

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL14 October 2004 at 7.30 p.m.The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Mrs C.Y. Jones) in the Chair

Members of the
Council present:

Councillors A. Alderson, J.R. Ashmore, Mrs F.J. Barden, Mrs P.I. Broadhead, M.J. Brown, Ms D.V. Clarke, A.J. Davis, J.B. Dean, J.M. Edwards, J.R. Furey, Mrs C.E. Gant, Mrs E. Gill, Mrs L.M. Gillham, R.K. Habgood, Ms R.E. Haylor, Miss M.N. Heath, Mrs S.E. Jacobs, Mrs C.Y. Jones, C. Knight, Mrs Y.P. Lay, Prof. A.M. Moore, C.J. Norman, Mrs J. Norman, D.W. Parr, R.J. Ray, Mrs M. Roberts, C.J. Ruane, Ms C.M. Simmons, A.P. Tollett, P.B. Tuley, J.R. Whiteley, P.J. Waddell, K.J. Walmsley, and G.B. Woodger

Members of the
Council absent:

Councillors Mrs F.M. Angell, J. Broadhead, P.A. Greenwood, J.E. Haas, H.W.V. Meares, R. Pate, B.J. Relph and N. Thewlis

275. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 23 June 2004 and 15 July 2004 were confirmed and signed as correct records.

276. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Civic Ceremony for Youth, held on Sunday 26 September, had been a success. Over 120 young people had attended and the Mayor had received many letters of thanks and appreciation. The Mayor commended the students of Royal Holloway who had recently redecorated the Geesemere Centre.

"Operation Christmas Child" had now been launched, and 18 local schools plus community groups were taking part. The Mayor asked Members and staff to join in, as drop off points were available and the gift boxes would be stored at Chertsey Depot.

The Mayor was pleased to report a donation of £2,500 from Thorpe Waterski which would go to the Early Births Fund at St. Peter's Hospital.

There would be no Civic Reception this December. It would be postponed until April 2005. Instead, the Mayor would host a reception for Council staff and their partners at St. George's College, on Friday 10 December. This was to say "thank you" for all their work during the year, and she would look to Members to assist her on the evening.

Finally, the Mayor announced that Englefield Green Infants School had held a "mock" Council meeting in the Council Chamber, which had been much enjoyed.

277. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs F.M. Angell, J. Broadhead, P.A. Greenwood, J.E. Haas, H.W.V. Meares, R. Pate, B.J. Relph and N. Thewlis.

278. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors A. Alderson and C.J. Norman both declared interests of a personal and prejudicial nature under the Runnymede Code of Conduct in agenda item 8 (ii) (e) – "Report to Review Board – Call In – Proposed Pond at Bourne Meadow" by virtue of their positions as Directors of the Association for the Improvement of Runnymede (AIR). Both Members left the meeting whilst this item was being discussed and did not participate in the discussion or the voting thereon.

Councillor Mrs J. Norman declared a similar interest by virtue of her husband's (Councillor C.J. Norman) declaration, and also left the meeting whilst this item was being discussed and did not participate in the discussion or the voting thereon.

279. CASH RECEIPTING SYSTEM – ON LINE PAYMENTS

RESOLVED that –

the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 156 page 210 (Minutes of 2 September 2004) be approved.

280. ECONOMIC STRATEGY

RESOLVED that –

the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee as set out in paragraph 179 page 242 (Minutes of 9 September 2004) be approved.

281. INDEPENDENT MEMBERS – RECRUITMENT ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED that –

the recommendation of the Standards and Audit Committee as set out in paragraph 197 page 273 (Minutes of 14 September 2004) be approved.

282. FINANCIAL FORECAST

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 30 September 2004.

RESOLVED that –

- i) the Financial Forecast for the five year period to 2009/10 be approved;**
- ii) the savings set out below be approved with effect from the 2005/06 financial year:-**

Details	£
<u>Leisure and Environment</u>	
Review of Public Conveniences	12,000
Pest Control	5,000
<u>Planning</u>	
Review of Enforcement Function	25,000
Total	42,000

- iii) relevant Committees identify the service areas that should be examined in more detail with a view to achieving the "savings to be identified" target and Officers be instructed to bring forward reports as appropriate;**
- iv) each Policy Committee be requested to consider increasing the contribution that users make to the cost of services where it is lawful to do so when undertaking the next review of fees and charges; and**
- v) the Forecast form the basis for drawing up detailed service budgets for 2005/06.**

283. WEBSITE CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 30 September 2004.

RESOLVED that –

- i) capital programme provision and a capital estimate of £211,120 be approved for the supply and installation of a Content Management System;**
- ii) the Council purchase Vignette Portal and Application Builder licences for use on the Council's Web site and intranets and install, configure and implement Web and Intranet sites in order to assist in achieving Implementing Electronic Government (IEG) and Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) 157 targets;**
- iii) the associated licences and installation be purchased for the sums set out in Exempt Appendix '1' to the Corporate Management Committee report;**
- iv) suitable hardware be purchased to facilitate the implementation at a sum not exceeding £10,000;**
- v) the capital expenditure be financed from the IEG3 grant received from the Government; and**
- vi) a supplementary revenue estimate of £67,481 be approved, in respect of the annual support costs and capital charges.**

284. PURCHASE OF TWO DSO VEHICLES CURRENTLY ON LEASE HIRE

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 30 September 2004.

RESOLVED that –

- i) the purchase of the two Transit tipper vehicles on expiry of the leasing contracts at the end of October 2004 be approved; and**
- ii) capital programme provision and a capital estimate for the sum set out in the report to the Corporate Management Committee be approved for this purpose, to be financed from capital receipts.**

285. FORMER BEOMONDS ALLOTMENT SITE

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 30 September 2004.

RESOLVED that –

- i) Standing Order C2.5 be waived in order to award the contract for removing the contaminated soil and replacing it with uncontaminated soil to the company identified in the report thus achieving significant cost savings compared to other methods of procurement; and**
- ii) a capital estimate be approved for the work to be undertaken by the company identified in the report in the sum reported to the Committee.**

286. REPORT OF REVIEW BOARD – CALL IN – PROPOSED POND AT BOURNE MEADOW

The Council received a recommendation from the Review Board which had met on 7 October 2004. This recommendation was that the Leisure and Environment Committee "made the correct decision and no further action be taken in respect of the proposal to create a pond at Bourne Meadow". The Council also received supplementary information including a table showing costs for the proposed Pond project.

RESOLVED that –

- i) the Leisure and Environment Committee be asked to re-examine the Bourne Meadow pond proposed in the light of the information now before the Council and other relevant information now available to them, and to make a final decision, and**
- ii) Officers be instructed not to implement arrangements for the remediation at Bemonds until after the above decision is made.**

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 8.14 p.m.)