

SIGNIFICANT OFFICER DECISIONS

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DECISIONS

04/16 – 05/16

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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	04/16
Title of decision	Approval of the new street name Finefield Walk and the apartment block name of Milestone for the new residential development at the rear of the former Town Hall site
Date decision taken	18 th February 2016
Decision maker	Sanjay Dhuna – Head of Planning and Building Control
Portfolio	Neighbourhood and Renewable
Details of decision taken	To approve the proposed building name of Milestone Apartments and the new street name of Finefield Walk
Reasons for taking decision	The developer did not find any of the names from Slough's pre-approved list suitable for this development
Options considered	The developer wishes to name a new road for the residential development rear of the former Town Hall, Finefield Walk as historically the house that stood close to this site was known as Finefield. Additionally, the reason for their choice of Milestone for a block of 12 apartments is to reflect the close proximity of the development to the milestone located outside 7 Bath Road indicating the distance from Slough to London
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	05/16
Title of decision	Parking Watch Zone 4 – Slough Trading Estate
Date decision taken	17 th February 2016
Decision maker	Kam Hothi, Parking and Enforcement Team Leader
Portfolio	N/A
Details of decision taken	Approval Gained to amend and introduce new waiting restrictions on the trading estate
Reasons for taking decision	Review of Parking Watch Zone 4
Options considered	N/A
Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	N/A
Reports considered	N/A

Nb. Under advisement from the parking and Enforcement Team Leader, the above Significant Decision, ref. 05/16, was revised on 17th March 2016 to clarify that the decision was to go to public and statutory consultation for the introduction of restrictions on the trading estate.

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>

None.