



Date of despatch: Wednesday 18th May, 2016

## To the Members of Slough Borough Council

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of this Borough which will be held in the Flexi Hall, The Centre, Farnham Road, Slough, SL1 4UT on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at 7.00pm**, when the business in the Agenda below is proposed to be transacted.

Yours faithfully

RUTH BAGLEY
Chief Executive

**AGENDA** 

Apologies for Absence

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## 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.



2. To Consider the removal of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Robert Anderson and to elect a new Leader of the Council.

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(This extraordinary meeting has been requisitioned in accordance with Procedure Rule 3.1 (vi) by Councillors Hussain, Bal, Munawar, Sharif and Sohal)



## MOTION FOR EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - MOTION TO REMOVE THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND ELECT A NEW LEADER

This Council has lost confidence in the current Leader of the Council, Councillor Anderson and we hereby call for a vote be taken to remove Councillor Anderson as Leader of the Council under Council Procedure Rule 14(C). Further that under Rule 14 the Council move to appoint a new Leader at the same Council meeting. The Motion relates to actions taken and the conduct of the Leader in his role of public office.

- Councillor Anderson has failed to protect vulnerable children which has resulted in three highly critical Ofsted reports which culminated in Ministerial intervention and the withdrawal of Children's Services from Slough Borough control and the transfer of these services to a new independent Children's Services Trust.
- 2. Councillor Anderson has not acknowledged his accountability for the sustained failure to protect vulnerable children and seems to have been more concerned with the reputation of the management than Child Protection.
- 3. At a time when the involvement and participation of all Councillors, including Opposition Councillors, was necessary to resolve problems and difficulties, Councillor Anderson has adopted authoritarian control rather than participating in the consultation of operating methods. Thus most Councillors have been isolated and left feeling irrelevant.
- 4. Councillor Anderson fails consistently to relay the views of the majority of the ruling group on policy matters at Council meetings.

The reason Councillor Anderson lost the support and the confidence of the group that holds the majority in the Council. To highlight his incompetence two of the members responsible for failure of the children services by Council and rated inadequate by OFSTED are proposed by him to be part of his new cabinet, as per notification received by the Labour Group Leader. We therefore believe under his leadership the children of Slough residents are under a greater risk.

The Council therefore has no confidence in Councillor Anderson's capacity to take matters forward as Leader of the Council. The Council resolves to elect a new Council Leader.

[Motion submitted under Procedure Rule 14.1 (c) signed by Councillors Hussain, Bal, Munawar, A. Sandhu and Usmani]

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