

MOTIONS ENDORSED BY ALL COUNCILLORS AT ECM ON 24TH SEPTEMBER

Motion 1

In response to SCCs recently publicised proposal, this Council strongly opposes a single Surrey-wide Unitary Authority and will inform Tim Oliver and SCC accordingly.

Proposed – Cllr Boughtflower

Seconded – Cllr Jim McIlroy

Motion 2

This Council is concerned by the prospect of a Government White paper as an attack on Local Government and local democracy. While the Council is open to taking part in discussions about Unitary Authorities it does not support Centralisation by National Government and recognises the value and contribution made already by this authority. In doing so it will only endorse change that actively improves the quality and provision of services available to residents and that demonstrably increases local democracy and accountability.

The council will write to Mr Tim Oliver to this effect and express our concern over the manner the proposals were published in particular the lack of prior consultation of and dialogue with existing borough, town and parish councils in Surrey, specifically Spelthorne Borough Council.

Proposer Cllr John Boughtflower

Secunder Cllr Jim McIlroy

Motion 3

This Council directs that all Local Government Structures be fully explored to influence the best options for Spelthorne and its residents. As part of this exploration, this Council expects to engage in active dialogue with neighbouring authorities about partnerships and opportunities. A report on this would then be considered by Full Council.

Proposer - Cllr John Boughtflower

Secunder - Cllr Tom Fidler

Motion 4

This Council recognises the importance of residents' interests in the future of its local government and will commit to informing residents about progress in relation to opportunities for the future structure of Local Government in Spelthorne. The Council should consider methods of measuring public opinion, along with the cost effectiveness of such options, including the use of a referendum as outlined in the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

Proposer - Cllr Tom Fidler

Secunder - Cllr Sandra Dunn