

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At a Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at the The Curve - William Street, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 1XY on Tuesday, 28th November, 2017 at 7.00 pm

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Shah), in the chair; Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bains, Bal, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chahal, Chaudhry, Cheema, Chohan, Dar, Davis, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Matloob, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Rasib, Sadiq, A Sandhu, R Sandhu, Sarfraz, Shah, Sharif, Smith, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst, Usmani and Wright.

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Coad, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Arvind Dhaliwal and Kelly.

29. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bal declared that his daughter worked for Slough Borough Council.

Councillor Munawar declared that his son worked for arvato.

Councillor Rasib declared that his daughter worked for Slough Borough Council.

30. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 28th September 2017

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th September 2017 be approved as a correct record.

31. To receive the Mayor's Communications.

The Mayor thanked all Members who attended the events arranged throughout the Borough for Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. A special thanks was given to Linda Hillier, the Mayor's Chaplain, for her help and assistance with the arrangements for the annual occasion.

The Christmas Lights Switch-On took place on Saturday, 18th November in the Town Square. The event was well attended and the crowd enjoyed the entertainment and firework display.

The Mayor informed the meeting that Councillors Hussain, Sadiq, Chahal and Smith had spent a night with just a cardboard box for shelter as they took part in the London and Slough Run Big Sleepout to raise awareness and funds for homeless people living in Slough. The London and Slough Run has been running emergency night shelters for the past 4 years and the sponsorship raised would ensure that the shelters were open again this year.

32. To consider a motion submitted under Procedure Rule 14.1 (C) - To Remove the Leader of the Council and Elect a New Leader

Prior to consideration of the motion, Councillor Munawar addressed the meeting and tendered his resignation as the Leader of the Council. The motion to remove Councillor Munawar as Leader was therefore not moved.

It was proposed by Councillor Pantelic,
Seconded by Councillor Mann,

“That Councillor Swindlehurst be elected as Leader of the Council.”

A prior request having been made for the record of the voting:

There voted for Councillor Swindlehurst:

Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bains, Bal, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chaudhry, Cheema, Chohan, Dar, Davis, M.Holledge, N.Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Matloob, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Rasib, Sadiq, A.Sandhu, Sarfraz, Shah, Sharif, Sohal, Swindlehurst and Usmani..... 33

There abstained from voting:

Councillor Chahal, R.S Sandhu, Smith, Strutton and Wright 5

Resolved – That Councillor Swindlehurst be elected as Leader of the Council for a period of four years.

33. Questions from Electors under Procedure Rule 9.

None received within the relevant time period.

34. Recommendations of the Member Panel on the Constitution from the meeting held on 12th September 2017

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

‘That in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 27.1, Procedure Rule 13.1 (notice of amendment to Committee recommendations) be suspended to allow the following amendments to be moved:

- (a) That a decision on the revised Councillors’ Code of Conduct be deferred to consider the inclusion of information on Members’ obligations as Trustees.
- (b) That the deadline for receipt of Public Questions in Council Procedure Rule 9 be amended to 10.00 am on the fourth working day before the day of the meeting.’

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The recommendations were put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved - That in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 27.1, Procedure Rule 13.1 (notice of amendment to Committee recommendations) be suspended to allow the following amendments to be moved:

- (a) That a decision on the revised Councillors' Code of Conduct be deferred to consider the inclusion of information on Members' obligations as Trustees.
- (b) That the deadline for receipt of Public Questions in Council Procedure Rule 9 be amended to 10.00 am on the fourth working day before the day of the meeting.

35. Appointment of Monitoring Officer

(The Service Lead, Governance left the meeting)

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

"That a decision on the designation of the Council's Monitoring Officer be deferred to an Extraordinary meeting of the Council to enable consideration to be given to whether the proposed arrangements are sufficiently robust and well resourced to deal with the volume of work associated with the role."

The recommendation was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved - That a decision on the designation of the Council's Monitoring Officer be deferred to an Extraordinary meeting of the Council to enable consideration to be given to whether the proposed arrangements are sufficiently robust and well resourced to deal with the volume of work associated with the role.

(The Service Lead, Governance returned to the meeting)

36. Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review - Council Response to Revised Proposals October 2017

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

"That the Council's response to the Commission's revised proposals as set out at Appendix 2 to the report be approved."

The recommendation was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved - That the Council's response to the Commission's revised proposals as set out at Appendix 2 to the report be approved.

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37. Progress Update on Council Motion of 26th July 2016 - Safer Slough Partnership

It was moved by Councillor Plenty,
Seconded by Councillor Bains,

“The Council is requested to resolve that the work reported by the Safer Slough Partnership to the NCS Scrutiny Panel on 26th June 2017 be endorsed as a suitable response to the Council motion of 26th July 2016.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved - That the work reported by the Safer Slough Partnership to the Neighbourhoods and Community Services Scrutiny Panel on 26th June 2017 be endorsed as a suitable response to the Council motion of 26th July 2016.

38. To consider a Motion submitted under procedure Rule 14.1 (A)

It was moved by Councillor Bains,
Seconded by Councillor Strutton,

‘This Council will adhere to its *‘Actions Speak Louder’* values and will be open and transparent in its actions and fully investigate all current and future allegations of abuse and bullying from senior members of staff and elected members.’

The motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved - This Council will adhere to its *‘Actions Speak Louder’* values and will be open and transparent in its actions and fully investigate all current and future allegations of abuse and bullying from senior members of staff and elected members.

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

Copies of three questions received from Councillors Anderson and Swindlehurst, together with the replies, were tabled.

40. Exclusion of the Press and Public

(The Interim Chief Executive left the meeting)

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

“That the meeting remain in Part I for consideration of Agenda Item 13 – Appointment of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.”

A prior request having been made for the record of the voting:

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There voted for the recommendation:

Councillors Bains, Chahal, R.S Sandhu, Smith, and Wright..... 5

There voted against the recommendation:

Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bal, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chaudhry, Cheema, Chohan, Dar, Davis, M.Holledge, N.Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Matloob, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Rasib, Sadiq, A.Sandhu, Sarfraz, Sharif, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst and Usmani.....32

There abstained from voting:

The Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor Shah..... 1

Resolved - That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as the item to be considered contains exempt information relating to individuals as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Below is a summary of the matters considered during Part II of the agenda.

41. Appointment of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

The Council agreed not to make an appointment to the role of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm and closed at 9.12 pm)