

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, 8 December 2022 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillors:

C.L. Barratt	T. Fidler	A.J. Mitchell
R.O. Barratt	N.J. Gething	S.C. Mooney
C. Bateson	M. Gibson	L. E. Nichols
I.J. Beardsmore	K.M. Grant	R.J. Noble
M. Beecher	A.C. Harman	O. Rybinski
J.R. Boughtflower	H. Harvey	J.R. Sexton
A. Brar	I.T.E. Harvey	R.W. Sider BEM
S. Buttar	K. Howkins	V. Siva
J. Button	N. Islam	B.B. Spoor
S.A. Dunn	V.J. Leighton	J. Vinson

Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillors S.M. Doran, D. Saliagopoulos, M.M. Attewell, C.F. Barnard, R. Chandler, J.T.F. Doran, R.D. Dunn and S.J Whitmore

135/22 Disclosures of Interest

It was proposed by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Boughtflower and **resolved** that Councillor Robin Sider BEM be appointed as Chairman of the meeting in the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

There were no disclosures of interest.

136/22 Council's Response to Public Interest Report

Council considered a report from the Chief Executive, The Chief Finance Officer and the Group Head Corporate Governance in response to the Public Interest Report issued by the External Auditors, KPMG.

18:21 – Councillor Siva arrived at the meeting. She was unable to vote in relation to the item as she was not present for the whole of the consideration of the item.

It was proposed by Councillor Boughtflower and seconded by Councillor H Harvey to note the external auditor's report, and agree the response to the report and the five recommendations made in the report.

Councillor Nichols proposed an amendment to the motion to replace the second recommendation with "in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, to request the local auditor (KPMG) for more time to consider the recommendations and for the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to fully discuss the PIR before the Council is asked to approve the response." This was seconded by Councillor Fidler.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillors Vinson, Nichols, and Boughtflower.

The vote to accept the amendment was as follows:

For:	C Bateson, M Beecher, J Button, S Dunn, T Fidler, M Gibson, K Grant, L Nichols, J Sexton, B Spoor, J Vinson
Against:	C Barratt, R Barratt, I Beardsmore, J Boughtflower, A Brar, S Buttar, N Gething, T Harmon, H Harvey, I Harvey, K Howkins, N Islam, V Leighton, T Mitchell, S Mooney, R Noble, O Rybinski, R Sider BEM
Abstain:	

The motion to approve the amendment **fell**.

The vote on the original motion was as follows:

For:	C Barratt, R Barratt, I Beardsmore, J Boughtflower, A Brar, S Buttar, N Gething, T Harmon, H Harvey, I Harvey, K Howkins, N Islam, V Leighton, T Mitchell, S Mooney, R Noble, O Rybinski, R Sider BEM
Against:	C Bateson, M Beecher, S Dunn, M Gibson, K Grant, L Nichols, J Sexton, B Spoor, J Vinson
Abstain:	J Button, T Fidler

Council **resolved** to note the External Auditor's report and agree the response to the report and the five recommendations made in the report.