Conservative Group Amendment

Education Funding Reductions

(Moved by Councillor Hussain, seconded by Councillor Brooker)

"This Council opposes the governments planned ± 12.4 million any funding cuts to Slough's schools. Therefore the Council resolves to:

Write to the Secretary of State for Education to oppose these cuts and seek assurances that they will not adversely affect our children's attainment;
Write to our local MP to ensure that the cuts facing our schools are raised in Parliament;

• Write to Slough's schools to ensure they are prepared for the level of cuts they face and ascertain what support they require to continue to provide our children with an excellent education;

• Engage the government through the Schools National Funding Formula Stage 2 consultation to articulate the issues faced by Slough and put forward its own recommendations towards the fairer funding formula.

• Request the Education and Children's Service Scrutiny Panel look into the any cuts planned for Slough's schools when the new fairer funding formula is released.

• Appoint a dedicated Education & Children's services cabinet commissioner to focus on resisting and mitigating against any detrimental funding outcomes.