

SIGNIFICANT OFFICER DECISIONS

16 APRIL TO 15 MAY 2015

DECISIONS

07/15 – 08/15

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BACKGROUND

About this document

Slough Borough Council has a decision making process involving an Executive (Cabinet) and a Scrutiny Function. Part 3 of the Council's Constitution sets out the Responsibility for Functions and Scheme of Officer Delegation. This document lists the decisions taken by officers under this scheme during the period stated.

Distribution

The schedule is circulated monthly to all Members and published on the website. This document, and any reports relating to individual decisions, are published on the Council's website in accordance The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Decisions included in the Schedule

The definition of the categories for 'Significant' Officer Decisions to be included in the Schedule are set out below:

1. Tenders/Contracts over £50,000 or 'sensitive' excluding individual social services care packages and school placements.
2. Exemptions to Competitive Tendering.
3. Redundancies/Early Retirements above 5 in Service area*
4. Decision to commence formal organisational restructuring/consultation.
5. Consultation responses other than technical responses where officers asked for Member views.
6. Write-off of individual debts between £5,000 and £15,000.
7. Decisions arising from external report on significant Health and Safety at Work Act risk.
8. Compulsory Purchase Orders.
9. Action with regard to Petitions in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme
10. Any exceptions made to the Council's agreed tender procedure as set out in Financial Procedure Rules
11. Consultancies over £5,000 (excluding cover for established posts) or any consultancy/employment offered to former Senior Officers of the Council of 3rd tier and above.
12. Other decisions such as those with political, media or industrial relations implications that Directors consider Members should be aware of.
13. Appointments to casual vacancies on committees, sub committees, Panels, Working Parties and outside bodies
14. Specific decisions that have been delegated to a particular officer by resolution at a Cabinet meeting to be taken following consultation with the relevant Commissioner

*Decisions taken on the Redundancy/Early Retirement of a senior level officer to be reported to Group Leaders, Cabinet and Employment and Appeals Committee.

Call-in

Any Member of the Council may call-in an officer decision specified in this Schedule by following the procedure set out in paragraph 21 of Part 4.5 of the Council's Constitution. Member call-ins must be submitting in writing to the Head of Democratic Services and state the reasons why the request to have the matter considered by Scrutiny has been made. The call-in must be received within five working days of delivery of the publication of the decision (by 5.00pm). Members call-ins of officer decisions will be submitted to the next Overview & Scrutiny Committee for consideration and dealt with in the same way as other post decision call-ins.

Exempt information

Any supporting reports considered by the decision-maker will be published on the website in a separate appendix, unless they 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.

Further information

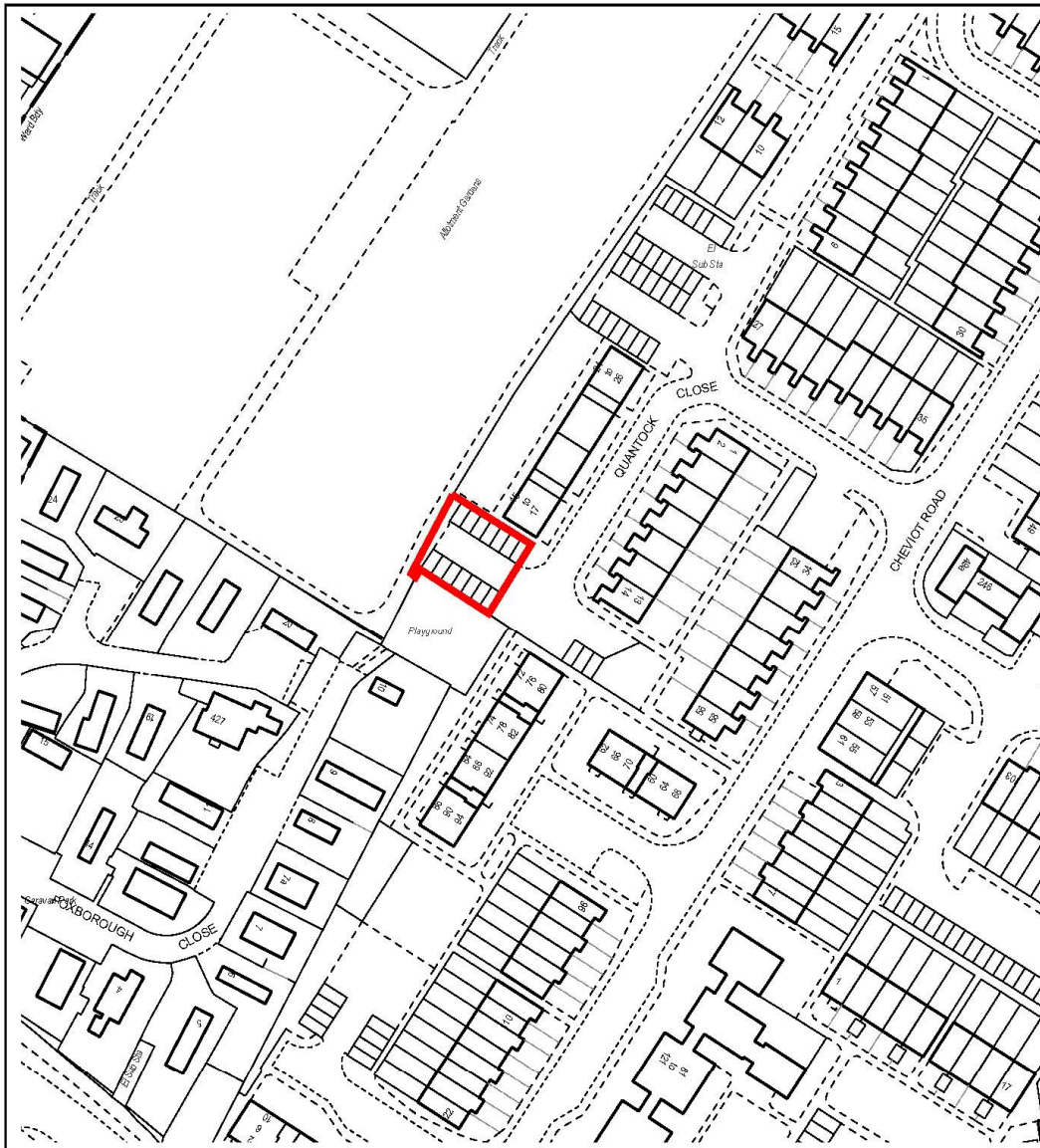
The schedule will be published monthly. A copy can be obtained from Democratic Services at St Martin's Place, 51 Bath Road on weekdays between 9.00 a.m. and 4.45 p.m. or Tel: (01753) 875015, email: neil.fraser@slough.gov.uk.

A copy will be published on Slough Borough Council's Website: www.slough.gov.uk

Ref	07/15
Title of decision	Proposed Restrictions around Schools in the Borough (School Keep Clear, No Waiting at Any Time and No Loading or Unloading at Any Time) and Electric Vehicle Charging Bay
Date decision taken	16/03/2015
Decision maker	Councillor Munawar – Commissioner for Social and Economic Inclusion
Portfolio	Regeneration, Housing and Resources
Details of decision taken	To record the responses from the formal consultation for the proposed order, and to gain approval to proceed with the recommendations outlined in this report.
Reasons for taking decision	After receiving representations from the formal consultation, we have taken the decision to proceed with the proposals. The representations did not raise any objections that would lead the council to consider making amendments.
Options considered	Making changes as per the representations was considered, however it was decided by the highway authority to continue with the proposals as this would have the best outcome for road safety reasons.
Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	N/A
Reports considered	N/A.

Ref	08/15
Title of decision	Approval of a name for the development at a former garage compound in Quantick Close, Slough.
Date decision taken	02.04.15.
Decision maker	Sanjay Dhuna – Head of Building Control.
Portfolio	Neighborhoods and Renewals.
Details of decision taken	To approve the proposed name of Katherine Court.
Reasons for taking decision	The developer did not find a suitable name for this development from the Council's pre-approved list.
Options considered	The developer wishes to name a residential development of 3 houses and 1 flat Katherine Court in memory of one of the developer's daughters who died prematurely. During her short life she worked within a local authority. The name meets Slough Borough Council's current naming policy, i.e. easy to spell, pronounce, not named after a living person and does not cause offence.
Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	None.
Reports considered	Slough Borough Council's Street Naming and Numbering Guidance.

1-4 (incl) Katherine Court, Quantock Close, Slough



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Petitions

In accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme and the schedule of Significant Officer Decisions please find below a list of petitions submitted to the Council and a summary the response provided. Further details of the petitions can be found on Slough's website:

<http://www.slough.gov.uk/moderngov/mgePetitionListDisplay.aspx?bcr=1>

New Permit Parking Scheme on Diamond Road

Petition Received: 7th April 2015

Slough Central Community Association - this is a petition regarding the new permit parking scheme being introduced by Slough Borough Council.

We, the undersigned, residents of Diamond Road, Princes Street, Connaught Road, Canada Road, Colonial Road, Aldin Avenue North, Australia Road and India Road.

Agree – yes we want the new scheme

Disagree – no we do not want the new scheme

N/A – not available or don't know

Response Provided: 24th April 2015

Thanks for submitting the petition regarding the Council's decision to implement the new shared use permit parking and limited waiting scheme on Diamond Road and the surrounding roads of the estate.

The information submitted had been reviewed as part of the petition, and the number of signatures that have signed for and against the new parking scheme. After careful consideration of all of the correspondence received, the Council are proceeding with the implementation of the new parking scheme on an experimental basis.

The experimental Traffic Regulation Order that allows the Council to implement this scheme is designed to allow for the implementation of a scheme as an experiment in order to give residents first-hand experience of the scheme, and to make representations on how the scheme can be improved within the first 6 months of its implementation. After this 6 month period, the Council then have a further 12 months to make a decision on whether or not to make the scheme permanent, make changes to the scheme or to remove it all together.

All representations should be sent in writing to: Parking Development, Slough Borough Council, St Martins Place, 51 Bath Road, Slough, SL1 3UF or parking@slough.gov.uk
Representations will only be accepted once the scheme goes live, which is anticipated to be from Tuesday 5th May, 2015.