

Environment and Sustainability Committee

Decisions taken at the meeting held on Tuesday, 17 June 2025.

Meeting Time:

7.00 pm

Meeting Venue:

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

PRESENT: Councillor Malcolm Beecher (Chair), Councillor Kathy Grant (Vice-Chair), Councillor Chris Bateson, Councillor Sean Beatty, Councillor Simon Bhadye, Councillor Tony Burrell, Councillor Darren Clarke, Councillor Sue Doran, Councillor Joanne Sexton, Councillor John Turner, Councillor Howard Williams and Councillor Paul Woodward

4. APPROVAL TO CONDUCT STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON SPELTHORNE DESIGN CODE

The Committee **resolved** to agree that the publication version of the Spelthorne Design Code be published for a six-week public consultation under Regulation 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012, with an amendment to reference the recently published article by Dr J Paul in a footnote with a caveat that the Council did not commission the report.

5. HOUSING DELIVERY TEST ACTION PLAN 2024

The Committee resolved to

- 1. Approve the Housing Delivery Test Action Plan 2024; and
- 2. Agree publication of the Housing Delivery Test Action Plan 2024 on the Council's website.

6. GREY BELT ASSESSMENT ADVICE NOTE

The Committee resolved to:

 Accept and adopt the Grey Belt advice note for Development Management officers and the Planning Committee, to assist and guide decision making on relevant sites and applications.

7. PROJECT GREEN HORIZON

The Committee **resolved** to support the initiation of the Project Green Horizon Programme and approve the initiation/undertaking of the first three projects under the programme, subject to the amendments suggested at the meeting being incorporated.

8. GREEN INITIATIVES FUND BID - HYDROMX PILOT PROJECT

The Committee **resolved** to:

- 1. Approve the Hydromx Pilot Project; and
- 2. Approve as Revenue expenditure the spend of £10,100 from the Green Initiatives Fund (GIF).

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 proforma, 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.
- (6) The deadline of three working days for "call in" in relation to the above decisions by the Committee is the close of business on 23 June 2025.