

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, 26th January, 2016 at 7.00 pm

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

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Bal, Coad, Hussain and Pantelic.

43. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Malik, Morris and Shah declared that they were Slough Borough Council Tenants.

Agenda Item 5: Cabinet Recommendation 2016/17 Housing Rents and Service Charges. Councillor Shah withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

44. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 24th November 2015

Resolved - That the minutes of the proceedings of the Council meeting held on 24th November 2015 be approved as a correct record.

45. To receive the Mayor's Communications.

There were no Mayor Communications.

46. Questions from Electors under Procedure Rule 9.

No questions were received within the relevant time period.

47. Recommendations of the Cabinet from its meeting held on 18th January 2016

(Councillor Shah withdrew from the meeting)

A. 2016/17 HOUSING RENTS AND SERVICE CHARGES

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

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- (a) "That Council house dwelling rents for 2016/17 **decrease by 1%** over the 2015/16 rent with effect from Monday 4th April 2016. This is in line with current government guidelines and legislation.
- (b) That garage rents, heating, utility and ancillary charges **increase by 0.8%** with effect from Monday 4th April 2016. This is based upon the September RPI figure.
- (c) That service charges **increase by 0.8%** with effect from Monday 4th April 2016. This is based upon the September RPI figure.
- (d) That 'Other committee' property rents increase by an average of 0.8% from Monday 4th April 2016 in line with the September RPI figure."

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved -

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(Councillor Shah re-joined the meeting)

B. LEISURE STRATEGY – CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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

"That the development of Phase 2 of the community sports facility (CSF) and commencement of the development of the leisure centre and Slough Ice Arena be approved in line with the following recommendations from the Cabinet.

- (a) Arbour Park community sports facility
 - i. That the phased development of the CSF and funding for Phase 2, detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be agreed.
 - ii. That the operating recommendations for the CSF set out in Appendix 1 of the report be noted; taking account of the need to put in place temporary management arrangements up to June 2017.

(b) New Leisure Centre, Farnham Road (Centre site)

- i. That the design, facility mix and timescales for delivery of the new leisure centre, detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be agreed in principle and that the Strategic Director of Customer & Community Services be given delegated authority to finalise the design and facilities mix following consultation with the Leader & Commissioner for Finance & Strategy; Commissioner for Community & Leisure and Commissioner for Neighbourhoods & Renewal.
- ii. That the funding detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, for the development of the new leisure centre is agreed.
- iii. That options for the future operation and management of the new leisure centre detailed in Appendix 2 to the report be noted.

(c) Ice Arena

- i. That the design, facility mix, funding and timescales for the refurbishment works for the ice arena development be agreed in principle, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report, and that the Strategic Director of Customer & Community Services be given delegated authority to finalise the design and facilities mix following consultation with the Leader & Commissioner for Finance & Strategy; Commissioner for Community & Leisure and Commissioner for Neighbourhoods & Renewal.”

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

There voted for the recommendations:-

Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bains, Brooker, Carter, Chahal, Chaudhry, Cheema, Chohan, Dar, Davis, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Arvind Dhaliwal, Dhillon, M.Holledge, N.Holledge, Malik, Mann, Mansoor, Matloob, Morris, Munawar, Nazir, Parmar, Plenty, Rana, Sandhu, Shah, Sharif, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst, Usmani and Zarait.....34

There voted against the recommendations:-

Councillors Smith and Wright.....2

There abstained from voting:

Councillors Abe and Rasib.....2

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C. FIVE YEAR PLAN 2016-2020

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

“That the refresh of the Five Year Plan, attached as Appendix ‘C1’ to the report, be agreed.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved - That the refresh of the Five Year Plan, attached as Appendix ‘C1’ to the report, be agreed.

48. **Calendar of Meetings 2016/17**

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

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- (a) "That the calendar of meetings for the period May 2016 to December 2017 attached as Appendix A be approved.
- (b) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make amendments to the calendar resulting from any constitutional changes that may be agreed, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution."

The recommendations were put and carried unanimously.

Resolved -

- (a) That the calendar of meetings for the period May 2016 to December 2017 attached as Appendix A be approved.
- (b) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make amendments to the calendar resulting from any constitutional changes that may be agreed, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

49. To consider Motions submitted under procedure Rule 14.

Housing Strategy

In light of the discussion relating to members interests and dispensations, it was agreed that the motion be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of the Council. This would be in addition to the Conservative Group's right to submit a motion under Council Procedure Rule 14.

Resolved – That consideration of the Motion be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

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

A copy of the question from Councillor Chahal and the reply received was tabled.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm and closed at 8.02 pm)