

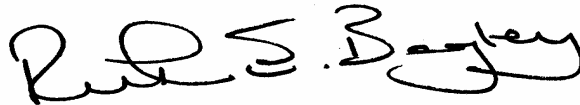
Date of despatch: 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

**To the Members of Slough Borough Council**

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a Meeting of the Council of this Borough which will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bath Road, Slough on **Tuesday, 27th April, 2010 at 7.00 pm**, when the business in the Agenda below is proposed to be transacted.

Yours faithfully



**RUTH BAGLEY**  
*Chief Executive*

**AGENDA**

**PRAYERS**

***Apologies for Absence***

**PART I**

1. Declarations of Interest – Members are reminded of their duty to declare personal and personal prejudicial interests in matters coming before this meeting as set out in the Local Code of Conduct.
2. Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 26th January, 2010, 22nd February 2010, and 24th March, 2010 (attached in Minute Book)
3. To receive the Mayor's Communications

**Questions**

4. Questions from Electors under Procedure Rule 9 (as tabled).

5. Questions from Members regarding the Thames Valley Police Authority under Procedure Rule 10 (if any).

### **Officer Reports**

6. Changes to Designated Polling Places (Pages 1 - 2)
7. Appointment of additional Members to the School Admission/Exclusion Independent Appeals Panel (Pages 3 - 4)
8. Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report 2009/10- REPORT TO FOLLOW

### **Motions**

9. Motions (Pages 5 - 8)

### **Member Questions**

10. To note Questions from Members under Procedure Rule 10 (as tabled).

### **Minutes Book**

11. To Note the following Minutes of the Cabinet and Committees (circulated in the Minutes Book enclosed) -

Standards of 11.01.10  
Overview and Scrutiny of 14.01.10  
Cabinet of 18.01.10  
Planning of 19.01.10  
Employment and Appeals of 28.01.10  
Overview and Scrutiny of 04.02.10  
Cabinet of 08.02.10  
Planning of 17.02.10  
Cabinet of 22.02.10  
Licensing of 24.02.10  
Overview and Scrutiny of 25.02.10  
Cabinet of 08.03.10

12. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor
13. Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Deputy Mayor

***Minutes circulated herewith.***

**SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Council

**DATE:** 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

**CONTACT OFFICER:** Catherine Meek, Deputy Acting Returning Officer  
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**WARDS:** Baylis and Stoke, and Central

**PART I**

**FOR INFORMATION**

**CHANGES TO DESIGNATED POLLING PLACES**

1. **Purpose of Report**

To report on changes to designated Polling Places for Polling District A in the Baylis and Stoke Ward and Polling Districts CB and CC in the Central Ward, as agreed by the Returning Officer, under delegated authority.

2. **Recommendations**

The Council is requested to note:

- (a) That Manor Park Young People's Centre, Villiers Road, in Baylis and Stoke Ward, has been designated as the Polling Place for Polling District A.
- (b) That the Iqra School in Central Ward, has been designated as the Polling Place for Polling Districts CB and CC.

3. **Community Strategy Priorities**

Proposals ensure the provision of accessible polling places for the forthcoming elections.

4. **Implications**

(a) **Legal and Human Rights Act**

- 4.1 It is a statutory requirement for a local authority to keep under review all polling arrangements and to establish a polling place within each polling district wherever possible.

(b) **Financial Implications**

- 4.2 None.

5. **Background / Supporting Information**

- 5.1 The Returning Officer has delegated authority to alter designated Polling Places where necessary, in exceptional circumstances and has made the following changes to Polling Places for the forthcoming elections:

**WARD: BAYLIS AND STOKE - DESIGNATED POLLING PLACE FOR POLLING DISTRICT A – MANOR PARK HALL**

- 5.2 Manor Park Hall, Villiers Road is currently being refurbished and the refurbishment is very unlikely to be completed by 6 May 2010. **MANOR PARK YOUNG PEOPLE’S CENTRE, VILLIERS ROAD** has therefore been designated as the new Polling Place for Polling District A.

**WARD: CENTRAL - DESIGNATED POLLING PLACE FOR POLLING DISTRICTS CB AND CC – IQRA SCHOOL**

- 5.3 The Iqra school has moved to a new building on the same site as the former Lea Junior School building which is now unusable as a Polling Place because of current building works. The new Iqra School has therefore been designated as the new Polling Place for Polling Districts CB and CC.
- 5.4 Group Leaders were advised of these changes and all Members were advised in the Bulletin on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

6. **Background Papers**

None.

**SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Council

**DATE:** 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010

**CONTACT OFFICER:** Shabana Kauser  
**(For all enquiries)** Senior Democratic Services Officer  
01753 875013

**WARD(S):** All

**PART I**  
**FOR DECISION**

**APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE SCHOOL ADMISSION/  
EXCLUSION INDEPENDENT APPEALS PANEL**

**1. Purpose of Report**

To seek the approval of the Council to the appointment of further panellists' to hear school admission and exclusion appeals.

**2. Recommendation**

The Council is requested to resolve that Ann Smith and Preeti Walhekar be appointed to the Independent Appeals Panel to hear appeals from parents in respect of school exclusions and admissions.

**3. Legal, Financial and Other Implications**

None arising from this administrative report. The recommendation in this report meets the legal requirements of Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals and the Regulations governing school exclusion appeals in respect of the independence of panel members.

**4. Supporting Information**

4.1 The Council at its Annual Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 approved the appointment of a number of individuals to serve on the independent appeal panels hearing school admission and exclusion appeals in respect of community school in the borough. Further nominations have been received from individuals to serve on the panels. Ann Smith and Preeti Walhekar have useful, relevant experience of working in education admission appeals (not for this authority).

4.2 The Council is asked to approve the appointments.

**5. Background Papers**

None.

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**REPORT TO:** Council

**DATE:** 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2010

**CONTACT OFFICER:** Catherine Meek, Deputy Borough Secretary  
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**WARD(S):** All

**PART I**  
**FOR DECISION**

**MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 14**

The following motions have been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14:-

**1. Motion (A)**

(Moved by Councillor Hewitt, seconded by Councillor Stokes)

“This Council:

- Notes that no accurate record of SBC garages exists and Officers have asked residents to inform Officers of occupied and unoccupied garages.
- Notes that some residents have been refused garage tenancies because “none are vacant” despite some garages being vacant for years.
- Notes that SBC does not and has not exercised the contractual right to inspect garages.
- Notes that some SBC garages are used for storage and/or business purposes in contravention of the conditions of tenancy.
- Notes that some of the organisations using SBC garages are not local organisations and some organisations run businesses from two or three SBC garages.
- Regrets that concerns expressed by residents about possible health and safety risks arising from the storage of chemicals and other hazardous materials in SBC garages have been ignored.
- Regrets that concerns expressed by residents about the possible use of some SBC garages for illegal purposes have been ignored.

Accordingly this Council resolves to require Officers to:

- Prepare a comprehensive and accurate record of all SBC garages within three months.
- Inspect all SBC garages.
- Identify all breaches of the “Conditions of Tenancy” agreement.
- Terminate the tenancies of all organisations in breach of the “Conditions of Tenancy” and
- Thereby alleviate some of the Slough’s car-parking problems by making more garages available to local residents”.

## 2. **Motion (B)**

(Moved by Councillor Cryer, seconded by Councillor Plimmer)

“This Council:

- Notes the excellent work of the Royal British Legion in campaigning on behalf of our Armed Forces and welcomes and supports the principles of the Legion Manifesto.
- Notes that many Slough Borough Council councillors have seen an increase in the number of service personnel visiting their surgeries and that those personnel face specific problems in their lives and in accessing Council services.
- Notes that although figures for Slough are difficult to come by, MOD figures reveal that there are 23,975 people in receipt of a war pension in the South East – including widows/widowers who have inherited their spouses pension – of whom 18,890 are actual former service personnel.
- Notes that MOD figures also reveal there to be 1,080 service personnel in the South East region who received a lump sum under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme, a scheme set up specifically for those injured in the current wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and which came into force on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2005.
- Notes that the city centre war memorial located at the rear of St Mary’s Church has been allowed to deteriorate into a state of disrepair and that many veterans would find the Council’s failure to adequately honour their fallen comrades an insult.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- (a) Request the Chief Executive to write to the Royal British Legion to express the Council's support for the Legion Manifesto Campaign.
- (b) Request the Chief Executive and Leader of Council to write the Secretary of State for Defence and the MP for Slough, Fiona MacTaggart, to urge support for the Legion Manifesto.
- (c) Request that all Council Members work within their own political parties to further the aims of the Legion Manifesto.
- (d) Ask the Chief Executive and Leader of Council for an urgent review of where Slough Borough Council services can be made more accessible and/or effective for ex-military personnel residing in Slough, be they returning to civilian life in the Borough or having returned to it some time ago but still experiencing difficulties, and to consider what more the Authority might do to provide for those to whom return to civilian life is presenting serious challenges.



- (e) Urgently commission a survey of the town centre war memorial to evaluate what work needs to be carried out to restore it to its former glory.
- (f) Commission any work that needs doing to the town centre war memorial as soon as possible and without delay”.

### 3. **MOTION (C)**

(Moved by Councillor S K Dhaliwal, seconded by Councillor Rasib)

“This council notes:

1. That Sikh ethnicity is recognised in UK law as a distinct community by virtue of the characteristics set out following a ruling by the House of Lords. (*Mandla v Dowell-Lee* [1983] 2 AC 548 (House of Lords).
2. That the UK census is carried out to count the population of the country including certain characteristics such as ethnic background, and since 2001, religious belief.
3. That although Sikh is included as a religious belief, it is not included as an ethnic group.
4. Notes the answer from the Minister for the Cabinet Office in response to a question by Mark Pritchard on the issue on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010, which confirms that the content for the 2011 census has been determined and passed by Parliament.
5. That Slough has the largest Sikh population in the UK, many of whom wish to be recognised as such in the national census.
6. Notes the considerable demand from within the Sikh community nationwide, and the support of local community leaders for this change to be implemented.
7. Further notes that MPs, Parliament, and other organisations should be respectful, sensitive, respective and inclusive to the populations they represent.

This council therefore resolves:

- (a) That as an officially recognised and distinct community, members of the Sikh ethnic group should be recorded on the Census.
- (b) To lobby the Office of National Statistics and the Minister for the Cabinet Office to include a Sikh option in the ethnic background section of the Census”.

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