

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, 24th November, 2015 at 7.00 pm

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor (Rasib), in the chair; Councillors Abe, Ajaib, Anderson, Bains, Brooker, Carter, Chahal, Cheema, Chohan, Coad, Dar, Davis, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Arvind Dhaliwal, Dhillon, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Mansoor, Matloob, Morris, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Rana, Sandhu, Shah, Smith, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst, Usmani, Wright and Zarait

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Bal, Chaudhry, Malik and Sharif

31. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

32. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 22 September 2015

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 22nd September 2015 be approved as a correct record.

33. To receive the Mayor's Communications.

The Mayor expressed his condolences and sadness for the tragic events that took place in Paris on 13th November. A personal message to the Mayor of Paris had been sent, conveying the thoughts and sympathies of the communities of Slough.

The Mayor thanked those Members who attended the events arranged throughout the Borough for Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. In particular, the Mayor thanked his Chaplain, Reverend Linda Hillier, for her help and assistance with the arrangements.

Representatives of Slough Youth Parliament were welcomed to the meeting, who would be delivering a presentation about their work and achievements.

The Mayor extended his best wishes to all Members of the Council for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Peaceful 2016.

34. Questions from Electors under Procedure Rule 9.

The Mayor advised that two questions had been received from residents, copies of which had been tabled. Copies of the questions and replies would be forwarded to the questioners.

35. Slough Youth Parliament

Councillor Mann, Commissioner for Education and Children, welcomed representatives from the Youth Parliament (YP) to the meeting. It was highlighted that the YP had made an outstanding contribution to the development of local policy, having been involved in drafting of the Children and Young People's Plan and also assisting in the consultation on the Childhood Poverty Strategy.

Members asked a number of questions on completion of the presentation, following which the Mayor thanked the representatives for attending and congratulated them on their achievements to date.

Resolved - That the work being undertaken by the Slough Youth Parliament be endorsed and details of the presentation be noted.

36. Recommendations of the Licensing Committee from its meeting held on 30th September, 2015

'A'- Revised Policy for the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

It was moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Shah,

"That the revised Policy for the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) be adopted."

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved - That the revised Policy for the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) be adopted.

'B'- Gambling Act 2005: Review of Statement of Licensing Principles

It was moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Shah,

"That the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles policy (as amended 2015) be adopted as the Council's Gambling Policy."

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved - That the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles policy (as amended 2015) be adopted as the Council's Gambling Policy.

'C'- Gambling Act 2005: Review of No Casino Policy

It was moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Shah,

"That a new resolution for a 'No Casino' policy be passed."

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The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved - That a new resolution for a 'No Casino' policy be passed.

'D'- Home Office Model Street Collection Regulations

It was moved by Councillor Davis,
Seconded by Councillor Shah,

"That the Home Office Model Street Collection Regulations be re-adopted."

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved - That the Home Office Model Street Collection Regulations be re-adopted.

37. High Speed 2 - Heathrow Express Depot

It was moved by Councillor Anderson,
Seconded by Councillor Hussain,

"That Council endorse the AP4 petition based on the 21 July Council resolution."

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved – That Council endorse the AP4 petition based on the 21 July Council resolution.

38. Appointments to Independent Appeals Panel / Outside Bodies

It was moved by Councillor Anderson,
Seconded by Councillor Hussain,

(a) "That the following Members be appointed to the Independent Appeals and Exclusions Panel:

- Doreen Toomey (Education Member)
- Sarah Macadam (Lay Member)
- Sanzla Bhagi (Education Member)
- Sarah New (Lay Member)
- Darminder Kaur Mundi (Lay Member)

(b) That Councillor Plenty be appointed as a Non Executive Director on the Slough Children's Services Trust Board."

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved -

(a) That the following Members be appointed to the Independent Appeals and Exclusions Panel:

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- Doreen Toomey (Education Member)
- Sarah Macadam (Lay Member)
- Sanzla Bhagi (Education Member)
- Sarah New (Lay Member)
- Darminder Kaur Mundi (Lay Member)

(b) That Councillor Plenty be appointed as a Non Executive Director on the Slough Children's Services Trust Board.

39. Appointment of Monitoring Officer

It was moved by Councillor Anderson,
Seconded by Councillor Hussain,

“That Gurpreet Anand, Assistant Director, Procurement and Commercial Services, be appointed as the Council's Monitoring Officer with effect from 25th November 2015.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved - That Gurpreet Anand, Assistant Director, Procurement and Commercial Services, be appointed as the Council's Monitoring Officer with effect from 25th November 2015.

40. Arrangements for the Dismissal of the Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer

It was moved by Councillor Anderson,
Seconded by Councillor Hussain,

- (a) “That the provisions set out in Schedule 3 to the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 as amended by the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (“the amended regulations”) be incorporated into Part 4.7 of the Council's Constitution (the Officer Employment Procedure Rules).
- (b) That in accordance with the amended Regulations, a committee be established under section 102(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the purposes of advising the Council on matters relating to the dismissal of the Council's Head of Paid Service, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer. Such Panel to be known as the Statutory Officers' Disciplinary Panel (“The Panel”) with terms of reference as set out in Appendix 1 to the report. The Panel will be convened as required.
- (c) That the membership of the Panel comprise of three independent persons (as defined in the amended Regulations), who have accepted an invitation to be considered for appointment to the panel issued in accordance with the amended Regulations.
- (d) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to issue invitations to relevant independent persons for consideration for appointment to the Panel and to appoint relevant Independent Persons to the Panel.

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- (e) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any further amendments to the Constitution to ensure that it is compliant with the amended Regulations and any other Regulations relating to the appointment and dismissal of the relevant officers.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved -

- (a) That the provisions set out in Schedule 3 to the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 as amended by the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (“the amended regulations”) be incorporated into Part 4.7 of the Council’s Constitution (the Officer Employment Procedure Rules).
- (b) That in accordance with the amended Regulations, a committee be established under section 102(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the purposes of advising the Council on matters relating to the dismissal of the Council’s Head of Paid Service, Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer. Such Panel to be known as the Statutory Officers’ Disciplinary Panel (“The Panel”) with terms of reference as set out in Appendix 1 to the report. The Panel will be convened as required.
- (c) That the membership of the Panel comprise of three independent persons (as defined in the amended Regulations), who have accepted an invitation to be considered for appointment to the panel issued in accordance with the amended Regulations.
- (d) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to issue invitations to relevant independent persons for consideration for appointment to the Panel and to appoint relevant Independent Persons to the Panel.
- (e) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any further amendments to the Constitution to ensure that it is compliant with the amended Regulations and any other Regulations relating to the appointment and dismissal of the relevant officers.

41. To consider Motions submitted under procedure Rule 14.

A) Trade Union Bill

It was moved by Councillor Brooker,
seconded by Councillor Munawar,

“This Council resolves that in recognising the positive contribution that trade unions and trade union members make in our workplaces to;

- Write to the Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills Communities for Local Government and our Borough MPs to express the Council’s opposition to the Conservative Government Trade Union Bill and to call for its withdrawal;
- Write to the Local Government Association making them aware of the Council’s opposition and urging the LGA to oppose the Bill;

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- Continue to develop strong partnership relationships with our employees so we continue to ensure we deliver quality services to the people of Slough”.

The recommendations were put and a prior request having being made for a record of the voting:

There voted for the recommendations:-

Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Brooker, Carter, Cheema, Chohan, Dar, Davis, Arvind Dhaliwal, Dhillon, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Mansoor, Matloob, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Rana, Shah, Sohal, Swindlehurst, Usmani and Zarait 27

There voted against the recommendation:-

Councillors Abe, Bains, Chahal, Coad, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Morris, Sandhu, Smith, Strutton and Wright 10

There abstained from voting:-

Councillor Rasib 1

Resolved - That this Council recognises the positive contribution that trade unions and trade union members make in our workplaces to;

- Write to the Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills Communities for Local Government and our Borough MPs to express the Council’s opposition to the Conservative Government Trade Union Bill and to call for its withdrawal;
- Write to the Local Government Association making them aware of the Council’s opposition and urging the LGA to oppose the Bill;
- Continue to develop strong partnership relationships with our employees so we continue to ensure we deliver quality services to the people of Slough.

B) Former Town Hall Site

It was moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Councillor Bains,

“This Council resolves to undertake a full public consultation within the next three months on the future of the Old Town Hall, and the setting of this locally listed building of character, after September 2019, when the present agreement for it to be used as an annex to Claycots School comes to an end. The consultation should assess the strength of public support for the Old Town Hall either being returned for use by the Council for civic purposes or continuing to be used for education or some other purpose. The Council’s scrutiny process would then review the results and develop options for Cabinet; but any ultimate decisions

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impacting on the future of the Old Town Hall core building, including its usage, beyond September 2019, should be brought back to Full Council for final determination.”

The recommendations were put and a prior request having being made for a record of the voting:

There voted for the recommendations:-

Councillors Abe, Bains, Chahal, Coad, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Morris, Sandhu, Smith, Strutton and Wright 10

There voted against the recommendation:-

Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Brooker, Carter, Cheema, Chohan, Dar, Davis, Arvind Dhaliwal, Dhillon, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Mansoor, Matloob, Munawar, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Rana, Shah, Sohal, Swindlehurst, Usmani and Zarait 27

There abstained from voting:-

Councillor Rasib 1

Resolved - That the Motion be rejected.

42. To note Questions from Members under Procedure Rule 10 (as tabled).

None.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm and closed at 8.35 pm)