

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.

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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)