

# **NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS**

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## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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Slough Borough Council has a decision making process involving an Executive (Cabinet) and a Scrutiny Function.

As part of the process, the Council will publish a Notification of Decisions which sets out the decisions which the Cabinet intends to take over the following 3 months. The Notice includes both Key and non Key decisions. Key decisions are those which are financially significant or have a significant impact on 2 or more Wards in the Town. This Notice supersedes all previous editions.

Whilst the majority of the Cabinet's business at the meetings listed in this document will be open to the public and media organisations to attend, there will inevitably be some business to be considered that contains, for example, confidential, commercially sensitive or personal information.

This is formal notice under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 that part of the Cabinet meetings listed in this Notice will/may be held in private because the agenda and reports for the meeting will contain exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

This document provides a summary of the reason why a matter is likely to be considered in private / Part II. The full reasons are listed alongside the report on the Council's website.

If you have any queries, or wish to make any representations in relation to the meeting being held in private for the consideration of the Part II items, please email [nicholas.pontone@slough.gov.uk](mailto:nicholas.pontone@slough.gov.uk) (no later than 15 calendar days before the meeting date listed).

#### **What will you find in the Notice?**

For each decision, the plan will give:

- The subject of the report.
- Who will make the decision.
- The date on which or the period in which the decision will be made.
- Contact details of the officer preparing the report.
- A list of those documents considered in the preparation of the report (if not published elsewhere).
- The likelihood the report would contain confidential or exempt information.

## **What is a Key Decision?**

An executive decision which is likely either:

- To result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- To be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards within the borough.

## **Who will make the Decision?**

Decisions set out in this Notice will be taken by the Cabinet, unless otherwise specified. All decisions (unless otherwise stated) included in this Notice will be taken on the basis of a written report and will be published on the Council's website before the meeting.

The members of the Cabinet are as follows:

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| • Leader of the Council – Improvement & Recovery, Performance, Governance and Young Futures | Councillor Smith   |
| • Deputy Leader – Finance, Council Assets, Procurement and Revenues & Benefits              | Councillor Chahal  |
| • Community Cohesion, Public Health, Public Protection, Leisure & Planning                  | Councillor I Ahmed |
| • Education and Children's Services   | Councillor Bedi    |
| • Highways, Housing & Transport   | Councillor Kelly   |
| • Environment, Environmental Services and Open Spaces                                       | Councillor Manku   |
| • Customer Service, Resident Engagement, Digital, Data & Technology                         | Councillor Muvvala |
| • Adult Social Care, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities                                | Councillor Wright  |

## **Where can you find a copy of the Notification of Decisions?**

The Plan will be updated and republished monthly. A copy can be obtained from Democratic Services at Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road on weekdays between 9.00 a.m. and 4.45 p.m., or Tel: (01753) 875120, email: [nicholas.pontone@slough.gov.uk](mailto:nicholas.pontone@slough.gov.uk). Copies will be available in the Borough's libraries and a copy will be published on Slough Borough Council's Website.

## **How can you have your say on Cabinet reports?**

Each Report has a contact officer. If you want to comment or make representations, notify the contact officer before the deadline given.

### **What about the Papers considered when the decision is made?**

Reports relied on to make key decisions will be available before the meeting on the Council's website or are available from Democratic Services.

### **Can you attend the meeting at which the decision will be taken?**

Where decisions are made by the Cabinet, the majority of these will be made in open meetings. Some decisions have to be taken in private, where they are exempt or confidential as detailed in the Local Government Act 1972. You will be able to attend the discussions on all other decisions.

### **When will the decision come into force?**

Implementation of decisions will be delayed for 5 working days after Members are notified of the decisions to allow Members to refer the decisions to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, unless the decision is urgent, in which case it may be implemented immediately.

### **What about key decisions taken by officers?**

Many of the Council's decisions are taken by officers under delegated authority. Key decisions will be listed with those to be taken by the Cabinet. Key and Significant Decisions taken under delegated authority are reported monthly and published on the Council's website.

### **Are there exceptions to the above arrangements?**

There will be occasions when it will not be possible to include a decision/report in this Notice. If a key decision is not in this Notice but cannot be delayed until the next Notice is published, it can still be taken if:

- The Head of Democratic Services has informed the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or relevant Scrutiny Panel in writing, of the proposed decision/action. (In the absence of the above, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be consulted);
- Copies of the Notice have been made available to the Public; and at least 5 working days have passed since public notice was given.
- If the decision is too urgent to comply with the above requirement, the agreement of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been obtained that the decision cannot be reasonably deferred.
- If the decision needs to be taken in the private part of a meeting (Part II) and Notice of this has not been published, the Head of Democratic Services will seek permission from the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny, and publish a Notice setting out how representations can be made in relation to the intention to consider the matter in Part II of the agenda. Urgent Notices are published on the Council's [website](#).

For further information, contact Democratic Services on 01753 875120.

## Cabinet Committee - 26th February 2024

<u>Asset Disposal Programme Update</u> To receive the quarterly update on the progress of the Asset Disposal Programme.	F&A	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None		Yes, p3 LGA
<u>SUR Update</u> To receive an update on Slough Urban Renewal.	F&A	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None	√	Yes, p3 LGA
<u>GRE5 Update</u> To receive an update on the Council company GRE5 (Nova House).	F&A	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None	√	Yes, p3 PGA

## Cabinet - 26th February 2024

<u>Budget Monitoring - Q3 2023/24</u> To receive the revenue and capital budget monitor for the third quarter of the 2023/24 financial year.	F&A	All	All	Adele Taylor, Executive Director Finance & Commercial (S151)	-	None		
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<p><b><u>Revenue Budget 2024/25</u></b></p> <p>To consider the revenue budget for 2024/25 and, if agreed, recommend approval to full Council. In addition to the revenue budget, Council Tax resolutions and Medium Term Financial Plan, the report is expected to also include Council Tax premiums, Council Tax Reduction Scheme, Slough Children First contract sum and approval to write-off individual debts greater than £15,000.</p>	F&A	All	All	Adele Taylor, Executive Director Finance & Commercial (S151)	CISC	None		
<p><b><u>Capital Strategy</u></b></p> <p>To consider the capital strategy and programme for 2024/25 and, if agreed, recommend approval to full Council.</p>	F&A	All	All	Adele Taylor, Executive Director Finance & Commercial (S151)	-	None		
<p><b><u>Treasury Management Strategy</u></b></p> <p>To consider the treasury management strategy for 2024/25 and, if agreed, recommend approval to full Council.</p>	F&A	All	All	Adele Taylor, Executive Director Finance & Commercial (S151)	CISC	None		
<p><b><u>Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30-year Business Plan and Medium Term Budgets 2024/25</u></b></p> <p>To approve the proposed 30-year Business Plan fo the Housing Revenue Account.</p>	H&T	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None	√	

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<p><b><u>Dedicated Schools Grant</u></b></p> <p>To consider a report on the Dedicated Schools Grant as part of the budget setting process for 2024/25.</p>	F&A	All	All	Adele Taylor, Executive Director Finance & Commercial (S151)	-	None	√	
<p><b><u>Fees and Charges</u></b></p> <p>To consider any proposed changes to fees and charges that require Cabinet approval and that relate to Executive functions.</p>	F&A	All	All	Adele Taylor, Executive Director Finance & Commercial (S151)	CISC	None	√	
<p><b><u>Asset Disposals</u></b></p> <p>To make any decisions on asset disposals in accordance with the approved strategy, potentially including the Former Langley Police Station and Land at Uxbridge Road, and/or consider any recommendations from the Cabinet Committee in relation to asset disposals or companies governance.</p>	F&A	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None		Yes, p3 LGA
<p><b><u>HRA Surplus Assets</u></b></p> <p>To consider a report on the approach to the disposal of assets held by the Housing Revenue Account.</p>	F&A	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None		Yes, p3 LGA

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<b><u>Capital Point, 33 Bath Road, Slough – Lego Reversionary Leases</u></b>  To consider a report on lease arrangements between the Council and Lego Company Ltd for the asset of Capital Point, 33 Bath Road, Slough.	F&A	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None	√	Yes, p3 LGA
<b><u>References from Scrutiny</u></b>  To consider any references from the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee.	I&R	All	All	Alexander Polak, Head of Governance & Scrutiny	-	None		

## Cabinet (Special) - 5th March 2024

<b><u>Autism Strategy</u></b>  To approve the Council's Autism Strategy.	ASC	All	All	Jane Senior, AD People Strategy and Commissioning	-	None		
<b><u>Direct award of Contract for Housing Related Support service for homeless people (HRS)</u></b>  To consider a report that seeks approval to award a contract for accommodation based housing related support service for homeless people with complex needs.	ASC	All	All	Marc Gadsby, Executive Director Adult Services	-	None	√	Yes, p3 LGA

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<p><b><u>Legal Services Contract</u></b></p> <p>To consider a report on the future provision of the Council's legal services, currently HB Public Law.</p>	I&R	All	All		-	None	√	Yes, p3 LGA
<p><b><u>Establishment of Berkshire Prosperity Board</u></b></p> <p>To consider a report on the proposal to establish a Berkshire Prosperity Board as a joint committee with the other five Berkshire authorities, and make any recommendations to Council on this matter.</p>	I&R	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None	√	
<p><b><u>Housing Homelessness Residents in Affordable rented Housing widening the housing Choice for Slough Residents</u></b></p> <p>To consider a report that proposes a revised placement policy to enable increased choice for those impacted by homelessness and which will enable the Council to secure access to affordable rented accommodation in areas outside the borough.</p>	H&T	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None	√	

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<b><u>Recommendations arising from the CISC Task and Finish Group's scrutiny of the preparedness of ASC for CQC Inspection</u></b>	ASC	All	All	Marc Gadsby, Executive Director Adult Services	-	Task & Finish Group Cover report- Preparedness of ASC for CQC Inspection Final, 28/11/2023 Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee	√	
To consider the recommendations of the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Group report into the preparedness of adult social care for the forthcoming CQC inspection.								

### Cabinet Committee - 14th March 2024

<b><u>James Elliman Homes Update</u></b>	F&A	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None		Yes, p3 LGA
To receive an update on the current position of James Elliman Homes Limited and proposals regarding the future operation of the company.								
<b><u>DISH Update</u></b>	F&A	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None		Yes, p3 LGA
To receive an update on the Council subsidiary company, Development Initiative for Slough Housing Limited (DISH).								

### Cabinet - 18th March 2024

<b><u>Adult Social Care Strategy</u></b>	ASC	All	All	Marc Gadsby, Executive Director Adult Services	-	None	√	
To approve the Adult Social Care Strategy.								

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<b><u>Adult Social Care Market Position Statement</u></b>  To consider a report on the Adult Social Care Market Position Statement which is part of the process to promote a strong and diverse market for the provision of adult social care services.	ASC	All	All	Marc Gadsby, Executive Director Adult Services	-	None		
<b><u>Direct Payments Policy</u></b>  To approve the Direct Payments Policy for adult social care.	ASC		All	Marc Gadsby, Executive Director Adult Services	-	None	√	
<b><u>Partnership Domestic Abuse Strategy</u></b>  To approve the Partnership Domestic Abuse Strategy for Slough.	CCL P	All	All	Garry Tallett, Group Manager - Community Safety, Housing Regulation and Enforcement	-	None	√	
<b><u>Services to Support those Experiencing Domestic Abuse</u></b>  Further to the report to Cabinet on 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023, to receive a progress report on the services the Council commissions for victims/survivors of domestic abuse, including a completed Safer Accommodation Strategy.	CCL P		All	Garry Tallett, Group Manager - Community Safety, Housing Regulation and Enforcement	-	None	√	Yes, p3 LGA
<b><u>Serious Violence Strategy</u></b>  To approve the Serious Violence Strategy for Slough.	CCL P	All	All	Garry Tallett, Group Manager - Community Safety, Housing Regulation and Enforcement	-	None	√	

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<u>SEND Quarterly Update</u> As per the Cabinet resolution of 18th September 2023, to receive a quarterly update on the progress of the delivery of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Action Plan.	E&CS	All	All	Sue Butcher, Executive Director Children's Services	-	None		
<u>Housing Improvement Plan Update</u> In accordance with the Cabinet resolution of 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2023, to receive a six-monthly on the housing improvement plan.	H&T	All	All	Chris Stratford, Associate Director – Housing	-	None		
<u>Energy Contract</u> To consider a report on the Council's future energy contract.	F&A	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None	√	Yes, p3 LGA
<u>Slough Electric Vehicles Strategy</u> To consider Slough Electric Vehicle Strategy which is required as part of the LEVI funding commitment 2024-2030.	H&T	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None	√	
<u>Contaminated Land Strategy</u> To seek approval of the Council's Contaminated Land Strategy.	E&E	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None	√	

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<b><u>Observatory House - Business Case</u></b>  In accordance with the Cabinet resolution of 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2023, to receive a further report on the business case for the future use of Observatory House.	F&A	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None		Yes, p3 LGA
<b><u>Estate Strategy</u></b>  To consider the final business case and recommendations on the Council's Estate Strategy.	F&A	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None	√	Yes, p3 LGA
<b><u>Asset Disposals</u></b>  To make any decisions on asset disposals in accordance with the approved strategy and/or consider any recommendations from the Cabinet Committee in relation to asset disposals or companies governance.	F&A	All	All	Patrick Hayes, Executive Director Regeneration, Housing and Environment	-	None		Yes, p3 LGA
<b><u>References from Scrutiny</u></b>  To consider any recommendations from the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee and/or its task and finish groups.	I&R	All	All	Alexander Polak, Head of Governance & Scrutiny	-	None		

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## Cabinet - 15th April 2024

<p><u>Quarterly Improvement &amp; Recovery Update</u></p> <p>To be provided with the quarterly update on the progress being made by the Council against the Secretary of State Directions issued in December 2021 and the overall Council recovery plan.</p>	I&R	All	All	Sarah Hayward, Executive Director Strategy and Transformation	CISC	None	√	
<p><u>Quarterly Corporate Performance Report</u></p> <p>To consider the quarterly Corporate Performance Report.</p>	I&R	All	All	Sarah Hayward, Executive Director Strategy and Transformation	-	None	√	
<p><u>References from Scrutiny</u></p> <p>To receive any references from the Corporate Improvement Scrutiny Committee.</p>	I&R	All	All	Alexander Polak, Head of Governance & Scrutiny	-	None	√	

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