

MINUTES OF THE SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of Spelthorne Borough Council held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames on Thursday, 21 January 2021 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillors:

M.M. Attewell	S.A. Dunn	J. McIlroy
C.L. Barratt	T. Fidler	A.J. Mitchell
R.O. Barratt	N.J. Gething	L. E. Nichols
C. Bateson	M. Gibson	R.J. Noble
J.R. Boughtflower	K.M. Grant	O. Rybinski
A. Brar	A.C. Harman	D. Saliagopoulos
S. Buttar	H. Harvey	J.R. Sexton
R. Chandler	I.T.E. Harvey	R.W. Sider BEM
J.H.J. Doerfel	N. Islam	V. Siva
J.T.F. Doran	T. Lagden	R.A. Smith-Ainsley
S.M. Doran	V.J. Leighton	B.B. Spoor
R.D. Dunn	M.J. Madams	J. Vinson

Councillor C.F. Barnard, The Mayor, in the Chair

Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillors I.J. Beardsmore

19/21 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

20/21 Capital Budgets for Council Development Programme

Councillors considered the report and appendices on the Capital Budgets for Council Development Programme and a presentation delivered by the Group Head of Regeneration and Growth.

Council was asked to decide whether the capital provision for the developments listed in the report (being those development projects where budget provision had been approved in the general budget cycle rather than specific reports to the Council) were to be included in such Capital Programme.

The six developments were decided individually as follows:

Motion 1 - Ceaser Court phase II, Sunbury

It was moved by Councillor J.R. Boughtflower, and seconded by Councillor L.E. Nichols, that:

“Ceaser Court phase II, Sunbury is included in the Capital Programme to be presented to full Council for approval on the 25 February 2021 in the sums of £14.6m phases 1 & 2 and £6.3m in 21/22 for phase 2. Before these developments are progressed these will be reviewed and revalidated by the new Programme Board.”

Councillor J.R. Boughtflower spoke to the motion and informed members that this development, and the others, would provide much needed affordable housing for the borough and would protect the green belt. Councillor J.R. Boughtflower advised that private developers had not delivered affordable housing in the last year and generally when they did it would be shared ownership which was too expensive for most Spelthorne residents. Councillor J.R. Boughtflower explained that the Council's housing list was growing, and 11 families were currently bidding for each home that became available.

Councillor L.E. Nichols stated that the new programme board would oversee the Council's regeneration projects and ensure they are refined and delivered in a collaborative and transparent way with the input of ward Councillors sought in the early stages. These new arrangements would make members more accountable for their decisions and would result in better schemes being delivered.

Councillor R.A. Smith Ainsley proposed an amendment to the motion, seconded by Councillor J. Vinson, to remove the second sentence:

“Before these developments are progressed these will be reviewed and revalidated by the new Programme Board.”

A vote was held on the amendment which FELL.

Councillor T. Fidler proposed an amendment to the motion, seconded by Councillor C. Bateson to:

add the word “provisional” before sums and to amend the second sentence to read: Before these developments are progressed these will be reviewed by “a properly constituted sub-committee of the proposed Policy and Resources Committee or equivalent agreed cross-party entity in the interim by the Full Council.”

A vote was held, and the amendment was CARRIED.

The substantive motion was debated, and a recorded vote conducted as requested by Councillor J.R. Boughtflower with the result as follows:

FOR (35)

Attewell, Barnard, Barratt C, Barratt R, Bateson, Boughtflower, Brar, Buttar, Chandler, Doran J, Doran S, Dunn R, Dunn S, Fidler, Gething, Gibson, Grant, Harman, Harvey H, Harvey I, Islam, Lagden, Leighton, Madams, McIlroy, Nichols, Noble, Rybinski, Saliagopoulos, Sexton, Sider, Siva, Smith-Ainsley, Spoor, Vinson.

AGAINST (0)

ABSTAIN (2)

Doerfel, Mitchell.

RESOLVED: Ceaser Court phase II, Sunbury is included in the Capital Programme to be presented to full Council for approval on the 25 February 2021 in the provisional sums of £14.6m phases 1 & 2 and £6.3m in 21/22 for phase 2. Before these potential developments are progressed these will be reviewed by a properly constituted sub-committee of the proposed policy and resources committee or equivalent agreed cross-party entity in the interim by the full council.”

Motion 2 - Thameside House, Staines-upon-Thames

It was moved by Councillor J.R. Boughtflower and seconded by Councillor J. McIlroy that:

“Thameside House, Staines-upon-Thames is included in the Capital Programme to be presented to full Council for approval on the 25 February 2021 in the provisional sum of £46.45m Before these potential developments are progressed these will be reviewed by a properly constituted sub-committee of the proposed Policy and Resources Committee or equivalent agreed cross-party entity in the interim by the Full Council.”

Some members expressed concern over the height of the development and noted that they were being asked to make a decision on whether to include the developments in the Capital Programme not the specific design of the schemes.

The motion was debated, and a recorded vote conducted as requested by Councillor J.R. Boughtflower with the result as follows:

FOR (29)

Attewell, Barnard, Barratt C, Barratt R, Bateson, Boughtflower, Brar, Buttar, Chandler, Doran J, Doran S, Dunn R, Dunn S, Fidler, Grant, Harman, Harvey H, Harvey I, Islam, Leighton, Madams, McIlroy, Nichols, Noble, Rybinski, Sider, Siva, Smith-Ainsley, Spoor, Vinson.

AGAINST (1)

Gibson

ABSTAIN (6)

Doerfel, Gething, Lagden, Mitchell, Saliagopoulos, Sexton.

RESOLVED: Thameside House, Staines-upon-Thames is included in the Capital Programme to be presented to full Council for approval on the 25 February 2021 in the provisional sum of £46.45m. Before these potential developments are progressed these will be reviewed by a properly constituted sub-committee of the proposed Policy and Resources Committee or equivalent agreed cross-party entity in the interim by the Full Council.

Motion 3 - Ashford Multi-Storey Car Park

It was moved by Councillor J.R. Boughtflower and seconded by Councillor J. McIlroy that:

“Ashford Multi-Storey Car Park is included in the Capital Programme to be presented to full Council for approval on the 25 February 2021 in the provisional sum of £10m funded initially from capital provision for regeneration and housing opportunities. Before these potential developments are progressed these will be reviewed by a properly constituted sub-committee of the proposed Policy and Resources Committee or equivalent agreed cross-party entity in the interim by the Full Council.

The motion was debated, and a recorded vote conducted as requested by Councillor J.R. Boughtflower with the result as follows:

FOR (36)

Attewell, Barnard, Barratt C, Barratt R, Bateson, Boughtflower, Brar, Buttar, Chandler, Doerfel, Doran J, Doran S, Dunn R, Dunn S, Fidler, Gething, Gibson, Grant, Harman, Harvey H, Harvey I, Islam, Lagden, Leighton, Madams, McIlroy, Mitchell, Nichols, Noble, Rybinski, Saliagopoulos, Sexton, Sider, Smith-Ainsley, Spoor, Vinson.

AGAINST (0)

ABSTAIN (0)

RESOLVED: Ashford Multi-Storey Car Park is included in the Capital Programme to be presented to full Council for approval on the 25 February 2021 in the provisional sum of £10m funded initially from capital provision for regeneration and housing opportunities. Before these potential developments are progressed these will be reviewed by a properly constituted sub-committee of the proposed Policy and Resources Committee or equivalent agreed cross-party entity in the interim by the Full Council.

Motion 4 – Oast House, Staines-upon-Thames

It was moved by Councillor J.R. Boughtflower and seconded by Councillor J. McIlroy that:

“Oast House, Staines-upon-Thames is included in the Capital Programme to be presented to full Council for approval on the 25 February 2021 in the provisional sum £77.678m excluding purchase cost. Before these potential developments are progressed these will be reviewed by a properly constituted

sub-committee of the proposed Policy and Resources Committee or equivalent agreed cross-party entity in the interim by the Full Council.”

The motion was debated, and a recorded vote conducted as requested by Councillor J.R. Boughtflower with the result as follows:

FOR (21)

Attewell, Barnard, Barratt C, Boughtflower, Brar, Buttar, Chandler, Dunn S, Fidler, Grant, Harvey H, Harvey I, Leighton, Madams, McIlroy, Nichols, Noble, Rybinski, Smith-Ainsley, Spoor, Vinson.

AGAINST (2)

Mitchell, Sexton.

ABSTAIN (11)

Barratt R, Bateson, Doran J, Doran S, Dunn R, Gething, Gibson, Harman, Islam, Saliagopoulos, Sider.

RESOLVED: Oast House, Staines-upon-Thames is included in the Capital Programme to be presented to full Council for approval on the 25 February 2021 in the provisional sum £77.678m excluding purchase cost. Before these potential developments are progressed these will be reviewed by a properly constituted sub-committee of the proposed Policy and Resources Committee or equivalent agreed cross-party entity in the interim by the Full Council

Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley proposed a motion to extend the meeting in accordance with Council procedural rule 5.1. Councillor V.J. Leighton seconded the motion.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a comfort break from 20:50 to 20:57.

Motion 5 - Tothill Car Park, Staines-upon-Thames

It was moved by Councillor J.R. Boughtflower and seconded by Councillor J. McIlroy that:

“Tothill Car Park, Staines-upon-Thames is included in the Capital Programme to be presented to full Council for approval on the 25 February 2021 in the provisional sum of £8m from within the provision for the Elmsleigh Centre. Before these potential developments are progressed these will be reviewed by a properly constituted sub-committee of the proposed Policy and Resources Committee or equivalent agreed cross-party entity in the interim by the Full Council.”

The motion was debated, and a recorded vote conducted as requested by Councillor J.R. Boughtflower with the result as follows:

FOR (29)

Attewell, Barnard, Barratt C, Barratt R, Bateson, Boughtflower, Brar, Buttar, Chandler, Doran J, Doran S, Dunn R, Dunn S, Fidler, Gething, Grant,

Harman, Harvey H, Harvey I, Islam, Leighton, Madams, McIlroy, Nichols, Noble, Rybinski, Sider, Smith-Ainsley, Spoor.

AGAINST (4)

Gibson, Mitchell, Saliagopoulos, Sexton.

ABSTAIN (0)

RESOLVED: Tothill Car Park, Staines-upon-Thames is included in the Capital Programme to be presented to full Council for approval on the 25 February 2021 in the provisional sum of £8m from within the provision for the Elmsleigh Centre. Before these potential developments are progressed these will be reviewed by a properly constituted sub-committee of the proposed Policy and Resources Committee or equivalent agreed cross-party entity in the interim by the Full Council.

Motion 6 – Vodafone / William Hill Staines-upon-Thames

It was moved by Councillor J.R. Boughtflower and seconded by Councillor J. McIlroy that:

“Vodafone/William Hill, Staines-upon-Thames is included in the Capital Programme to be presented to full Council for approval on the 25 February 2021 in the provisional sum of £8m from within the provision for the Elmsleigh Centre. Before these potential developments are progressed these will be reviewed by a properly constituted sub-committee of the proposed Policy and Resources Committee or equivalent agreed cross-party entity in the interim by the Full Council.”

The motion was debated, and a recorded vote conducted as requested by Councillor J.R. Boughtflower with the result as follows:

FOR (30)

Attewell, Barnard, Barratt C, Barratt R, Bateson, Boughtflower, Brar, Buttar, Chandler, Doran J, Doran S, Dunn R, Dunn S, Fidler, Gething, Gibson, Grant, Harman, Harvey H, Harvey I, Islam, Leighton, Madams, McIlroy, Nichols, Noble, Rybinski, Sexton, Sider, Smith-Ainsley.

AGAINST (1)

Spoor.

ABSTAIN (2)

Mitchell, Saliagopoulos.

RESOLVED: Vodafone/William Hill, Staines-upon-Thames is included in the Capital Programme to be presented to full Council for approval on the 25 February 2021 in the provisional sum of £8m from within the provision for the Elmsleigh Centre. Before these potential developments are progressed these will be reviewed by a properly constituted sub-committee of the proposed

Policy and Resources Committee or equivalent agreed cross-party entity in the interim by the Full Council.