

Date of issue: 16th February 2012

MEETING:	COUNCIL The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor SK Dhaliwal; Councillors Abe, Anderson, Bains, Basharat, Buchanan, Carter, S Chaudhry, Chohan, P Choudhry, Coad, Dale- Gough, Dar, Davis, A S Dhaliwal, S K Dhaliwal, Dodds, Grewal, Haines, Long, M S Mann, P K Mann, Matloob, Minhas, Munawar, O'Connor, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Plimmer, Rasib, Sharif, Small, Smith, Sohal, Stokes, Strutton, Swindlehurst, Walsh, A S Wright and S P Wright)
DATE AND TIME:	TUESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 2012 AT 7.00 PM
VENUE:	THE SMALL HALL, THE CENTRE, FARNHAM ROAD, SLOUGH, BERKSHIRE SL1 4UT
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SUPPLEMENTARY PAPERS

The following Papers have been added to the agenda for the above meeting:-

Item 2 - Recommendations of the Cabinet as marked to follow under agenda item 2.

Item 3 - Additional information.

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SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 21st February 2012
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PART I
FOR DECISION

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET FROM ITS MEETING HELD ON 14TH
FEBRUARY 2012 – Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2012/2013 –
2015/2016 incorporating Draft Revenue & Capital Budget 2012/13**

1. **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the recommendations of the Cabinet on the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2012/13 – 2015/16 – incorporating the revenue and capital budget 2012/13.

The final precept requirements of the Thames Valley Police Authority and Royal Berkshire Fire Authority for 2012/13 along with any consequent amendments will be circulated to the Council before the meeting.

2. **Recommendations**

The Council is requested to Resolve:-

- (a) That the implications of decisions in 2012/13 and of future developments on the medium-term financial position be noted.
- (b) That the Investment and Savings items in Appendices E (i) and E (ii) be approved.
- (c) That the Directorate cash limits for 2012/13 to 2015/16 as shown in Appendix F be approved.
- (d) That the Council's Policy for Reserves 2012/13, as set out in paragraph 3.54, be approved.
- (e) That the capital programme for the financial year 2012/13; and provisional allocations across the medium term as set out in Appendix I be approved.
- (f) That the Capital Allowance as set out in the Capital Programme within Section 6 of the report be approved.

- (g) That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy within Section 7 be approved.
- (h) That the authorised borrowing limit and the operational boundary for external debt as set out in the Treasury Management Strategy Statement be approved.
- (i) That the Prudential Indicators and the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) statement as set out in the Treasury Management Strategy Statement section of the report be approved.
- (j) That the Council Tax for the areas of Slough Borough Council for the year ending 31 March 2013 be as specified in the Council Tax Resolution in Appendix C and that the Council Tax be levied accordingly.
- (k) That in agreeing the above recommendations and the Revenue Budget in Appendix B, the Council notes that the effect of all these measures is to produce an overall Council expenditure in 2012/13 of £100.460m.
- (l) That the pay policy as at appendix L be approved.
- (m) That the borrowings to support the changes to HRA subsidy be approved and the effective date of 28 March 2012 be noted.
- (n) That the revised Debt Management Policy be approved (Appendix K).
- (o) That officers explore the options that may be available under the Localism Act to offer incentives to individuals in paying their Council Tax.

These resolutions meet CIPFA requirements and reflect the recommendations of the Cabinet.

3. **Supporting Information**

- 3.1 At its meeting on 14th February the Cabinet considered the draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2012/13 – 2015/16 – incorporating the revenue and capital budget 2012/13.

4 **Recommendations of other Committees**

- 4.1 The Cabinet was advised that the report had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 13th February. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had resolved:
 - (a) That the recommendations set out in the draft revenue and capital budget for 2012/13 and draft medium term financial strategy 2011/12 – 2015/2016 be noted and endorsed.

- (b) That the Cabinet be requested to explore options regarding providing incentives/discount to individuals paying for their council tax bill by direct debit.

5 **Recommendations of the Cabinet**

The Cabinet resolved:

- (a) That the draft revenue & capital budget for 2012/13 and draft medium term financial strategy to 2015/16 be recommended to Council for adoption and approval on 21st February 2012.
- (b) That the HRA borrowings relating to ending of Government subsidy are noted and recommended to Council for approval on 21st February 2012.
- (c) That the senior officers pay policy is noted and recommended to Council for approval on 21st February 2012.
- (d) The revised Debt management policy is noted and recommended to Council for approval on 21st February 2012.
- (e) That officers explore the options that may be available under the Localism Act to offer incentives to individuals in paying their Council Tax.

In order for these recommendations to be delivered and for the necessary statutory decisions to be taken by the Council the Leader will move the recommendations as set out in paragraph 2 above for consideration by the Council.

6. **Fire and Police Authority Precepts**

The MTFs takes account of the likely precept requirements of the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority and Thames Valley Police Authority for 2012/13. The meetings to agree these precepts are being held on 16th and 17th February respectively and the final precept requirements along with any consequential amendments will be circulated to the Council before the meeting.

7 **Budget Book 2012 – 2013**

A copy of the Budget Book 2012 – 2013 is attached.

8. **Background Papers**

Agenda and Minutes – Overview and Scrutiny Committee 13th February 2012 and Cabinet 14th February 2012.

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SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 21st February 2012

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PART I
FOR DECISION

DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACE – POLLING DISTRICT NC

1 **Purpose of Report**

To consider the designation of a Polling Place for Polling District NC (Wexham Lea Ward).

2 **Recommendation**

The Council is requested to resolve that the designated Polling Place for Polling District NC be the Portacabin, Wexham Road, Slough, Berkshire (see attached map for location) with immediate effect.

3 **Other Implications**

(a) Financial

The cost for the use of Ethelberts School last year was just over £400. A portacabin will cost in the region of £1000, therefore there will be an increase in cost of approximately £600.

(b) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no Human Rights Act Implications associated with this report.

4 **Supporting Information**

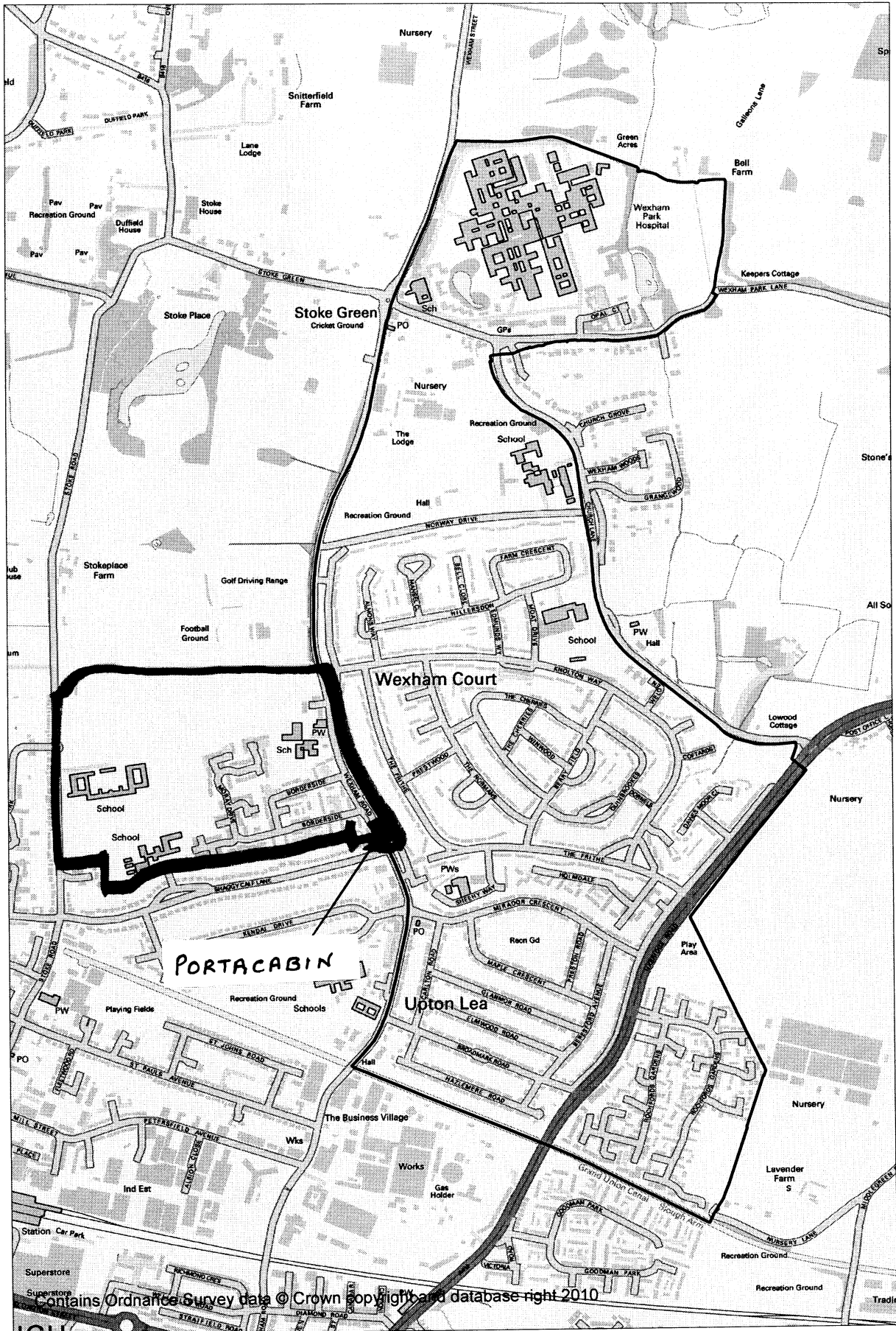
- 4.1 At its meeting on 29th November 2011 the Council resolved that the Polling Place for Polling District NC be designated as Khalsa School, however, the board of governors have reconsidered and have decided that they do not wish the School to be used.
- 4.2 Officers have visited the area to identify suitable alternatives. Consideration was given to St Joseph's School, but as it is a senior school elections would disrupt their exam timetable on a regular basis. Consideration was also given to West Wing on Stoke Road, however this was considered too far for the voters to travel. Officers also considered whether one of the neighbouring polling places could be suitable, however all of these are a fair distance away. Officers therefore recommend that a portacabin is sited in the service road on Wexham Road. The site has adequate access and would be suitable for use subject to obtaining the normal consents. Please see Appendix A for exact location.

5 **Background Papers**

Agenda and Minutes – Council 29th November 2011.

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