
Decisions taken at the meeting held on Tuesday, 28 March 2023.

Meeting Time:

7.00 pm

Meeting Venue:

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

PRESENT: Councillor Maureen Attewell (Chairman), Councillor Olivia Rybinski (Vice-Chairman), Councillor Chris Bateson, Councillor Jon Button, Councillor Sandra Dunn, Councillor Nick Gething, Councillor Helen Harvey, Councillor Robin Sider BEM and Councillor Stuart Whitmore

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

5. REVIEW OF TENANCY STRATEGY

The Committee **resolved** to adopt the proposed amendments to the Tenancy Strategy.

6. SIX DAYS A WEEK COMMUNITY CENTRE OFFER*

The Committee **resolved** to:

1. Continue to endorse the Council's approach of expanding the Community Centres provision to take account of the impact of current cost of living, energy and social isolation crisis on our communities.
2. To continue with the provision of opening at least one Community centre within the borough of Spelthorne for 6 days a week, which is currently in place throughout the winter period, engaging centre staff to provide the additional provision.
3. To consider the relative merits of contractual changes or enhanced pay options

7. LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION*

The Committee **resolved** to decline the opportunity to apply for funding from the LTA and finance the tennis court refurbishments from the Council's ongoing repair and maintenance budget.

8. VERBAL UPDATE ON DEFERRED ITEMS FROM THE GRANTS PANEL *

The Committee **resolved** to agree the grants awards 2023/24 for decisions deferred by this Committee on 17 January 2023.

9. FORWARD PLAN

The Committee **resolved** to note the forward plan with the additional items agreed at the meeting.

11. VERBAL UPDATE ON THE LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND

The Committee **resolved** to note the verbal update from the Strategic Lead, Housing.

NOTES:-

- (1) *Members are reminded that the “call-in” procedure as set out in Part 4b of the Constitution, shall not apply to the following matters:*
 - (a) *Urgent decisions as defined in Paragraph 9. of the Call-in Scrutiny Procedure Rules;*
 - (b) *Decisions to award a contract following a lawful procurement process;*
 - (c) *Those decisions:*
 - i. *reserved to full Council*
 - ii. *on regulatory matters*
 - iii. *on member conduct issues.*
- (2) *Those matters to which Note (1) applies, if any, are identified with an asterisk [*] in the above Minutes.*
- (3) *Within three working days of the date on which this decision is published, not less than three members from two or more political groups by submission of the standard call-in pro-forma, may ask for that decision to be referred to a meeting of the Administrative Committee for review (call-in). The completed pro-forma must be received by the Proper Officer by 5pm three working days after publication of the decision.*
- (4) *The members exercising the right of call-in must not be members of the Committee which considered the matter.*
- (5) *When calling in a decision for review the members doing so must demonstrate the following exceptional circumstances:*
 - a. *Evidence which suggests that the decision maker, did not take the decision in accordance with the principles set out in Article 11 (Decision Making); or*
 - b. *Evidence that the decision fails to support one or more of the Council’s Corporate Plan priorities to the detriment of the majority of the Borough’s residents; or*
 - c. *Evidence that explicit Council Policy or legal requirements were disregarded.*
- (6) *Once the request for ‘call-in’ has been deemed valid by the Monitoring Officer the matter will be suspended until the call-in procedure has been exhausted.*
- (7) *The Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant officer, will determine if the interests of the Council or Borough would be prejudiced by a delay in implementing a decision such that the call-in cannot wait until the next ordinary meeting of the Administrative Committee.*
- (8) *Where the call-in cannot wait until the next ordinary meeting, the Monitoring Officer will arrange an extraordinary meeting of the Administrative Committee to review the decision subject to call-in at the earliest possible opportunity.*
- (9) *In exceptional cases, where there is clear evidence that a delay to the implementation of a decision would lead to a specific and significant financial or reputational harm to the Council, a call-in request may be refused by the Chief Executive following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Administrative Committee.*

- (10) *In reviewing a matter referred to it under the call-in scrutiny procedure rules, the Administrative Committee shall follow the procedure for dealing with call-in scrutiny at its meetings as set out in Part 4b of the Constitution.*
- (11) *The deadline of three working days for "call in" in relation to the above decisions by the Committee is the close of business on **3 April 2023***