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SIGNIFICANT OFFICER DECISIONS

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DECISIONS

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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.

<u>Call-in</u>

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: <u>neil.fraser@slough.gov.uk</u>.

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

Ref	10/15
Title of decision	Demolition of Slough Library
Date decision taken	26.05.15
Decision maker	Capital Strategy Board
Portfolio	Community & Leisure
Details of decision taken	Demolition of Slough Library
Reasons for taking decision	Library relocated to Curve Building – old building redundant
Options considered	n/a
Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	None
Reports considered	Capital Strategy report available if required.

Ref	11/15
Title of decision	Appointment to Committee – Councillor Jarral Mohammad
Date decision taken	15.06.15
Decision maker	Catherine Meek, Head of Democratic Services
Portfolio	Finance and Strategy
Details of decision taken	Appointment of Councillor Jarral Mohammad as the Wexham Court Parish Council Representative to the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee.
Reasons for taking decision	To fill vacant position on the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee.
Options considered	n/a
Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	None
Reports considered	None.

Slough Borough Council Record of Significant Officer Decision

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

None.