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Date: 08 January 2025

Notice of meeting

Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee

Date: Thursday, 16 January 2025

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames TW18 1XB

To the members of the Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee

Councillors:

H.R.D. Williams (Chair)

J.R. Boughtflower (Vice-Chair)

C. Bateson

S. Gyawali

T. Burrell

D.C. Clarke

A. Mathur

S.N. Beatty

M. Gibson

S. C. Mooney

Substitute Members: Councillors J. Button, J.P. Caplin, A. Gale, R.V. Geach, D.L. Geraci, L. E. Nichols and D. Saliagopoulos

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Agenda

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1.	Apologies and Substitutes	
	To receive any apologies for non-attendance and details of Member substitutions.	
2.	Minutes	5 - 16
	To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 05 December 2024.	
3.	Disclosures of interest	
	To receive any disclosures of interest from members in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.	
4.	Questions from members of the Public	
	The Chair, or his nominee, to answer any questions raised by members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 40.	
	At the time of publication of this agenda no questions were received.	
5 .	Forward Plan	17 - 20
	To note the Forward Plan for future business.	
6.	HSR/SLR Working Group Updates	Verbal
	To receive a verbal update from the Chair of the HSR/SLR Working Group.	Report
7.	Waterfront Development Update	Verbal
	To receive a verbal update on the Waterfront Development.	Report
8.	Business, Infrastructure and Growth Draft Detailed Budget	21 - 38
	To consider the draft budget for the Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee and make a recommendation to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.	
9.	Grant Application by the Spelthorne Business Forum	39 - 50
	To consider a grant application by the Spelthorne Business Forum and to make a recommendation to Council.	
10.	Exclusion of Public and Press (Exempt Business)	

To move the exclusion of the Press/Public for the following items, in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 and by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) Order 2006.

11. Summit Centre, Sunbury-on-Thames, Site Sale

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To consider a report on the Summit Centre, Sunbury-on-Thames.



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Minutes of the Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee 5 December 2024

Present:

Councillor H.R.D. Williams (Chair)
Councillor J.R. Boughtflower (Vice-Chair)

Councillors:

C. Bateson M. Gibson A. Mathur

S.N. Beatty S. Gyawali S.C. Mooney

M. Beecher N. Islam

Substitutions: Councillors R.V. Geach

D. Saliagopoulos

Apologies: Councillors T. Burrell and D.C. Clarke

In Attendance: Councillors L. E. Nichols and J.R. Sexton

19 Apologies and Substitutes

Apologies were received from Councillor Burrell and Councillor Clarke. Councillor Geach attended as substitute for Councillor Burrell while Councillor Saliagopoulos was substitute for Councillor Clarke.

20 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2024 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 16 September 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

21 Disclosures of interest

There were none.

22 Questions from members of the Public

There were none.

23 Forward Plan

Councillor Gyawali arrived at 19:03

The Chair proposed adding the following items as standing agenda items:

HSR/SLR Working Group Updates

Waterfront Development Update

The Committee **resolved** to note the Forward Plan with the addition of the above items.

24 Business, Infrastructure & Growth Budget, Fees and charges, and Revenue Growth Bids for 2025/26

The Committee considered a report from the Joint Financial Services Manager on the Fees and Charges, and Revenue Growth Bids for the Business, Infrastructure & Growth Committee.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that there were no Capital Bids or Savings proposals for this Committee to consider. The Deputy Chief Executive then introduced the Growth Bids and Fees and Charges and invited comments. Members were advised that the default position was for a 4% uplift of fees rounded to the nearest pound but that there were exceptions where an increase would have an adverse impact on activity and income streams.

The Committee requested clarification on the cost to the Council for the Jobs and Skills Hub and were advised that up until March 2025, the cost was nil due to funding from the Department for Works and Pensions and the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF).

The Committee asked what the funding for the Ashford Business Improvement District (BID) would cover and were advised that it would cover the stakeholder consultation, formation of business plans and setting up steering committees. There would be no ongoing cost to the Council.

Councillor Geach arrived at 19:12

The Committee requested a report on outcomes for the SPF. It was agreed that a report would be circulated to all members via the Members' Briefing Pack in Spring 2025.

Committee resolved to:

- 1. Approve the Budget, Fees and Charges, and Growth Bid proposals for Business, Infrastructure & Growth Committee
- 2. Recommend to Corporate Policy & Resources Committee that they approve the proposed Budget, Fees and Charges, and Growth Bid proposals for Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee.

Councillor Mooney requested it was noted that she did not agree with the proposed Growth Bids.

25 Council Land and Property Disposals

The Committee considered a report from the Group Head – Assets on disposal options for Ashford Victory Place. Under Standing Order 35, the Chair allowed Group Leaders to attend and take part in the debate but not vote.

The Group Head – Assets advised the Committee that the recommendation to dispose of the Ashford Victory Place site had arisen over the past 12 – 15 months as part of the Development Delivery Strategy which set out timescales and the rationale for prioritisation. A full marketing exercise had been carried out and the offers received had been scored in line with the Development Delivery Strategy criteria to identify the preferred bidder. The proposal from the preferred bidder would be to proceed with the existing planning permission, for 127 units, with 22 of those being affordable.

The Committee queried how the proposed disposal of Ashford Victory Place and Thameside House aligned with the Local Plan and were advised that both sites were in the Local Plan Housing Trajectory for years 1-5, as such the proposals were in alignment.

The Committee expressed doubt that any affordable units would be included in the final development. Councillor Boughtflower suggested that any Community Infrastructure Levy funds from the development be ringfenced for projects in Stanwell. The Group Head Place, Protection and Prosperity advised that CIL funds should be spent where the development took place however decisions could only be made on the bids submitted.

The Committee requested that after any property sale a post-sale report is produced which would include a 'lessons learnt' section.

The Committee expressed disappointment over the limited amount of affordable units and queried if there was any way to progress the site with either more affordable or key worker units. The Group Head – Assets advised that two bids had been received which offered key worker housing or 100% affordable but both had conditions attached which made them unsuitable and neither offers had been able to secure a Registered Provider to partner with.

It was proposed by Councillor Boughtflower, seconded by Councillor Bateson and **resolved** to exclude the public and press for the following agenda items, in accordance with paragraph 3 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local

Government Act 1972 (as amended) because it was likely to disclose information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because disclosure to the public would prejudice the financial position of the authority in being able to undertake even-handed negotiations and finalising acceptable contract terms.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:27 The meeting reconvened at 20:37

It was proposed by Councillor Bateson, seconded by Councillor Boughtflower and **resolved** to suspend Standing Order 38.3 to continue the meeting beyond three hours.

The Committee returned to open session.

Councillor Boughtflower requested a recorded vote. The Chair advised the Committee that the two recommendations from the report would be voted on separately.

Recommendation 1:

For	Councillors Beecher, Gibson, Williams (3)		
Against	Councillors Boughtflower, Bateson, Beatty, Geach, Gyawali,		
	Islam, Mathur, Mooney, Saliagopoulos (9)		
Abstain	Nil		

Committee **resolved** to *not* recommend to Council to approve the disposal of Ashford Victory Place in Ashford to the preferred bidders as set out in the appendices attached to the report

Recommendation 2:

For	Councillors Boughtflower, Beatty, Beecher, Geach, Gibson, Gyawali, Islam, Mathur, Mooney, Saliagopoulos, Williams (11)
Against	Nil
Abstain	Councillor Bateson (1)

Committee **resolved** to note the current marketing approach and offers received in relation to Thameside House, Staines which will form the basis of a further report to be brought to the Business, Infrastructure & Growth Committee in the early part of calendar year 2025.

26 HSR/SLR Working Group Terms of Reference

Councillor Geach left the meeting at 22:06

The Committee considered the Terms of Reference for the HSR/SLR Working Group.

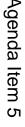
The Committee were advised that at the first meeting of the Working Group, Councillor Bateson had been elected as Chair.

Councillor Bateson informed the Committee that they would be aiming to have a recommendation no later than September 2025

The Committee **resolved** to agree the Terms of Reference for the HSR/SLR Working Group.

The meeting ended at 22:11

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Spelthorne Borough Council Services Committees Forward Plan and Key Decisions

This Forward Plan sets out the decisions which the Service Committees expect to take over the forthcoming months, and identifies those which are **Key Decisions**.

A **Key Decision** is a decision to be taken by the Service Committee, which is either likely to result in significant expenditure or savings or to have significant effects on those living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the Borough.

Please direct any enquiries about this Plan to CommitteeServices@spelthorne.gov.uk.

Spelthorne Borough Council

Service Committees Forward Plan and Key Decisions for 8 January 2025 to 05 June 2025

Anticipated earliest (or next) date of decision and decision maker	Matter for consideration	Key or non-Key Decision	Decision to be taken in Public or Private	Lead Officer
Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee 16 01 2025	Business, Infrastructure and Growth Draft Detailed Budget	Key Decision	Public	Mahmud Rogers, Joint Financial Services Manager
Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee 16 01 2025	Grant Application by the Spelthorne Business Forum	Key Decision	Public	Chris Norrington, Economic Development Manager
Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee 16 01 2025 Commercial Assets Sub- Committee 27 01 2025	Summit Centre, Sunbury-on- Thames, Site Sale	Key Decision	Public	Bruce Strong, Investment Asset Manager
Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee 13 03 2025	Appointment of Directors to the Spelthorne Business Forum	Key Decision	Public	Chris Norrington, Economic Development Manager
Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee 13 03 2025	Ashford BID Verbal Update	Key Decision	Public	Chris Norrington, Economic Development Manager
Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee 13 03 2025	Oast House Listed Building Options Update	Non-Key Decision	Public	Kamal Mehmood, Strategic Lead for Leisure and Community Development, Heather Morgan, Group Head - Place, Protection and Prosperity

Date of decision and decision maker	Matter for consideration	Key or non-Key Decision	Decision to be taken in Public or Private	Lead Officer
Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee 13 03 2025	Partnership Working to Deliver Infrastructure to support new homes	Non-Key Decision	Public	Heather Morgan, Group Head - Place, Protection and Prosperity
Business, Infrastructure and Growth Committee 05 06 2025	Ashford BID Report	Key Decision	Public	Chris Norrington, Economic Development Manager

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Business Infrastructure and Growth Committee SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title	Business, Infrastructure & Growth - Draft Detailed budget for 2025/26		
Purpose of the report	To make a decision		
Report Author	Mahmud Rogers Joint Financial Services Manager		
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards		
Exempt	No		
Exemption Reason	n/a		
Corporate Priority	Resilience		
Recommendations	Committee is asked to: 1.Review the draft detailed budget for 2025/26 for Business, Infrastructure & Growth Committee and agree any amendments 2. Recommend to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to approve the proposed budget		
Reason for Recommendation	Councils have a statutory duty to balance their budgets. It is important that we take a medium-term approach in ensuring that we can take action sufficiently early to ensure the Council's Revenue Budget remains financially sustainable.		

1. Summary of the report

What is the situation	Why we want to do something
A robust budget planning process helps organisations to manage their resources with economy, efficiency and effectiveness	 To have a robust and sustainable 2025/26 budget that meets the needs of the service and provides a resilient financial position to the Council as a whole. The 2025/26 Budget planning process commenced in May 2024 and must be completed and approved by Council in February 2025.
This is what we want to do about it	These are the next steps

- Committee reviews and agrees provisionally the draft details budget
- Agree a draft Budget for the Committee to put forward to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to consolidate into the overall Council Budget for 2025-26
- 1.1 This report seeks to present the draft detailed budget for Business, Infrastructure & Growth. The purpose is to give the Committee an early opportunity to comment and shape the Budget before it is further refined.

2. Key issues

2.1 The attached appendix gives full detail of the draft detailed budget proposed.

3. Options analysis and proposal

3.1 The Committee has the opportunity to comment on any of the fees and charges, savings or growth items.

4. Financial management comments

4.1 Proposed growth and savings have been included in the draft detailed budget as per the previous committee.

5. Risk management comments

5.1 When considering savings proposals, we need to consider the risk of any adverse impact on service delivery capacity.

6. Procurement comments

6.1 n/a

7. Legal comments

7.1 Councils have a statutory duty under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 to set a balanced budget.

8. Other considerations

8.1 n/a

9. Equality and Diversity

9.1 When savings involve reductions to service appropriate Equality Impact Assessments need to be undertaken

10. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications

10.1 n/a

11. Timetable for implementation

11.1 Overall Council Budget to be agreed in February for recommendation to Council 27th February for approval

12. Contact

12.1 Mahmud Rogers, Joint Financial Services Manager m.rogers@spelthorne.gov.uk

Background papers: There are none.

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Appendix 1 – Draft detailed budget for 2025-26 Business, Infrastructure & Growth



Budget Report for 25/26 & 24/25

Business Infrastructure-Growth

Responsiv	<u>re Maintenance</u>	<u>11499</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
114992007	Improvements and Adapta	tion		0	0	
			<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
R&R Other	Properties	<u>11581</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
115812001	Responsive maintenance			0	0	
			<u>o</u>		<u>0</u>	
Planned M	aintenance Programme	<u>11599</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
115991001	Salaries			176,500	135,400	
115991101	National Insurance			20,400	15,900	
115991111	Superannuation			31,200	24,100	
115991207	Stand By allowance			3,800	3,800	
115991601	Professional subscriptions	s		400	0	
115991803	Employee related insurance	e		700	700	
115992001	Responsive maintenance			363,000	356,300	
115992002	Programmed Maintenance			672,500	659,300	
115992007	Improvements and Adapta	tion		132,600	130,000	
115993902	Essential User Car Allowar	nce		4,200	2,900	
115994401	Consultants fees			0	0	
115994404	Surveyors			0	0	
115994552	Computer Software			7,400	7,400	
115997151	Other Reimbursements		Page 25	-3,500	0	

		1,409,200		<u>1,335,800</u>
Charlton Hall	<u>14802</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u> £
148027501 Rents			-12,000	-12,000
		<u>-12,000</u>		<u>-12,000</u>
St Martins Hall	<u>14805</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u> £
148057501 Rents			-11,000	-11,000
		<u>-11,000</u>		<u>-11,000</u>
Redcross Hall Shepperton	<u>14807</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u> £
148077305 Other fees - Premises			0	0
148077501 Rents			-5,400	-4,000
		<u>-5,400</u>		<u>-4,000</u>
Memorial Gardens	<u>15112</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u> £
151122113 Miscellaneous Works			0	0
		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Lammas Park Sea Cadets	<u>15122</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u> £
151222404 Business Rates			0	0
151225012 External Contracts			0	0
		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Staines Market	<u>20401</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u> £
204012216 Hard Surfaces			8,500	8,500
204012301 Electricity		Page 26	2,700	3,500

204012404	Business Rates			29,600	29,600	
204012412	Bid Levy			1,100	1,100	
204015012	External Contracts			96,700	94,500	
204017501	Rents			-200,000	-200,000	
			<u>-61,400</u>		<u>-62,800</u>	
<u>Elmsleigh</u>	Car park Ramp	<u>21113</u>	25/26	£	24/25	£
211134979	Other Miscellaneous Exp	enses		0	0	
			<u>0</u>		<u>o</u>	
Knowle Gr	<u>een Redevelopment</u>	<u>21114</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
211144979	Other Miscellaneous Exp	enses		0	0	
			<u>0</u>		<u>o</u>	
<u>Spelthorne</u>	Leisure Centre	<u>21116</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
211164401	Consultants fees			0	0	
			<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Elmsleigh	<u>Lifts</u>	<u>21121</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
211214979	Other Miscellaneous Exp	enses		0	0	
			<u>o</u>		<u>0</u>	
Benwell Ho	ouse	<u>21124</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
211242404	Business Rates			0	0	
211244979	Other Miscellaneous Exp	enses		0	0	
211245011	Facilities Management		Page 27	0	0	

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<u>Hanover H</u>	<u>ouse</u>	<u>21125</u>	25/26	£		<u>24/25</u>	£
211252301	Electricity				7,600	10,000	
211252404	Business Rates				75,000	50,000	
211252405	Water Charges				1,000	1,000	
211252408	Premises Insurance				1,500	1,500	
211254417	Security services				5,000	50,000	
211254979	Other Miscellaneous Expe	enses			0	5,000	
211257501	Rents				0	0	
			<u>90,100</u>			117,500	
<u>Thameside</u>	e House	<u>21129</u>	25/26	£		<u>24/25</u>	£
211292301	Electricity				0	0	
211292404	Business Rates				0	0	
211292405	Water Charges				0	0	
211292408	Premises Insurance				0	0	
211294417	Security services				0	0	
211294979	Other Miscellaneous Expe	enses			0	0	
			<u>o</u>			<u>o</u>	
Oast Hous	<u>e</u>	<u>21134</u>	25/26	£		<u>24/25</u>	£
211342001	Responsive maintenance				5,000	0	
211342301	Electricity				1,500	2,000	
211342302	Gas				1,200	2,000	
211342404	Business Rates		Page 28		0	3,900	

211342405	Water Charges		1,000	1,000	
211342408	Premises Insurance		3,100	3,100	
211342411	Council tax (void property)		0	1,000	
211344455	Premises Letting Fees		0	3,000	
211344905	Marketing		0	2,500	
211344979	Other Miscellaneous Expenses		0	5,000	
211347501	Rents		-36,500	-12,000	
		<u>-24,700</u>		<u>11,500</u>	
Economic	Development 213	<u>301</u> 25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
213011001	Salaries		177,400	164,000	
213011003	Committee Attendance		500	500	
213011101	National Insurance		19,700	17,900	
213011111	Superannuation		30,600	28,400	
213011209	Fire Wardens Allowance		200	200	
213011803	Employee related insurance		300	300	
213013902	Essential User Car Allowance		2,400	2,400	
213013905	Car Mileage Allowance		600	600	
213014004	Operational equip mats & supp	I	0	0	
213014301	Internal printing		100	100	
213014401	Consultants fees		0	0	
213014516	Mobile phones		0	500	
213014701	Subscriptions General		3,500	3,500	
213014914	Inward Investment		0	0	
213014915	Key Account Mgmt		0	0	
213014949	Stimulate Economic Activity	Page 29	77,400	77,400	

213014979	Other Miscellaneous Exper	ises		2	2,000	2,000	
			314,700			297,800	
Staines BIE	1	21303	25/26	£		<u>24/25</u>	t
Otaliles Bit	<u>2</u>	<u>21303</u>	25/20	~		<u> </u>	~
213032412	Bid Levy			į	5,000	5,000	
213034979	Other Miscellaneous Exper	ises			0	0	
			<u>5,000</u>			<u>5,000</u>	
Business II	ncubator	<u>21304</u>	25/26	£		<u>24/25</u>	£
213042109	Building Works				0	20,000	
213042301	Electricity			81	1,600	0	
213042302	Gas			16	6,300	0	
213042403	Management fees				0	0	
213042404	Business Rates				0	8,000	
213042405	Water Charges			2	2,600	0	
213042501	F&F Purchases			3	3,100	3,000	
213042601	Cleaning materials				500	0	
213042602	Window cleaning			1	1,200	400	
213042603	Trade waste collection			1	1,200	1,200	
213042604	Contract cleaning			2	2,300	2,300	
213042605	Collection of Rubbish & Re	cycl		1	1,000	0	
213042606	Cleaning General			4	4,000	0	
213042701	Service Charge			35	5,700	95,600	
213044031	Office Furniture Purchase				0	1,000	
213044101	Food Purchases			1	1,300	0	
213044102	Catering Supplies (Non Foo	od)		1	1,400	0	
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213044306	Printing Art work and Design	500	500	
213044401	Consultants fees	32,000	25,000	
213044510	TV Licence	200	0	
213044551	Computer Hardware	0	500	
213044564	Networking	10,100	8,100	
213044905	Marketing	0	500	
213044979	Other Miscellaneous Expenses	0	1,000	
213047151	Other Reimbursements	-20,000	-20,000	
213047526	Incubator Desk Hire	0	0	
213047527	Incubator Office Rental	-156,500	-155,700	
		<u>18,500</u>	<u>-8,600</u>	
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Spelthorne	e Youth Hub 21306	25/26 £	<u>24/25</u>	£
213061001	Salaries	100,600	124,700	
213061101	National Insurance	10,600	12,400	
213061111	Superannuation	17,300	21,600	
213062301	Electricity	15,000	0	
213062601	Cleaning materials	400	0	
213062605	Collection of Rubbish & Recycl	1,700	0	
213062606	Cleaning General	3,000	0	
213062701	Service Charge	10,000	0	
213063902	Essential User Car Allowance	3,400	1,200	
213064043	Printers consumables	1,200	0	
213064306	Printing Art work and Design	5,000	0	
213064401	Consultants fees	40,300	22,300	
213064516	Mobile phones	0	0	
		Page 31		

213064564	Networking			5,000	0	
213067013	Other Government Grants			-42,000	-181,900	
213067067	SCC reimbursement			-54,000	0	
			<u>117,500</u>		<u>300</u>	
Bus Station	<u>n</u>	<u>26901</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
269012216	Hard Surfaces			2,400	2,400	
269012404	Business Rates			20,800	20,800	
269012405	Water Charges			0	0	
269012412	Bid Levy			300	300	
269012604	Contract cleaning			2,400	2,400	
			<u>25,900</u>		<u>25,900</u>	
Asset Mana	agement Admin	<u>30132</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
301321001	Salaries			815,300	654,100	
301321012	Agency Staff			0	147,000	
301321101	National Insurance			96,200	76,400	
301321111	Superannuation			141,200	113,400	
301321120	AVC Salary Sacrifice			100	100	
301321209	Fire Wardens Allowance			0	0	
301321210	ILO allowance			200	200	
301321601	Professional subscriptions	;		500	500	
301321606	Cash Alternative to leased	car		5,700	5,400	
301321701	Professional and CPD train	ing		1,800	1,800	
301321803	Employee related insuranc	е		700	700	
301323902	Essential User Car Allowan	ice	Page 32	12,400	11,200	

301323905	Car Mileage Allowance		400	400	
301324301	Internal printing		500	500	
301324312	Books & publications		0	0	
301324315	Microfilming		0	0	
301324401	Consultants fees		72,900	171,500	
301324403	Valuers		41,200	75,000	
301324412	Land registry		2,800	2,700	
301324507	Postage Envelopes		0	0	
301324511	Telephones call charges		1,200	1,200	
301324516	Mobile phones		0	600	
301324552	Computer Software		37,800	47,000	
301324603	Conference fees travel & subst		0	0	
301324701	Subscriptions General		0	0	
301324979	Other Miscellaneous Expenses		0	0	
301324983	Unders/Overs		0	0	
301324990	Set-aside contributions		-495,600	-480,800	
301325012	External Contracts		0	0	
301327117	Set A Side Funding		0	0	
301327151	Other Reimbursements		-361,900	-304,700	
301327305	Other fees - Premises		-4,400	-4,200	
301327503	Licences/ Wayleaves/ Easements		0	0	
		369,000		<u>520,000</u>	
Knowle Gr	een Relocation 30134	25/26	£	24/25	£
301344401	Consultants fees		0	0	
		Dage 33		<u>o</u>	

Internal Pr	inting	<u>30502</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
305024022	Office Equipment Leasing	l		1,000	1,000	
305024041	Print Unit Printers Usage	chg		0	0	
305024042	Printers Lease chg			12,800	12,500	
305024043	Printers consumables			500	500	
305024051	PrintUnit Supplies Letterh	eads		0	1,000	
305024052	PrintUnit Supplies White F	Paper		10,200	8,000	
305024053	PU Supplies Coloured Pap	per		0	1,000	
305024057	Print Unit Supplies Paper			1,600	1,600	
305024308	Printing recharge (Credit)			-27,000	-27,000	
305024552	Computer Software			600	600	
			<u>-300</u>		<u>-800</u>	
External P	rinting	<u>30504</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
305044302	External printing			16,100	16,100	
305044308	Printing recharge (Credit)			-6,000	-6,000	
			<u>10,100</u>		<u>10,100</u>	
Photocopy	<u>ring</u>	<u>30506</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
305064041	Print Unit Printers Usage	chg		0	0	
305064042	Printers Lease chg			0	0	
			<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Facilities N	<u>Nanagement</u>	<u>30703</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
307031001	Salaries		Page 34	192,800	186,700	

307031002	Overtime		2,000	2,000
307031101	National Insurance		20,700	19,800
307031111	Superannuation		33,600	32,500
307031120	AVC Salary Sacrifice		100	100
307031202	First Aid Allowance		500	400
307031209	Fire Wardens Allowance		600	600
307031803	Employee related insurance		500	500
307032201	Grounds maintained noncontract		0	0
307032301	Electricity		49,100	65,000
307032302	Gas		16,200	27,000
307032404	Business Rates		252,600	252,600
307032405	Water Charges		6,100	6,000
307032601	Cleaning materials		0	0
307032602	Window cleaning		2,400	2,400
307032603	Trade waste collection		9,400	9,200
307032604	Contract cleaning		54,100	52,000
307032606	Cleaning General		0	0
307033001	Commercial Vehicle Lease		0	0
307033201	Commercial Vehicle Fuel		0	0
307033902	Essential User Car Allowance		1,200	1,200
307034002	Operational Equipment Maint.		10,200	10,000
307034003	Operational equipment leasing		1,300	1,300
307034010	Flexitime Expenses		5,000	4,900
307034103	Tea Trolley provisions		6,100	6,000
307034202	Uniforms		1,000	1,000
307034301	Internal printing	Page 35	1,000	1,000

307034302	External printing	External printing		3,100	3,000	
307034316	Shredding	Shredding		2,600	2,500	
307034511	Telephones call charges			1,800	1,800	
307034512	Telephone Maintenance			0	0	
307034516	Mobile phones			0	200	
307034930	Knowle Green Office Move	es		0	0	
307034979	Other Miscellaneous Expe	nses		2,100	2,100	
307035012	External Contracts			0	0	
307037138	Reimb Electric vehicle Poi	nts		0	0	
307037151	Other Reimbursements			-17,400	-23,000	
307037441	Lettings			0	0	
307037501	Rents			0	0	
307037503	Licences/ Wayleaves/ Ease	ements		-6,700	0	
307037508	SCC Adult Social Care			0	0	
307037511	Rents T.Bayliss			0	0	
307037513	Surrey Police			0	0	
307037515	Surrey CC Rents			0	0	
307037516	Enterprise Zones			0	0	
307037517	Kempton Carr Croft			0	0	
307037518	Robertson Technologies			0	0	
			652,000		668,800	
Office Serv	<u>vices</u>	<u>30705</u>	25/26	£	<u>24/25</u>	£
307051002	Overtime			0	0	
307051803	Employee related insurance	ce		0	0	
307054021	Office Equipment Purchas	e	Page 36	4,300	9,100	

307054023	Office Equipment Maintenance	2,600	2,500	
307054031	Office Furniture Purchase	6,400	6,300	
307054202	Uniforms	0	0	
307054301	Internal printing	0	0	
307054311	Office Stationery	10,700	10,500	
307054314	Document storage	0	0	
307054507	Postage Envelopes	4,400	4,300	
307054511	Telephones call charges	0	0	
307054516	Mobile phones	3,600	0	
		<u>32,000</u>	32,700	
General Pr	roperty Expenses 31002	25/26 £	<u>24/25</u>	£
310022301	Electricity	0	0	
310022302	Gas	0	0	
310022401	Rents	5,900	5,800	
310022404	Business Rates	0	2,700	
310022405	Water Charges	1,600	1,600	
310022411	Council tax (void property)	0	0	
310024401	Consultants fees	0	0	
310024403	Valuers	25,500	25,000	
310024404	Surveyors	200	200	
310024412	Land registry	0	0	
310025012	External Contracts	0	0	
310027305	Other fees - Premises	0	0	
310027501	Rents	-102,200	-42,200	
310027503	Licences/ Wayleaves/ Easements	-23,400 Page 37	-23,400	

			<u>-92,400</u>		<u>-30,300</u>	
Staines Elr	msleigh Centre	<u>31101</u>	25/26	£	24/25	£
311012403	Management fees			0	0	
311014401	Consultants fees			0	0	
311017502	Ground Rents			-373,300	-364,100	
			<u>-373,300</u>		<u>-364,100</u>	
Grand Tota	al:		<u>2,463,500.00</u>		<u>2,531,800.00</u>	

Business, Infrastructure & Growth Committees

Date of meeting: 16 January 2025

Title	Grant Application by the Spelthorne Business Forum
Purpose of the report	To make a recommendation.
Report Author	Chris Norrington, Economic Development Manager
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Exempt	No
Exemption Reason	N/A
Corporate Priority	Resilience
Recommendations	Committee is asked to:
	To recommend to Council to approve a grant application made by the Spelthorne Business Forum.
Reason for Recommendation	This application for a grant is from a business group and not from a community group, therefore the Business Infrastructure & Growth Committee is the recommended committee to consider the request and recommend to Council to approve the application.

1. Summary of the report

What is the situation	Why we want to do something
The Spelthorne Business Forum has received grants from the Economic Development Budget which were previously approved by Council as part of the Growth Bid and Service Plan process.	To align the approval of business grants as per community grants which are currently approved by committee.
This is what we want to do about it	These are the next steps
Consider the application	To approve the application or the Committee can reject the application.

1.1 This report seeks to present an application by The Spelthorne Business Forum (Appendix A) that recommends approval by Council. The amount applied for is £10,000 for the financial year 2025- 2026. The amount is currently accounted for in Economic Development's Service Plan and therefore subject to Council approval as a part of the budget approval process.

2. Key issues

- 2.1 The Council has supported the Spelthorne Business Forum in the past as it provided businesses with a representative body as there is not a Chamber of Commerce or similar business group in Spelthorne. Further information can be found on the Spelthorne Business Forum website.
- 2.2 The Spelthorne Business Forum provides networking events, an online business directory and communications to the business community.
- 2.3 The grant will specifically be used to cover the employee cost of two persons who manage the events, finances and communications.
- 2.4 To continue to provide the services, the Spelthorne Business Forum requires a grant until it establishes alternative income streams in the future. It does not have any other ways of obtaining a grant other than through Spelthorne Borough Council. Spelthorne Business Forum does intend to raise sponsorship from its events and the Business Plan Competition to increase income and potentially reduce the need to request a grant.
- 2.5 The Spelthorne Business Forum regularly sends business communications via its newsletter to business contacts. Its activities include 10 networking events, 2 social events including the Riverboat Cruise which Council employees attend.
- 2.6 The Spelthorne Business Forum is also focussing on developing a <u>business</u> <u>directory</u> which will connect business services in the borough. Please refer to appendix A the application for more detail.

3. Options analysis and proposal

- 3.1 **Option 1 and preferred recommendation**: To recommend to Council that it approves the application for a grant of £10,000 to be awarded to The Spelthorne Business Forum which will ensure that activities in the application are carried out in the interests of the Council and the business community. This decision is subject to Council approving the Economic Development budget for 2025-26.
- 3.2 **Option 2**: To recommend to Council that the application of a grant of £10,000 to The Spelthorne Business Forum is denied. The consequence of this action will likely force the Spelthorne Business Forum to stop all activity in the short-term until alternative income streams are identified. The Economic Development Team have capacity to fulfil some of the functions but not all.

4. Financial management comments

- 4.1 If **option 1** is preferred, provision for a grant of £10,000 is included in Economic Development's 2025/26 Growth Bid and Service Plan. This has already been approved by this committee subject to Council approving the Budget on 27 February 2025.
- 4.2 If **option 2** is preferred, the Economic Development Team will use the £10,000 to carry out the activities if the Spelthorne Business Forum is unable to

5. Risk management comments

5.1 If **option 1** is preferred, the Spelthorne Business Forum will continue to provide activities in collaboration with the Economic Development team.

There is a risk that the grant funding objectives may not be met by the Spelthorne Business Forum.

It is a requirement of the awarding of the grant to have an agreement between Spelthorne Borough Council and The Spelthorne Business Forum in place. This will ensure that bi-annual reports will be submitted for this Committee's information and review. This will also provide overview and scrutiny of the Spelthorne Business Forum's objectives and success in respect of the grant awarded. This will ensure the Council provides value for money and good practise in providing this grant.

5.2 If **option 2** is preferred, the Economic Development Team will conduct most of the activities instead of the Spelthorne Business Forum. The current team does not have capacity to manage an extra ten networking events, nor does it have the capacity to manage the Forum's Wayfinder directory as it stands as it is a commercial exercise.

6. Procurement comments

6.1 None arising from this report.

7. Legal comments

- 7.1 The Council has the powers to award grants to organisations using its general power of competence in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.
- 7.2 Grant funding criteria and objectives must be met in order for the Council to evidence compliance with the statutory duty to deliver best value under the Local Government Act 1999.
- 8. Other considerations
- 8.1 N/A
- 9. Equality and Diversity
- 9.1 No impact
- 10. Sustainability/Climate Change Implications
- 10.1 No impact
- 11. Timetable for implementation
- 11.1 The grant will be paid in the financial year 2025-26.
- 12. Contact
- 12.1 Chris Norrington: c.norrington@spelthorne.gov.uk

Please submit any material questions to the Committee Chair and Officer Contact by two days in advance of the meeting.

Background papers:

There are none.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Spelthorne Business Forum Grant Application



Spelthorne Borough Council

Annual Council Grant Application Form 25/26



Thank you for your interest in applying for a Spelthorne Borough Council Annual Grant. Prior to making this application, please read the guidance provided and make sure you meet and can evidence meeting **all** the criteria. If you do not meet the criteria your application will not progress to panel consideration.

Please submit this form by 12 December 2024

If you require any further assistance with completing this form or require the form and guidance in an alternative format, please contact Chris Norrington c.norrington@spelthorne.gov.uk or call 01784 446 208

The criteria that you MUST satisfy are:

- a) You are applying on behalf of a voluntary or charitable organisation. We also consider applications from not-for-profit organisations.
- b) The organisation is located in Spelthorne and/or you provide services for people in Spelthorne.
- c) You support Spelthorne Borough Council's vision and comply with at least one of our key priorities.

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- d) You are not applying for salary costs for your Chief Executive.
- e) Your organisation is financially stable but is also not carrying large reserves.
- f) You must not be applying for multiple financial support for the same objective. (Unless you are specifically requesting grant match funding).
- g) You have clear outcomes for the additional funding applied for.
- h) You need to be able to monitor your performance towards your goals and demonstrate how you have successfully achieved them.
- i) That you have been able to flex and adapt your service provision, or would be able to, as a response to emerging need.

Contact details

Name and position	Tracey Carter
Organisation	Spelthorne Business Forum CIC Ltd
Charity number (if applicable)	

Address of company	Spirit House, 8 High Street, West Molesey, Surrey, United Kingdom, KT8 2NA
Where will your service be provided	In Spelthorne
Contact phone	07919075092
Contact email	tracey.carter@sbf.biz

Financial status:

Please provide your last set of audited accounts (if possible, for the previous year). If you are a small community group that does not need to produce audited accounts, please provide your treasurers accounts. Accounts are required for us to verify that your organisation is financially able to deliver what you are applying for. Please note that these will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Please provide details of all funding that you have applied for, for the year 2025-2026. Please include any applications you have made for funding that remain pending, along with those refused, agreed or agreed in part. In addition, if you have been advised that an offer of match funding has been made, please include that in the table below.

Other grant or applications for financial assistance for the year 2025-2026

Organisation applied for, for funding	Reason for grant application	Grant application amount	Current status of application
None			

The Aims of your organisation:

It is extremely helpful for the Grant's Panel to know about your organisation. How, why and when it was set up and for what purpose. What are your key objectives and how have these changed?

When was your organisation set up?	SBF have been in existence for over 15 years. It has been a CIC since 20 September 2018
If you have charity status, when was it awarded? Why was your organisation created?	We are a Community Interest Company Our mission is to help bring economic stability and prosperity to Spelthorne by providing a platform to deliver a range of benefits to our members including networking, support, workshops and mentoring. We exist to make Spelthorne a great place to do business
What are you aiming to achieve?	Our aim is to be the voice of Spelthorne businesses with local and central government, champion the innovative and create an environment where businesses can thrive. We have created a vibrant and connected business community that rivals that of any Surrey borough. Through our events, newsletters and partnership work we aim to continue being the leading voice for business in Spelthorne.
How do you measure success?	We measure our success by the number of subscribed members (currently 1004), the number of events we deliver (at least 10 per year) and the e-newsletters sent sharing business news and updates (at least one per month). It is estimated that the number of members based in Spelthorne is around 70%. It is hard to be exact as many businesses may be registered outside the Borough (ie with an Accountant) whilst trading in the borough. We also have a large number of partner organisations who offer support services to Spelthorne based businesses as part of our membership. Our new web launch in 2025 will allow us to collect more in depth data to allow us to be more accurate regarding membership location.

Previous Year

Have you received a grant from Spelthorne Borough Council in the financial year 2024/25?	YES
If YES, how much was this grant for?	£10,000

Please provide a detailed report that clearly demonstrates what your objectives were, how you matched the grant funding to the objectives, did you meet your objectives and how did you measure your success? (there is no word limit).

Strategic Statement & Priorities

The first priority was to increase our membership by increasing our engagement with business owners and employees across Spelthorne and create a reputation as a trusted and influential local business support organisation.

The goal was to increase the membership above 1000 members through company engagement via events, workshops, forums and social media posts.

We believe our diverse membership across many sectors, industries and professions gives us the opportunity to create a reputation as the leading conveyor and connector in the Spelthorne Business community.

We also understand that with the rapidly changing economic landscape with Covid 19 and Brexit and the cost of living crisis we need to engage and attract a more diverse membership from all ages and sectors to ensure we are truly representative of all businesses in the area.

This was done through monthly events, e newsletters and partnership working with other business support organisations and corporate partners.

Our strategy states that the SBF will be an important partner to Spelthorne Council in its economic recovery plan and must align its strategy to support the Councils objectives to ensure the best outcome for its members and local businesses.

Your application:	
Submission deadline: 12 December	r 2024: 1700
Committee Date: 16 January 2025	
Council Date: 27 February 2025	
Please provide information to clearly demonstrate what you wish to achieve with the funding you are applying for and how you will measure success of the grant funding.	
Please provide as much detail as pos beneficiaries/key service users and w	ssible here including who are your where and how your service will be provided.
Please detail the importance of this and why you believe this service to be necessary. Please refer to our vision and aims and detail which one/s your service supports.	
Amount of grant applied for from Spelthorne Borough Council.	£10,000

Funding agreed from elsewhere.	None
anding agreed noin cisewhere.	
What will our funding enable you to deliver? This needs to be a detailed description of how the grant money matched against objectives will be spent (specific projects or initiatives).	1)Support the funding of two part time members of staff. 2) Deliver a minimum of 10 Business Networking events plus special Social events including the Riverboat Cruise, Summer Social and Christmas Social. 3) Send monthly e newsletters to members with the roundup of latest news and events
How have you identified the community need?	Through over 15 years of engagement with the local business community working in partnership with Spelthorne Council to help deliver support to businesses through some of the most challenging economic circumstances.
Please show how this meets Spelthorne's values and priorities Putting our residents at the heart of everything we do - Spelthorne Borough Council	Our strategy states that the SBF will be an important partner to Spelthorne Council in its economic recovery plan and must align its strategy to support the Council's objectives to ensure the best outcome for its members and local businesses.
Please identify where services will be delivered.	In Spelthorne
Please identify who your key customers are.	Businesses in Spelthorne
How will you measure success? Please provide detail on targets you will set and how you will measure the effectiveness of your activities.	 Increase our membership by 5% (currently 1004 members) Send 12 e-newsletters and maintain an open rate and click rate above the national average. Hold a minimum of 10 networking events plus 2 special events with a minimum of 20 attendees at each networking event and 30 attendees for each special event.

 Send an annual business confidence questionnaire asking where they need support and what more the SBF can do.

Safeguarding

Does your organisation work with either children and young people or adults at risk?

No (delete as applicable)

If yes

*Please attach details of your safeguarding arrangements/policy/procedures and

*Details of your process for undertaking Disclosure and Barring (DBS) checks (if necessary)

Sustainability

If your application is successful, we may ask you to engage with the Council Climate Change & Sustainability specialists. They will share information about support available to you to become more sustainable. Please indicate that you are happy to engage with our climate change and sustainability specialists

*Yes

Reviewing the application

Once your application has been received, it will be reviewed to ensure that it meets the criteria.

If the application does not meet the criteria, the application will not be taken further. We will endeavour to signpost you to other potential financial support available.

If it is obvious that an error has been made and crucial information has mistakenly been omitted, we will endeavour to contact you to give you the opportunity to provide the missing information.

It is important to note that meeting the criteria does not guarantee that you will receive a grant. Spelthorne Borough Council receive numerous applications from worthy organisations and with regret we cannot offer grants to all. The applications received within the specified time limit and those evidencing that they meet our criteria will be considered by a panel.

In some cases, the grant panel may ask you for further information or clarification. The panel does not have the final say and makes recommendations to be considered by Committee and then approved by Council in its February meeting.

The process takes several months. We are required to follow this process as we are using public money.

The final decision and payment

The panel may decide to recommend to Committee:

- That your organisation gets awarded the full amount applied for.
- That your organisations receives an award for a lower amount than applied for.
- That your organisation has been unsuccessful for the current year.

Where we are unable to provide you with any grant funding, or in some cases, a smaller amount than you applied for, we will endeavour to signpost you to other potential funding sources to help you achieve your outcomes. In the cases of a partial award, we will ask you to review what is achievable with the smaller amount of funding awarded.

We will write to you with the decision at the end of February / beginning of March 2025. It is hoped that the funding will be paid into the relevant account by the start of the financial year.

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