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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
- 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.

<u>Call-in</u>

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 submitting 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

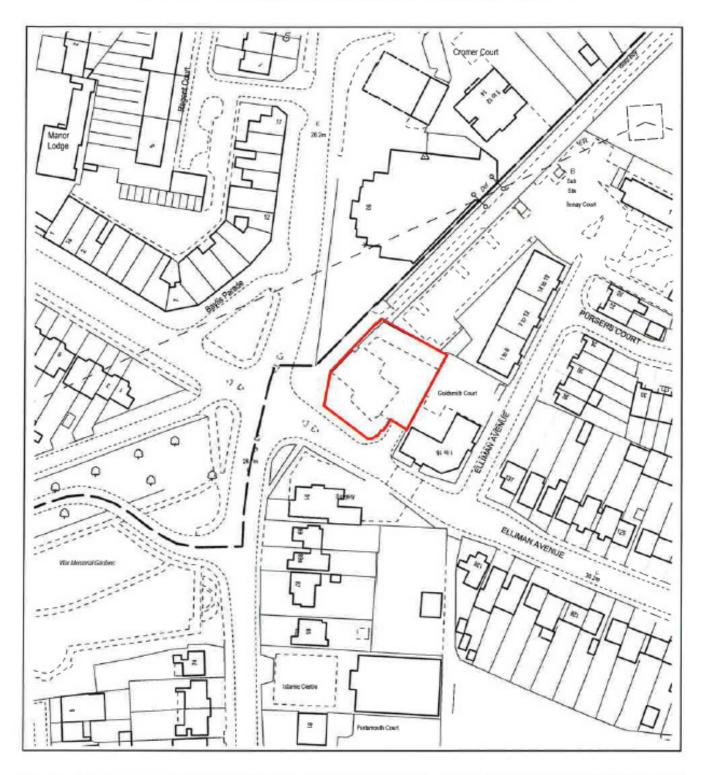
The schedule will be published monthly. A copy can be obtained from Democratic Services at St Martin's Place, 51 Bath Road on weekdays between 9.00 a.m. and 4.45 p.m. or Tel: (01753) 875120, email: <u>nicholas.pontone@slough.gov.uk</u>.

A copy will be published on Slough Borough Council's Website: <u>www.slough.gov.uk</u>

Ref	03/17
Title of decision	Appointment to the Education & Children's Services Scrutiny Panel
Date decision taken	31 st January 2017
Decision maker	Assistant Director – Strategy & Engagement
Portfolio	Finance & Strategy
Details of decision taken	The Councillor Nora Holledge be appointed to the Education & Children's Service Scrutiny Panel in accordance with Council Procedure Rules Part 4.1 Paragraph 1.2 (vi) of the Council's Constitution.
Reasons for taking decision	To fill the vacancy following the revocation of Councillor Mann's membership of the Panel
Options considered	N/A
Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	None
Reports considered	None

Ref	04/17
Title of decision	Approval of a name for a block of 11 flats
Date decision taken	20 th January 2017
Decision maker	Head of Planning & Building Control
Portfolio	Housing & Urban Renewal
Details of decision taken	To approve the proposed name of Lydia Court, Elliman Avenue, Slough at the former site of Eschle Court.
Reasons for taking decision	The developer did not wish to use the street/building names from the Council's pre-approved list of names.
Options considered	The developer took into consideration names which have a local historical relevance to Slough and after several suggestions the name Lydia Court was proposed recognising the former Cllr/Mayor Lydia Simmons and her considerable contribution to Slough over the years. Lydia Simmons granted approval additionally Cabinet approval has been given. Ward members have been notified with comments received from Cllr Dhaliwal (available to Members on request to Democratic Services).
Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	None.
Reports considered	Slough Borough Council's Street Naming & Numbering Guidance.



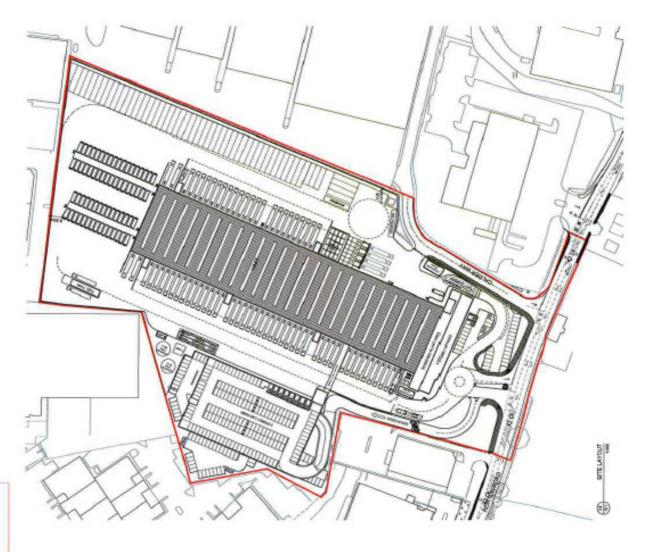


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Ref	05/17
Title of decision	Approval of a building name for new commercial premises
Date decision taken	20 th January 2017
Decision maker	Head of Planning and Building Control
Portfolio	Housing & Urban Renewal
Details of decision taken	To approve the proposed name of Southern Hub for the new DHL Head Office, Horton Road, Poyle
Reasons for taking decision	The developer did not wish to use the street/building names from the Council's pre-approved list of names.
Options considered	DHL held a competition amongst their staff to name their new HQ in Poyle. The popular choice was Southern Hub which they felt reflected the location and use of the premises as a hub for the delivery of parcels etc within the southern area. Ward councillors were notified and comments, including an alternative suggestion were, received from Councillor Dexter Smith. The comments were fed back to the applicant, they considered these comments but felt the original name choice better suited DHL's HQ as the hub for delivering parcels through the south of England rather than just the local area.
Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	None.
Reports considered	Slough Borough Council's Street Naming & Numbering Guidance.







Southern Hub, Horton Road, Cointrook, Slough,

Ref	06/17
Title of decision	Approval of street names for new residential development
Date decision taken	20 th January 2017
Decision maker	Head of Planning & Building Control
Portfolio	Housing & Urban Renewal
Details of decision taken	To approve the proposed street names of Rosebay Avenue, Century Lane, Boundary Drive and Foxglove Close for new residential development at the former Wexham Nursery Site.
Reasons for taking decision	The developer did not wish to use the street/building names from the Council's pre-approved list of names.
Options considered	The developers have advised that the choice of street names reflects the sites previous use as nursery and it's proximity to a cricket ground. Ward councillors have been notified and no comments made.
Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	None.
Reports considered	Slough Borough Council's Street Naming & Numbering Guidance.



Ref	07/17
Title of decision	Approval of a building name for a new residential development
Date decision taken	1 st February 2017
Decision maker	Head of Planning & Building Control
Portfolio	Housing & Urban Renewal
Details of decision taken	To approve the proposed name of East Point for a residential development at the former petrol filling station located within Chalvey Road East.
Reasons for taking decision	The developer did not wish to use the street/building names from the Council's pre-approved list of names.
Options considered	The developers have chosen the name of East Point for this development as the development is located at the eastern end of Chalvey Road East. The relevant ward Councillors were notified and no comments have been received.
Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	None.
Reports considered	Slough Borough Council's Street Naming & 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: <u>http://www.slough.gov.uk/moderngov/mgePetitionListDisplay.aspx?bcr=1</u>

17-01 – Keep Absolutely Ten Pin Open

This petition was received on 17th January, 2017.

Slough Borough Council have asked Absolutely Leisure to remove all of their equipment from Absolutely Ten Pin when the contract on the building ends in May 2017.

This will deprive the community of a fantastic venue and will force Absolutely Ten Pin to relocate outside Slough. As a charity, Absolutely Leisure reinvests any profits into developing new venues for the community, improving existing facilities and discounting use of our products for schools, charities and disabled groups. Last year alone Absolutely Ten Pin gave over £25,000 worth of discounted and free use to these groups. The removal of Absolutely Ten Pin from Slough will leave these groups with no venue to go to.

During October half term Absolutely Ten Pin welcomed a record breaking 6,600 bowlers, mostly families, and welcomed over 2000 children into our newly-extended soft play area. Both of these facilities will be lost if Slough Borough Council go ahead with their plans to remove Absolutely Ten Pin next year and will leave local families with nowhere to go for their entertainment.

Please sign the petition to encourage Slough Borough Council and their leader Cllr Sohail Munawar change their mind and keep Absolutely Ten Pin serving the community as it has for the past six years.

This petition was responded to at the Council meeting on 31st January 2017

Following consideration of the above petition at Council meeting on 31st January, 2017 the Council resolved that no further action be taken with regard to the petition.