned by the prospect of a Government White paper as an attack on Local Government. While the Council is open to taking part in discussions about Unitary Authorities it does not support Centralisation by National Government and recognises the value and contribution made already by this authority. In doing so it will only endorse change that actively improves the quality and provision of services available to residents.

Proposer - Cllr John Boughtflower

Seconder - Cllr Jim McIlroy

### **Motion 3**

This Council directs that all Local Government Structures be fully explored to influence the most advantageous future prospect for Spelthorne and its residents. As part of this exploration, this Council expects to engage in active dialogue with neighbouring authorities about partnerships and opportunities thereof in producing a report. This should be considered by Full Council.

Proposer - Cllr John Boughtflower  
Seconder - Cllr Tom Fidler

### **Motion 4**

This Council recognises the importance of residents' interests in the future of its local government and will commit to informing residents about progress in relation to opportunities for the future structure of Local Government in Spelthorne. The Council should consider methods of measuring public opinion, along with the cost effectiveness of such options, including the use of a referendum as outlined in the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

Proposer - Cllr Tom Fidler  
Seconder - Cllr Sandra Dunn

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