Minutes of the Council
17 September 2026

Present:

Councillors:

M. Gibson	J. Button	G. Neall
M. Arnold	D.C. Clarke	L. E. Nichols
M.M. Attewell	R.V. Geach	K.E. Rutherford
L. Barker	D.L. Geraci	D. Saliagopoulos
C. Bateson	K.M. Grant	J.R. Sexton
M. Beecher	S. Gyawali	J.A. Turner
S. Bhadye	K. Howkins	B. Weerasinghe
M. Bing Dong	N. Islam	H.R.D. Williams
M. Buck	M.J. Lee	P.N. Woodward
T. Burrell	A. Mathur	
J.R. Boughtflower	S.C. Mooney	

Apologies: Councillors S.A. Dunn, S.N. Beatty, H.S. Boparai, J.P. Caplin, R. Chandler, J.T.F. Doran and S.M. Doran

86/26 Disclosures of Interest

Councillors Attewell, Mooney and Sexton declared that they were also Surrey County Councillors.

Councillors Attewell, Bateson, Mooney and Sexton declared that they were also West Surrey Authority Councillors.

87/26 Electricity Contract for the Investment Portfolio

Council **resolved** to:

1. Approve in principle the award of a new electricity contract from 01 October 2026 to 28 September 2028 with Kent County Council LASER in respect of the Council's commercial portfolio of Assets,

2. Delegate authority to the Group Head of Assets to agree the terms of the electricity contract up to a value of £2.65m; and

3. Authorise the Group Head of Corporate Governance to execute the associated legal documentation.

88/26 Response to Foundational Strategic Authority Consultation

Council considered whether they wanted the Council to provide a response to the Combined Foundation Strategic Authority Consultation.

For – 27
Abstain – 1

The Council **resolved** to agree that the Council should provide a response to the Combine Foundation Strategic Authority Consultation.

The meeting adjourned 20.36
Meeting reconvened 20.45

Councillor Beecher left the meeting

Council considered the Council's response to Question 1 of the Consultation which was:

'to what extent do you agree or disagree that working across the proposed geography through a Surrey Combined Foundation Strategic Authority will support the delivery of effective outcomes and services in the following areas:

a) Transport and local infrastructure
b) Skills and employment support
c) Housing and strategic planning
d) Economic development and regeneration
e) The environment and climate change
f) Health, well-being and public service reform
g) Public safety
h) Culture
i) Rural affairs and coastal communities

During the debate the members requested that when submitting a response, the Chief Executive added additional text to advise that Council had only been considering a-e when deciding on the response to be submitted. It was also agreed that the response should state that the Council wanted rivers and lakes to be added.

A vote was taken on which response would be submitted out of the following:

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree

Council **resolved** to submit agree as the response.

Council considered the Council's response to Question 2 of the Consultation which was:

To what extend do you agree or disagree with the proposed governance arrangements for the Surrey Combined Foundation Strategic Authority?

A vote was taken on which response would be submitted out of the following:

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree

There was no overall majority in favour of any of the responses so options 4 and 5 were eliminated as the lowest scoring options.

A second vote was taken with only options 1-3 available to members.

Council **resolved** that the Council's response to Question 2 would be 'Neither agree nor disagree.

Council **resolved** to:

1. agree to respond to the Combined Foundation Strategic Authority Consultation; and

2. agree the Council's response and authorise the Interim Chief Executive to submit the consultation response on behalf of Spelthorne Borough Council.

89/26 Disposal of Elmbrook House and 17 Station Road, Sunbury

Council considered a report that sought approval for the proposed disposal of Elmbrook House and 17 Station Road, Sunbury.

A recorded vote was requested:

For	Councillors Gibson, Attewell, Barker, Bateson, Burrell, Button, Geraci, Grant, Gyawali, Mooney, Neall, Nichols, Sexton, Turner – **14 votes**
Against	Councillors Arnold, Bhadye, Buck, Clarke, Howkins, Mathur, Saliagopoulos, Williams, Woodward – **9 votes**
Abstain	Councillors Bing Dong, Boughtflower, Brennan, Lee, Rutherford – **5 votes**

Council **resolved** to:

1. Approve the proposed disposal on the terms set out in the report,

2. Delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer and Group Head of Assets, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to agree minor variations to the Heads of Terms and adjustments to the sale price; and

1. Delegate authority to the Group Head of Corporate Governance to enter into a transfer to complete the disposal and any ancillary legal documentation required in relation to the proposed disposal.

The meeting closed at 21.52