

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at Herschel Grammar School, Northampton Avenue, Slough on Tuesday, 18th January, 2022 at 7.30 pm

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Nazir), in the chair; Councillors Ajaib, Akram, Ali, Anderson, Bal, Bains, Basra, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, A Cheema, H Cheema, Dar, Dhaliwal, Gahir, Grewal, Hulme, Kaur, Kelly (until 7.53pm), Malik, Mann, Matloob, Minhas, Mohammad, Muvvala (until 7.53pm), Pantelic, D Parmar, S Parmar, Qaseem, Sabah, Sandhu, Sharif, Smith (until 7.53pm) and Swindlehurst

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Begum, J Davis, R Davis, Gill, Hussain, Strutton and Wright

51. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Bal declared that his daughter worked for the Council.

52. To consider a motion on the Nationality and Borders Bill - Clause 9

It was moved by Councillor Gahir,
Seconded by Councillor Mann,

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The Council agrees to write to the Home Secretary to ask;

- The government remove and replace Clause 9 from the Nationality and Borders Bill;
- Work with Local Authorities and communities to build a fairer and more effective asylum system."

(Councillors Kelly, Muvvala and Smith left the meeting)

The motion was put to the vote and carried with 31 votes for and 1 abstention.

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Resolved –

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Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.38 pm and closed at 8.01 pm)