

Minutes of the Council
29 January 2026

Present:

Councillors:

S.A. Dunn	J.P. Caplin	M.J. Lee
M. Arnold	R. Chandler	S.C. Mooney
M.M. Attewell	D.C. Clarke	G. Neall
C. Bateson	S.M. Doran	L. E. Nichols
S.N. Beatty	R.V. Geach	K.E. Rutherford
S. Bhadye	D.L. Geraci	D. Saliagopoulos
M. Bing Dong	M. Gibson	J.R. Sexton
M. Buck	K.M. Grant	J.A. Turner
T. Burrell	S. Gyawali	H.R.D. Williams
J.R. Boughtflower	K. Howkins	P.N. Woodward
J. Button	N. Islam	

Apologies: Councillors J.T.F. Doran, L. Barker, M. Beecher, H.S. Boparai, L.H. Brennan, A. Mathur and B. Weerasinghe

141/25 Disclosures of Interest

Councillors Attewell, Mooney, Sexton and Weerasinghe advised they were also Surrey County Councillors.

142/25 Determination of Council Tax Base for Council Tax Setting

Council **resolved** to approve that:

1. The existing Council Tax Reduction Scheme is retained for 2026/27,

2. In accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base)(England) Regulations 2012 the Council Tax Base for 2026/27 calculated as Band D equivalents, is determined at 41,278.13, an increase of 1.62%; and
3. The estimated Council Tax surplus for 2025/26 is £6.478m, of which £0.614m relates to Spelthorne Council (£5.515m of the surplus is a one-off and is due to an adjustment to the 2024/25 bad debt provision)

143/25 Social Value Strategy

Councillor Boughtflower requested a recorded vote.

For	Councillors Dunn, Arnold, Attewell, Bateson, Beatty, Bhadye, Bing Dong, Boughtflower, Buck, Burrell, Button, Caplin, Chandler, S Doran, Geach, Geraci, Gibson, Grant, Lee, Mooney, Neall, Nichols, Rutherford, Sexton, Turner, Williams – 26 votes
Against	Councillors Clarke, Saliagopoulos, Woodward – 3 votes
Abstain	Councillors Boughtflower, Howkins, Islam – 3 votes

Council **resolved** to:

1. Agree to adopt the Social Value Strategy for the regeneration site disposals following the recommendation by the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee on the 19 January 2026; and
1. Note that by adopting the Strategy the relevant housing and regeneration sites will be marketed to include a requirement for third parties to provide social value provision within their offers, which may reduce the highest financial value being achieved.