

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Borough of Slough held at the Town Hall, Slough on Tuesday, 23rd November, 2004.

Present:- The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Burkmar) in the Chair; Councillors Anderson, Arnold, Aziz, Buchanan, Chohan, Choudhry, Cryer, Dhaliwal, Dhillon, Dodds, Grewal, Haines, Hayat, Hewitt, Holledge, Howard, Janik (from 7.45 p.m.) Jenkins, L Khan, S Khan, Maclsaac, Mann, Munkley, Parmar, Plimmer, Pond, Shine, Smith, Stokes, Swindlehurst, Zarait and Zeib; the Reverend Paul Lipscomb (Chair of the Standards Committee).

Apologies for Absence:- The Worshipful the Mayor and Councillors Bal, Butt, Key, Simmons, Small and Wright.

PART I

45. Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

46. External Auditors' Statutory Statement of Auditing Standard

The Deputy Mayor invited Mr Mick West of the Audit Commission, the Council's external auditors, to address the Council on this item.

It was moved by Councillor Howard,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

"That the recommendations as set out in the report be approved and adopted."

Mr West and the Director of Finance and Property Services responded to several questions from Members. It was then –

Resolved Unanimously –

- (a) That the report and amendments contained therein be noted.
- (b) That any changes proposed be included within the Statutory Statement of Accounts which will be incorporated before 30th November, 2004.

47. Reorganisation of the Council's Senior Management Structure

It was moved by Councillor Stokes,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

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“That the recommendations as set out in the report be approved and adopted, subject to the amendment of recommendation (a) to read as follows:-

‘That the structure set out in Appendix 1 at the end of the consultation document be endorsed in principle as being appropriate for the future delivery of the Council’s services, subject to any minor amendments that may arise out of the consultation process.’ “

The recommendations were put and carried by 19 votes to 1 vote with 13 abstentions.

Resolved –

- (a) That the structure set out in Appendix 1 at the end of the consultation document be endorsed in principle as being appropriate for the future delivery of the Council’s services, subject to any minor amendments that may arise out of the consultation process.
- (b) That the process set out for filling these vacancies be endorsed.
- (c) To note that consultation with those staff affected is still ongoing.
- (d) That the Cabinet be authorised to receive consultation responses in relation to the proposed structure and finalise the structure in the light of those responses subject to it being broadly in line with resolution (a) above.
- (e) That the Employment and Appeals Committee be authorised to receive consultation responses in relation to the process to be used for making appointments to the structure and to finalise the detailed arrangements for that process subject to it being broadly in line with resolution (b) above.
- (f) That the Constitution be amended to take account of the revised structure and agreed (via the Member Panel on the Constitution).
- (g) That the existing Cabinet portfolios remain unchanged but are reviewed by the Member Panel on the Constitution to clarify the role of Head Commissioner for Children.

Chair

(Note: The meeting opened at 7.15 p.m. and closed at 8.00 p.m.)