

**Minutes of the Community Wellbeing and Housing Committee
24 March 2026**

Present:

Councillor S.M. Doran (Chair)

Councillors:

M. Arnold	R. Chandler	K.M. Grant
C. Bateson	S.A. Dunn	
M. Buck	R.V. Geach	

Apologies: Councillors M.M. Attewell and J.R. Boughtflower

18/26 Minutes

The Committee **resolved** to agree that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2026 and the extraordinary meeting held 27 January 2026 were a correct record of proceedings.

19/26 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

20/26 Questions from members of the Public

There were none.

21/26 Food and Health and Safety Service Plan

The Committee considered a report from the Joint Senior Environmental Health Manager (JSEHM) that sought adoption of the two Service Plans for 2026/27, Food Safety and Health and Safety. They were advised that the Council had a statutory obligation to have both service plans in place.

The main objectives within both Service Plans were outlined to the Committee members. The Committee queried the reduction in infectious disease cases, down from 165 in 2023/24 to 58 in 2025/26 and were advised that the Council no longer needed to report cases of Campylobacter as this was normally contracted by food handling within the individual's home. Reports involving an imminent risk of health to others, such as e-coli, salmonella would be treated

as Red Cases and would be investigated within 24 hours of the complaint being received. The JSEHM advised that her team focussed on 3 national projects under the Health and Safety Service Plan in 2025/26, electrical safety, inflatable amusement devices and gas safety in commercial catering settings.

The Committee **resolved** to adopt both the Food Safety and Health and Safety Service Plans for 2026/27 as outlined in the report.

22/26 Community Services Social Impact Report

The Committee considered a report that sought to provide a clear, evidence-based understanding of the value for money and social impact delivered by the Council's Community Centres, Meals on Wheels and the OPAL services.

The Committee was advised that this report was written to highlight the excellent services provided by Spelthorne Borough Council and would be shared with the new West Surrey Health Board to give them a proper understanding of the services offered. Many of the services were considered preventative measures and savings could possibly be made within the NHS though, this would be hard to quantify without further information. Further work would be undertaken to identify not just any monetary savings but how our services positively impact the physical and mental health of the residents of the Borough.

Cases studies were to be compiled that would outline experiences of individual residents using the Community Centres, Meals on Wheel and the OPAL services provided by Spelthorne Borough Council.

The Committee **resolved** to:

1. Note the findings of the report; that it evidenced the social, health and economic value generated by the Council's Community Centre and Meals on Wheels Service (and associated provision) for residents and public sector partners,
2. Consider how the evidence could be used with partners to support investment and partnership opportunities, aligned to health and care priorities including prevention and healthy ageing. Agreed for report authors to share the report with the West Surrey Health Board, Neighbourhood Steering Group and The Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board and onward transmission to voluntary joint committees to highlight the positive long-term impact of our services,
3. Approve the request for the authors to develop a mini-series of case studies showcasing the experiences of individuals who access our community services. These will highlight the personal impact of the services and the broader, system wide impacts and cost savings for partner services, to be shared on social media and the Spelthorne Bulletin.

23/26 Forward Plan

The Committee received the forward plan for future Committee business.

Councillor Bateson proposed that “Eclipse Leisure Centre Monitoring” be added as a regular item on the committee’s agenda for the Committee to receive progress updates. The Committee agreed this proposal.

The Committee **resolved** to note the forward plan, subject to the inclusion of the proposed item.