

NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS

1 MARCH 2015 TO 31 MAY 2015

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 catherine.meek@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 – Finance & Strategy | Councillor Anderson |
| • Commissioner for Community & Leisure | Councillor Carter |
| • Commissioner for Education & Children | Councillor Mann |
| • Commissioner for Environment & Open Spaces | Councillor Parmar |
| • Commissioner for Health & Wellbeing | Councillor Hussain |
| • Commissioner for Neighbourhoods & Renewal (& Deputy Leader) | Councillor Swindlehurst |
| • Commissioner for Performance & Accountability | Councillor Sharif |
| • Commissioner for Social & Economic Inclusion | Councillor Munawar |

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 St Martin's Place, 51 Bath Road on weekdays between 9.00 a.m. and 4.45 p.m., from MyCouncil, Landmark Place, High Street, or Tel: (01753) 875120, email: catherine.meek@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.

For further information, contact Democratic Services as detailed above.

Cabinet - 9th March 2015

Item	Portfolio	Ward	Priority	Contact Officer	Other Committee	Background Documents	New Item	Likely to be Part II
<p><u>Welfare Policies for 2015-16</u></p> <p>Following regular review of the Council's policies in relation to Welfare Benefits and Council Tax, to approve the following policies for 2015-16:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Tax Hardship Policy; • Discretionary Hardship Policy; and • Local Welfare Provision Policy. 	F&S	All	All	Joseph Holmes, Assistant Director, Finance & Audit Tel: 01753 875358	-	None		
<p><u>Better Care Fund Pooled Budget</u></p> <p>The report presents the proposed Pooled Budget (section 75) agreement for the Better Care Fund 2015/16.</p>	H&W	All	Health & Wellbeing	Mike Wooldridge, BCF Programme Manager Tel: (01753) 477214	-	None	√	
<p><u>Carbon Management Plan April 2015 - March 2020</u></p> <p>The Carbon Management Plan April 2015 – March 2020 will set out how Slough Borough Council intends to meet its carbon reduction and energy reduction targets over the next 5 years.</p>	E&O	All	Regeneration & Environment	Kathryn Horsepool, Environmental Management Officer Tel: (01753) 875912	-	None	√	

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<u>SRP Partnership Business Plan</u> To consider a report seeking approval of Slough Regeneration Partnership's Partnership Business Plan.	N&R	All	All	Sarah Richards, Strategic Director, Regeneration, Housing and Resources Tel: 01753 875301	-	None		
<u>Children's Services Organisation Decisions</u> To consider a further report on the progress of the establishment of the new Children's Services Organisation.	E&C	All	All	Ruth Bagley, Chief Executive, Slough Borough Council	-	None		
<u>Five Year Plan Projects Funded Through the LEP</u> To provide members with a full summary of the current and historic projects which have been submitted by Slough Borough Council for consideration by the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (TVBLEP).	S&E	All	All	Savio DeCruz, Head of Transport Tel: 01753 875640	-	None	√	
<u>Asset Disposal of Ledgers Road</u>	N&R	Chalvey	All	Stephen Gibson, Head of Asset Management Tel: 01753 875852	-	None	√	Yes, p3 LGA
<u>Asset disposal of Arbour Park</u>	N&R	Elliman	All	Stephen Gibson, Head of Asset Management Tel: 01753 875852	-	None		Yes, p3 LGA

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<p><u>Transitional Relief Policy</u></p> <p>To agree a policy for Business Rates Transitional Relief for small and medium size businesses for 2015-16 and 2016-17 following the announcement by the Chancellor in the Autumn Statement that the government would extend the scheme.</p>	F&S	All	All	Joseph Holmes, Assistant Director, Finance & Audit Tel: 01753 875358	-	None	√	
<p><u>Parks Strategy</u></p> <p>To consider the Parks Strategy which will define Slough Borough Council's vision and priorities for parks and open spaces over the next five years up to 2019.</p>	E&O	All	All	Andrew Stevens, Assistant Director, Community & Skills Tel: 01753 875507	-	None	√	
<p><u>Progress report on the Commissioning of the Maintenance & Repairs Service</u></p> <p>The report seeks permission to extend the timeframe available for the commissioning and procurement of a maintenance solution, to enable more time to undertake a more detailed exploration of the options available in relation to scope and the vehicle delivery. This to succeed the current Interserve contract which expires on 31/03/2016.</p>	N&R	All	All	Andy Grant, Project Manager Tel: 07742 690915	-		√	Yes, p3 LGA
<p><u>Care Act Charging Policy</u></p> <p>To consider proposals for the charging policy as part of the implementation of the Care Act 2014.</p>	H&W	All	Health & Wellbeing	Alan Sinclair, Assistant Director, Adult Social Care Tel: (01753) 875752	-	None	√	

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<u>References from Overview & Scrutiny</u> <i>To consider any recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Panels.</i>	P&A	All	All	Shabana Kauser, Senior Democratic Services Officer Tel: 01753 787503	-	None		
<u>Notification of Forthcoming Decisions</u> <i>To endorse the published Notification of Decisions.</i>	F&S	All	All	Catherine Meek, Head of Democratic Services Tel: 01753 875011	-	None		

Cabinet - 13th April 2015

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<u>Subsidiary Housing Company Update</u> Further to the Cabinet report of 19 th January 2015, to take further decisions in relation to the establishment of a Subsidiary Housing Company.	N&R	All	All	Stephen Gibson, Head of Asset Management Tel: 01753 875852	-	None		Yes, p3 LGA
<u>Contracts over £250k</u> To report those contracts in excess of £250k likely to be awarded in 2015/16.	F&S	All	All	Catherine Meek, Head of Democratic Services Tel: 01753 875011	-	None		
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