

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL17 July 2003The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Mrs F.M. Angell) in the Chair

Members of the
Council present:

Councillors A. Alderson, Mrs F.M. Angell, J.R. Ashmore, Mrs F.J. Barden, E.G. Barrett, J. Broadhead, Mrs P.I. Broadhead, M.J. Brown, A.G. Collins, A.J. Davis, J.B. Dean, D.P. Easton, J.M. Edwards, J.R. Furey, Mrs C.E. Gant, Mrs L.M. Gillham, P.A. Greenwood, J.E. Haas, R.K. Habgood, Mrs S.E. Jacobs, Mrs C.Y. Jones, C. Knight, H.W.V. Meares, C.J. Norman, Mrs J. Norman, R. Pate, P.J. Poole, Mrs E.E. Price, R.J. Ray, B.J. Relph, Ms C.M. Simmons, Mrs V.A. Smallman, N.Thewlis, A.P. Tollett, P.B. Tuley, P.J. Waddell, K.J.T. Walmsley, J.R. Whiteley, and G.B. Woodger

Members of the
Council absent:

Councillors Ms D.V. Clarke, A.M. Moore and D.W Parr

195. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 15 May and 10 June 2003 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

196. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Civic Service had been held on Sunday 22 June at Royal Holloway College Chapel with the reception being held afterwards in the Picture Gallery. The Mayor thanked those Councillors who had attended.

Councillor Adrian Tollett was congratulated on his successful completion of a 23 mile sponsored row to the Bells of Ouseley and back in aid of the Mayor's charity. The Mayor thanked Councillors Smallman, Dean and Moore and Mr P Druce for their moral support to Councillor Tollett on the day. A sum of £825 had been collected to date in sponsorship monies.

The Mayor informed Members that she would be holding a Mayoral luncheon at the Magna Carta Suite of the Runnymede Hotel, Egham on Friday 19 September 2003, the proceeds of which would be donated to the Mayoral Charities.

197. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Ms D.V. Clarke, A.M. Moore and D.W. Parr.

198. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs E.E. Price declared a personal and prejudicial interest under the Runnymede Code of Conduct for Members in agenda item 8(i) i - 'Abbey Fit - Business Plan Evaluation', on the grounds of a family connection to an employee at Abbey Fit. Councillor Mrs Price withdrew from the Chamber while the matter was determined.

Councillor K.J.T. Walmsley declared a personal and prejudicial interest under the Runnymede Code of Conduct for Members in agenda item 9 - 'Standards and Audit Committee' on the grounds that he was an employer of one of the applicants for the places for independent Members on that Committee. Councillor Walmsley withdrew from the Chamber while the matter was determined.

199. PETITION

Councillor Poole presented a Petition on behalf of residents in Virginia Water. The petition was signed by 129 residents and requested 'the closure of the footpath across the railway line linking Crown Lane to Lyne Road because of loud hootings from trains causing noise pollution now

suffered by residents living near the railway line'. The Petition stood referred to the appropriate Committee of the Council.

200. FLOODING IN RUNNYMEDE 2002/03

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 50, page 24 (Minutes 5 June 2003) be approved.

201. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS - REVISIONS

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee as set out in paragraph 51, page 27 (Minutes 5 June 2003) be approved.

202. GRANT AID CRITERIA - REVISIONS

RESOLVED that -

the recommendations of the Housing and Community Services Committee as set out in paragraph 75, page 72 (Minutes 11 June 2003) and the Leisure and Environment Committee as set out in paragraph 119, page 184 (Minutes 19 June 2003) be approved.

203. PRIVATE SECTOR STOCK CONDITION SURVEY

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Housing and Community Services Committee as set out in paragraph 76, page 73 (Minutes 11 June 2003) be approved.

204. HOMELESSNESS REVIEW

RESOLVED that -

the recommendations of the Housing and Community Services Committee as set out in paragraph 77, page 75 (Minutes 11 June 2003) be approved.

205. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES - RUNNYMEDE LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP (SOCIAL SERVICES) AND SURREY ACCESS FORUM

RESOLVED that

the recommendations of the Housing and Community Services Committee as set out in paragraph 88, page 84 (Minutes 11 June 2003) be approved.

206. ECONOMIC STRATEGY - DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee as set out in paragraph 96, page 122 (Minutes 12 June 2003) be approved.

207. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE ON HOUSEHOLDER DEVELOPMENT AND TREES, WOODLANDS AND HEDGEROWS

RESOLVED that -

the recommendation of the Planning Committee as set out in paragraph 110, page 155 (Minutes 18 June 2003) be approved.

208. ABBEY FIT - BUSINESS PLAN EVALUATION**RESOLVED that -**

the recommendations of the Leisure and Environment Committee as set out in paragraph 121, page 185 (Minutes 19 June 2003) and the Corporate Management Committee (Minutes 3 July 2003) be approved.

(A named vote was required by a Member in accordance with Standing Order 25.2 on the above Motion).

For the Motion: Councillors Alderson, Angell, Ashmore, Barrett, J. Broadhead, Brown, Collins, Davis, Dean, Furey, Mrs Gant, Mrs Gillham, Greenwood, Habgood, Mrs Jacobs, Mrs Jones, Meares, C. Norman, Mrs Norman, Pate, Ray, Relph, Ms Simmons, Tollett, Tuley, Waddell, Walmsley and Woodger (28).

Against the Motion: Councillors Mrs Barden, Mrs Broadhead, Easton, Edwards, Haas, Knight, Poole, Mrs Smallman, Thewlis and Whiteley (10).

209. FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2003/04**RESOLVED that -**

the recommendation of the Leisure and Environment Committee as set out in paragraph 127, page 191 (Minutes 19 June 2003) be approved.

210. ANTI-GRAFFITI AND STREET CARE TEAM**RESOLVED that -**

the recommendation of the Leisure and Environment Committee as set out in paragraph 133, page 195 (Minutes 19 June 2003) be approved.

211. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2002/2003

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 3 July 2003.

RESOLVED that -

- i) **determinations required under Part IV of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 be made in the sums set out below:**
 - a) **under Section 42 (2) (g) the expenditure for capital purposes which is to be reimbursed, or met out of money provided by any other person which is to be capitalised is £672,629;**
 - b) **under Section 60 (2), the use of usable capital receipts which are to be applied to meet expenditure incurred for capital purposes are £1,372,997 on housing account and £8,930,199 on General Fund Account;**
- ii) **the capital expenditure in 2002/03 that was to be met from revenue reserves now be financed from capital receipts in hand; and**
- iii) **the disposition of the General Fund reserves be approved.**

212. FLOODING IN RUNNYMEDE - ACQUISITION OF HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 3 July 2003.

RESOLVED that -

- i) **capital programme provision and a capital estimate of £58,000 be approved for the acquisition of an 18 tonne HGV with a heavy lifting attachment, for the uses described, to be financed from capital receipts;**
- ii) **a supplementary estimate of £5,200 be approved for the revenue costs identified in the Capital Project Appraisal form; and**
- iii) **a further report be submitted in a year's time showing the use and cost savings arising from the vehicle.**

213. PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING RENEWAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 3 July 2003.

RESOLVED that -

- i) **the Private Sector Renewal Assistance Scheme (Appendix 'A') be approved;**
- ii) **a report on the progress of the new scheme and possible revisions and improvements be submitted to the Housing and Community Services Committee within 12 months;**
- iii) **the Housing Capital Programme for private sector renewal assistance for 2003/04 and future years be revised as reported; and**
- iv) **the Council determine that the interests of the Council and of the Borough would be prejudiced by a delay in implementing this decision.**

214. NEW CHERTSEY ALLOTMENT SITE ON PART OF BARRSBROOK FARM, GUILDFORD ROAD, CHERTSEY

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 3 July 2003.

RESOLVED that -

- i) **revised Capital Programme provision and a Capital Estimate in the sum of £700,000 be approved for the Chertsey Allotment Scheme including the new Barrsbrook allotment site and Chertsey Cemetery extension;**
- ii) **a supplementary revenue estimate in the sum of £10,400 be approved for the increase in associated capital charges; and**
- iii) **subject to all necessary approvals and consents, Standing Order C2.5 be waived to permit a negotiated contract for the construction of Barrsbrook allotment site and adoptable highway element, in view of the need to avoid the delay associated with a tender exercise and the experience of the competitive tender for the previous Scheme.**

215. PROTOCOLS FOR COUNCILLORS' COMPUTING FACILITIES

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 3 July 2003.

RESOLVED that -

the protocols set out at Appendices 'B' and 'C' be adopted as the Authority's requirement for Councillors' use of the computing facilities provided for them, and the Council consider in due course any further recommendations by the Standards and Audit Committee.

216. GIS SYSTEM UPGRADE, PHASE 2 - CORPORATE GIS PROVISION

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 3 July 2003.

RESOLVED that -

provision for these costs totalling £28,800 be made in the Capital Programme to be financed from the Implementing Electronic Government grant received from the Government.

217. HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME - DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS - REFERENCE FROM HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE TO CORPORATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 3 July 2003.

RESOLVED that -

taking into account the implications for the Council's Housing Capital Programme, developers' contributions of £654,587 be used in the first instance to finance existing new build schemes that fail to receive Social Housing Grant, and in the event that these funds are not needed for new build schemes, or are insufficient to enable the schemes to proceed, the developers' contributions be used to continue the DIYSO scheme.

218. CORPORATE PROPERTY SOFTWARE

The Council considered a recommendation from the Corporate Management Committee which had met on 3 July 2003.

RESOLVED that -

capital programme provision and a capital estimate of £35,000 be approved to be financed from Government grant.

219. CALL IN - THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT IN THE UK

The Council considered a recommendation from the Review Board which had met on 10 July 2003. In moving the Motion Councillor Poole wished to add the following words to the end of the Motion 'and the Review Board requests that the Council's response to the Consultation Paper be now forwarded to the ODPM'.

An Amendment was moved by Councillor Ashmore and seconded by Councillor Mrs E.E. Price that 'the penultimate sentence in paragraph 10 of the response of the Economic Development Committee to the Consultation Paper on the 'Future Development of Air Transport in the UK ' be deleted'. Upon the Amendment being put to the vote, it was declared to be LOST.

RESOLVED that -

the Council concurs with the response of the Economic Development Committee shown at Appendix 'C' to the Minutes of the meeting of that Committee held on 12 June 2003 and the Review Board requests that the Council's response to the Consultation Paper be now forwarded to the ODPM.

A named vote was required by a Member in accordance with Standing Order 25.2 on the above Motion.

For the Motion: Councillors Mrs Angell, Mrs Barden, J Broadhead, Mrs Broadhead, Brown, Collins, Davis, Dean, Easton, Edwards, Furey, Mrs Gant, Haas, Habgood, Mrs Jones, Knight, Mearns, C.J. Norman, Mrs Norman, Poole, Ms Simmons, Thewlis, Tollett, Tuley, Waddell, Whiteley and Woodger (27).

Against the Motion: Councillors Alderson, Ashmore, Barrett, Mrs Gillham, Greenwood, Pate, Mrs Price, Ray and Relph (9).

Abstention: Councillor Mrs Smallman (1)

220. LOCAL PLAN REVIEW (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK) ISSUES AND OPTIONS PAPER - DESIGN AND DENSITY

The Council considered a recommendation from the Planning Committee which had met on 16 July 2003.

RESOLVED that -

the Issues and Options Paper on Design and Density of Development (at Appendix 'D') be approved as part of the preparatory work for the proposed Local Development Framework.

221. SURREY STRUCTURE PLAN DEPOSIT DRAFT 2003

The Council considered a recommendation from the Planning Committee which had met on 16 July 2003.

RESOLVED that -

- i) **the comments set out in the report be forwarded to the County Council as formal observations on the Surrey Structure Plan Deposit Draft 2003; and**
- ii) **the Borough Council accepts the proposed distribution of housing for the period 2001-2016.**

222. STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that -

Dr R. Miller and Mrs C. Spurling be appointed as Independent Members to the Standards and Audit Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2003/04.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 10.20pm)