

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.

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 submitted 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	17/15
Title of decision	Approval of the name of The Coppice for an existing office building at 12 The Grove, Slough
Date decision taken	17 th December 2015
Decision maker	Sanjay Dhuna – Head of Planning and Building Control
Portfolio	Neighbourhood and Renewable
Details of decision taken	To approve the proposed name of The Coppice for a former office building located at 12 The Grove, Slough, currently being converted into flats
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 former office building being converted into flats at 12 The Grove, The Coppice as the name has links to the street name plus The Grove is a tree lined street.
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

Ref	18/15
Title of decision	Approval of the name Brickfield Court for an existing office building at 5 Bath Road, Slough
Date decision taken	17 th December 2015
Decision maker	Sanjay Dhuna – Head of Planning and Building Control
Portfolio	Neighbourhood and Renewable
Details of decision taken	To approve the proposed name of Brickfield Court for a former office building located at 12 The Grove, Slough, currently being converted into flats
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 former office building being converted into flats at 5 Bath Road, Brickfield Court as the Slough has a history of brickmaking dating back to at least 1442
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

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>

15-12 Objection of grant for St. Ethelbert's Church Hall

Petition received: 2nd December, 2015

We, the undersigned wish for the Council to end negotiations with St Ethelbert's RC Church, Wellington Street, Slough for a grant of £250,000 for the construction of a new hall, for the following reasons:

- Have a long track history of wasting money e.g.: shoddy plastering (£380,000)
- Lack of use by the parishioners
- No commercial value
- Eliminates parking spaces for parishioners
- Alternative plans put forward that would diminish the large price of £700,000, were

dismissed, without any valid reason.

Response received: 31st December 2015

Thank you for your Petition.

Your Petition is an objection to an alleged Council grant of £250,000 towards the “construction of a new hall” on the basis of a range of allegations which you set out in your Petition.

I am afraid the Council is not making a grant award to the St Ethelbert’s RC Church. The Council is however, entering into a legal agreement with the land owner of the Church, the Northampton Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee (charity number 234091). The consideration being paid is in relation to acquisition of land under the Curve Compulsory Purchase Order and other related matters. The Council is legally required to make this payment. I would reiterate that this payment is not a grant award by the Council.

15-13 Parking – Chalvey Gardens

Petition Received: 16th December, 2015

A Petition for More Parking for Residents in Chalvey Gardens.

We the undersigned, have inadequate parking in Chalvey Gardens and are constantly being issued parking tickets.

- There are 36 flats, each flat can apply for 2 parking permits (at a cost to ourselves of £25.00 and £50.00 for second permit)
- There are approximately 20 available parking spaces (inadequate parking for residents)

This petition therefore requests:

To have another zone added for the residents of Chalvey Gardens in a neighbouring street to allow the residents adequate parking.

Response Received: 13th January, 2016

Thank you for the paper petition submitted on Wednesday 16th December, 2015 requesting a review of the residents permit parking on Chalvey Gardens.

We are pleased to advise that we will be extending the zone so that Zone O permit holders will also be able to park in Zones G and AG which are located on Chalvey Park.

We will be writing to all residents with permits in the affected zones in the next few weeks, and hope to have the new arrangements in place from April 2016.