

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 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: nicholas.pontone@slough.gov.uk.

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

NO SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS WERE REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD

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>

17-03 – Parking Issues – Elmshott Lane and St Andrews Way

This petition was received on 1st March, 2017.

We the business's and residents of Bath Road Cippenham between Elmshott Lane and St. Andrews Way would like to Petition the Council and its Highways Department undertake a review and consultation with us regarding the parking issues and traffic concerns we have.

Since the recent changes to other roads nearby we are experiencing issues with rail commuter parking along our stretch of the Bath Road. We would like to see a maximum stay parking implemented between the hours of 9am to 5pm weekdays. Better protection to the entrance into the service area to the rear of the parade of business.

This petition was responded to by the Team Leader, Parking Services on 29th March 2017

Thank you for the submission of the above petition.

The request for limited waiting parking along Bath Road Service Road between Elmshott Lane and St Andrews Way, has been placed on a waiting list along with other requests for new and amended restrictions around the borough.

The list will now be reviewed after October 2017 as we are currently working on the list closed in October 2016. On review we will carry out site visits to assess the area. If a scheme is appropriate and we gain approval to propose restrictions, a public notice will be placed in the local press and displayed on street with details of how to view plans and make representations. We will also write to any resident/business directly affected, i.e. restrictions proposed outside their property. Unfortunately we cannot provide timescales at present, but must advise that the process to introduce new restrictions can be a lengthy one due to the legal process involved.