

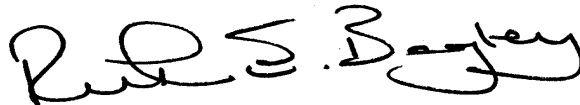
Date of despatch: 17th September, 2014

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 Flexi Hall, The Centre, Farnham Road, Slough, SL1 4UT on **Thursday, 25th September, 2014 at 7.00 pm**, when the business in the Agenda below is proposed to be transacted.

Yours faithfully



RUTH BAGLEY
Chief Executive

PRAYERS

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1. **Declarations of Interest**

All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary or other Pecuniary or non pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in Section 3 paragraphs 3.25 – 3.27 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 3.28 of the Code.

The Mayor will ask Members to confirm that they do not have a declarable interest.

All Members making a declaration will be required to complete a Declaration of Interests at Meetings form detailing the nature of their interest.

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| 7. | To note Questions from Members under Procedure Rule 10 (as tabled). | |
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Press and Public

You are welcome to attend this meeting which is open to the press and public, as an observer. You will however be asked to leave before Council considers any items in the Part II agenda. Please contact the Democratic Services Officer shown above for further details.

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At a Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at the Flexi Hall, The Centre, Farnham Road, Slough, SL1 4UT on Tuesday, 22nd July, 2014 at 7.00 pm

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Chaudhry), in the chair; Councillors Abe, Ajaib, Anderson, Bains, Bal, Brooker, Carter, Chahal, Cheema, Chohan, Coad, Dar, Davis, Dhaliwal, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hussain, Malik, Mansoor, Matloob, Mellor, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Rana, Rasib, Sandhu, Shah, Sharif, Sidhu, Smith, Sohal, Swindlehurst, Usmani, Wright and Zarait

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Dhillon, Mann and Strutton

8. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bal declared that members of his family were employed by Slough BC and Arvato.

Councillor Chaudhry declared that a member of his family was employed by Arvato.

Councillor Munawar declared that a member of his family was employed by Slough BC.

9. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 5th June 2014

Resolved - That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th June, 2014 be approved as a correct record.

10. To receive the Mayor's Communications

Members were informed that the Civic Service would take place on Sunday 14th September at Kingsway United Reformed Church commencing at 10.30am.

The Mayor reminded Members of the Slough Remembers World War 1 Centenary Events. The unveiling of the new memorial to war would take place at 11am on Saturday 2nd August and a Candlelit Vigil would take place between 10pm and 11pm on Monday 4th August.

A minute's silence was held in memory of Ron Sibley, former Councillor and Mayor (1994/1995) who passed away in June 2014.

11. Questions from Electors under Procedure Rule 9.

None received.

12. Recommendations of the Cabinet from its meetings held on 23rd June 2014 and 14th July 2014.

A. Statutory Service Plans

It was moved by Councillor Hussain,
Seconded by Councillor Anderson,

“That the Statutory Service Plans in relation to the Food Safety, Health and Safety and Trading Standards work undertaken by the Council be endorsed”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved - That the Statutory Service Plans in relation to the Food Safety, Health & Safety and Trading Standards work undertaken by the Council be endorsed.

B. Consumer Protection and Business Compliance Enforcement Policy

It was moved by Councillor Munawar,
Seconded by Councillor Anderson,

- “ (a) That the draft Consumer Protection and Business Compliance Enforcement Policy be endorsed.
- (b) To consider recommending that the revised policy be adopted by all other regulatory and enforcement service areas where appropriate within the Council.
- (c) That the Head of Consumer Protection and Business Compliance Services be authorised to make minor amendments to the adopted Policy as required to reflect changes in legislation or guidance and codes of practice where a full review of the Policy is not warranted.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved -

- (a) That the draft Consumer Protection and Business Compliance Enforcement Policy be endorsed.
- (b) That the revised policy be adopted by all other regulatory and enforcement service areas where appropriate within the Council.
- (c) That the Head of Consumer Protection and Business Compliance Services be authorised to make minor amendments to the adopted Policy as required to reflect changes in legislation or guidance and codes of practice where a full review of the Policy is not warranted.

C. Salt Hill Park Path Improvements

It was moved by Councillor Parmar,
Seconded by Councillor Anderson,

- “ (a) That the principles of the proposals to update the existing path through Salt Hill Park to a 3 metre wide path with lighting, provide a new section of 3 metre wide path along a previously unpaved route, and improve access through Salt Hill Way are approved.
- (b) That council officers proceed with the detailed design of the scheme within the general principles presented in this report, subject to planning permission on the preliminary design being granted.
- (c) That, following detailed design, construction of the scheme is implemented within the current financial year 2014/15.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved -

- (a) That the principles of the proposals to update the existing path through Salt Hill Park to a 3 metre wide path with lighting, provide a new section of 3 metre wide path along a previously unpaved route, and improve access through Salt Hill Way be approved.
- (b) That council officers proceed with the detailed design of the scheme within the general principles presented in this report, subject to planning permission on the preliminary design being granted.
- (c) That, following detailed design, construction of the scheme is implemented within the current financial year 2014/15.

13. Appointment of Member to the Slough Independent Admission Appeals and Exclusions Panel

It was moved by Councillor Anderson,
Seconded by Councillor Swindlehurst,

“That Mr Sanjeev Sharma be appointed to the Independent Appeals and exclusions Panel as a Lay Member.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved - That Mr Sanjeev Sharma be appointed to the Independent Appeals and Exclusions Panel as a Lay Member.

14. To consider Motions submitted under procedure Rule 14.

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

“This Council resolves:

Following Ofsted's grading of SBC's Children's Centres as "Inadequate" in all three categories - governance, monitoring and service delivery

a) that the Commissioner for Education and Children resign, due to the services areas she oversees being repeatedly and comprehensively judged as "inadequate" by Ofsted and

b) that the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Panel examine how the £8,365,472 early intervention grant from Government was spent on our 13,000 child clients (about £650 per child) in the last financial year, as well as to examine what provisions there are in the Cambridge Education (signed last year) for target setting and performance monitoring, and require a six-monthly scrutiny review of this data beginning with a review of the Action Plan to recover the Children's Centre service.”

The motion was put to the vote and lost by 8 votes to 30 votes against with 1 abstention.

Resolved – That the motion be rejected.

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

A Question from former Councillor Mittal together with the response received was tabled.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.20 pm and closed at 8.05 pm)

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council

DATE: 25th September 2014

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PART I
FOR DECISION

APPOINTMENT OF (STANDARDS) INDEPENDENT PERSON FOR THE COUNCIL
AND APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBER OF STANDARDS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to the appointment of a (Standards) Independent Person for the Council for the period 2014 to 2018 and to the appointment to the vacancy that currently exists for a co-opted member of the Standards Advisory Committee.

2. Recommendations

The Council is requested to resolve

- (a) That Dr Louis Lee be appointed as the (Standards) Independent Person for the Council from 26th September 2014 until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2018.
- (b) That Mr Graham Davies be appointed as a co-opted member on the Standards Advisory Committee with effect from 26th September 2014 until the Annual meeting of the Council in 2018.

3. Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

The delivery of the Joint Wellbeing Strategy priorities is dependent on good governance arrangements being in place in order that the Council has a transparent and accountable process for effective decision-making. This is underpinned by the Code of Conduct, which forms the bedrock of the conduct regime for Members and aims to ensure that ethical behaviour and governance of the highest order is maintained.

4. Other Implications

(a) Financial

The (Standards) Independent Person receives an allowance of £1200 pa and the co-opted members of the Standards Advisory Committee receive an allowance of £500 pa.

(b) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no human rights or other legal implications.

5. Supporting Information

(Standards) Independent Person

5.1 The Localism Act 2011 established a new position of Independent Person for the Council, who must be consulted at various stages of the Standards process. Mr Fred Ashmore has been the Council's Independent Person since 2012, having previously served as a Co-opted Independent Member of the Standards Committee. The transitional arrangements of the Localism Act placed a time limit on Mr Ashmore's period of office as Independent Person and the process to recruit a successor to him was implemented.

5.2 The post was advertised on the Council's website and details circulated to interested individuals and organisations. Shortlisted applicants were interviewed by Group Leaders in September. Following the interviews, Group Leaders recommended the appointment of Dr Louis Lee as Independent Person for a four year term of office.

Co-opted Independent Member – Standards Advisory Committee

5.3 There is currently a vacancy for one of the three independent co-opted members on the Standards Advisory Committee. Following the interviews for the (Standards) Independent Person, Group Leaders recommended that Mr Graham Davies, who had applied for the role, be approached for appointment as a co-opted member of the Standards Advisory Committee as he had a great deal of relevant experience.

6. Appendices

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