
Decisions taken at the meeting held on Tuesday, 11 June 2024.

Meeting Time:

7.00 pm

Meeting Venue:

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

PRESENT: Councillor Sue Doran (Chair), Councillor Olivia Rybinski (Vice-Chair), Councillor Michelle Arnold, Councillor Simon Bhadye, Councillor Chris Bateson, Councillor Lisa Brennan, Councillor Sandra Dunn, Councillor Adam Gale, Councillor Rebecca Geach, Councillor Kathy Grant and Councillor Anant Mathur

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Malcolm Beecher

7. HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY AMENDMENTS

The Committee **resolved** to:

1. Approve the amendments to the Housing Allocations Policy.

8. SPELTHORNE ANNUAL GRANTS 2025/26*

The Committee **resolved** to:

1. Agree and recommend to Council about providing indicative Grant funding for the five-core funded voluntary organisations (Voluntary Support North Surrey, Citizens Advice Runnymede and Spelthorne, Homestart, Age UK and Shopmobility) for the financial year 2026/2027 when the 2025/2026 grant award is made.
2. Agree and recommend to Council to ringfence a minimum of £3000 of the grants budget to sport and active lifestyle projects and £3000 to arts projects. (subject to receiving applications from sport and art organisations).
3. Agree and recommend to Council to amend the grant eligibility criteria to exclude schools and parent teacher Associations from applying.

9. COMMUNITY CENTRE SATURDAY OPENING (A CONTINUATION)

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. 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, engaging centre staff to provide the additional provision.

10. FORWARD PLAN

The Committee **noted** the Forward Plan with the addition of the items agreed during the meeting.

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 Corporate Policy and Resources 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 Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.*

- (8) *Where the call-in cannot wait until the next ordinary meeting, the Monitoring Officer will arrange an extraordinary meeting of the Corporate Policy and Resources 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 Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.*
- (10) *In reviewing a matter referred to it under the call-in scrutiny procedure rules, the Corporate Policy and Resources 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 17 June 2024*