

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At a Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at The Curve - William Street, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 1XY on Tuesday, 24th July, 2018 at 7.00 pm

**Present:-** The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Sohal), in the chair; Councillors Ali, Anderson, B Bains, R Bains, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chaudhry, Cheema, Dar, Davis, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Arvind Dhaliwal, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hussain, Kelly, Mann, Matloob, Minhas, Nazir, Pantelic, D Parmar, S Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Rasib, Sabah, Sadiq, A Sandhu, R Sandhu, Sarfraz, Shah, Sharif, Smith, Strutton, Swindlehurst, Usmani and Wright.

**Apologies for Absence:-** None.

### 16. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

### 17. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 17th May 2018 and 7th June 2018

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and the Extraordinary meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be approved as a correct record.

### 18. To receive the Mayor's Communications.

The Mayor informed the meeting that the Mayor's Reception, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, had been a very successful evening and thanked all those Members and Guests who had attended.

Members were informed that the Civic Service was scheduled to take place on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at St Mary's Church, Slough commencing at 11.00am and invitation details would be sent out in due course.

The Mayor also informed the Council of a number of key recent and forthcoming activities including several charitable endeavours for which he would be seeking the support of Members.

*(Councillor Parmar joined the meeting)*

### 19. Questions from Electors under Procedure Rule 9.

The Mayor advised that one question had been received from a resident, copies of which had been tabled. The elector was not in attendance at the meeting and a copy of the question and reply would be forwarded to the questioner.

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### **20. Recommendations from the Slough Wellbeing Board from its meeting held on 9th May 2018**

It was moved by Councillor Pantelic,  
Seconded by Councillor Hussain,

“That the Slough Wellbeing Board’s Annual Report for 2017/18 be endorsed.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

**Resolved** – That the Slough Wellbeing Board’s Annual Report for 2017/18 be endorsed.

### **21. Recommendations of the Cabinet from its meeting held on 18th June 2018**

It was moved by Councillor Mann,  
Seconded by Councillor Hussain,

“That the Statutory Service Plans in relation to the Food Safety, Health & Safety and Trading Standards Services be endorsed.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

**Resolved** – That the Statutory Service Plans in relation to the Food Safety, Health & Safety and Trading Standards Services be endorsed.

### **22. Recommendation of the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee from its meeting held on 18th July 2018**

It was moved by Councillor Amarpreet Dhaliwal,  
Seconded by Councillor R Bains,

“That the revisions to the Council’s Constitution set out as tracked changes in Appendix A to the report be approved.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

**Resolved** – That the revisions to the Council’s Constitution set out as tracked changes in Appendix A to the report be approved.

### **23. Polling District Review**

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

“(a) That a Polling District Review be commenced with the timetable and Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix A.

(b) That the Member Working Group established for the Community Governance Review consider and make proposals on the Polling District Review.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That a Polling District Review be commenced with the timetable and Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix A.
- (b) That the Member Working Group established for the Community Governance Review consider and make proposals on the Polling District Review.

**24. To consider Motions submitted under procedure Rule 14.**

**A) Child Citizenship**

It was moved by Councillor Sadiq,  
Seconded by Councillor B Bains,

“This Council resolves to write to ask the Minister of Immigration to:

- Remove the prohibitive barrier to child citizenship that is the wholly unacceptable £1,102 administrative fee for children registering as British citizens by reducing the fee to its basic administrative cost of £372;
- Exempt looked after children from the fee in its entirety.”

It was moved by Councillor Kelly, as an amendment,  
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

“This Council resolves to include child citizenship in its forward work programme for Education and Children’s Services Scrutiny Panel to assess the impact that it has on children in Slough and then write to ask the Minister of Immigration to:

- Remove the prohibitive barrier to child citizenship that is the wholly unacceptable £1,102 administrative fee for children registering as British citizens by reducing the fee to its basic administrative cost of £372;
- Exempt looked after children from the fee in its entirety.”

The amendment was put to the vote with 7 votes for, 33 against and 1 abstention. The amendment to the motion was lost.

A prior request having been made for the record of the voting:

There voted for the original motion:

Councillors Ali, Anderson, B Bains, R Bains, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chaudhry, Cheema, Dar, Davis, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Arvind Dhaliwal, M Holledge, N Holledge, Hussain, Kelly, Mann, Matloob, Minhas, Nazir, Pantelic, D Parmar, S Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Rasib, Sabah, Sadiq, A Sandhu, R Sandhu, Sarfraz, Shah, Sharif, Strutton, Swindlehurst, Usmani and Wright ..... 39

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There voted against original motion:

None..... 0

There abstained from voting:

Councillors Smith and The Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor Sohal ..... 2

The original motion was therefore carried.

**Resolved –** This Council resolves to write to ask the Minister of Immigration to:

- Remove the prohibitive barrier to child citizenship that is the wholly unacceptable £1,102 administrative fee for children registering as British citizens by reducing the fee to its basic administrative cost of £372;
- Exempt looked after children from the fee in its entirety.

**B) First World War Centenary Celebrations**

It was moved by Councillor Smith,  
Seconded by Councillor Wright,

“This Council resolves to: -

Plan and, where necessary, fund appropriate centenary celebrations that mark the end of the First World War and the birth of modern industrial Slough, thereby:

- It will create a Committee, under a politically independent Chair, to coordinate and supplement the activities of Trust funds for the ongoing upkeep of Slough’s war memorials plus any other related commemorations being planned, or for which funds are being raised and/or allocated from Council budgets within the town for similar purposes.
- This Co-ordinating Committee should include a single representative from the Ruling Group, and the official Opposition Group of councillors plus a lead officer chosen by SBC’s SMT, as well as a representative from SEGRO, the British Legion, the Indian Ex-Serviceman’s Association, and any other military or medical charities, faiths or community and business groups in the town that it chooses to invite.”

It was moved by Councillor Swindlehurst, as an amendment,  
Seconded by Councillor Hussain,

“This Council resolves to:-

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~~thereby:~~

- ~~It will create a Committee, under a politically independent Chair, to coordinate and supplement the activities of Trust funds for the ongoing upkeep of Slough's war memorials plus any other related commemorations being planned, or for which funds are being raised and/or allocated from Council budgets within the town for similar purposes.~~
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The amendment was put to the vote with 38 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention. The amendment to the motion was carried.

The amended motion was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

**Resolved –** This Council resolves to plan and, where necessary, fund appropriate centenary celebrations that mark the end of the First World War and the birth of modern industrial Slough.

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

Three Member questions had been received, copies of which and replies had been tabled at the meeting.

**26. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

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

"That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as the item to be considered contains exempt information relating to individuals as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)."

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

**Resolved -** That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as the item to be considered contains exempt information relating to individuals as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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Below is a summary of the matters considered during Part II of the agenda.

### **27. Appointment of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer**

The Council unanimously agreed to appoint Josie Wragg as the Chief Executive, Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer. Delegated authority was given to the relevant officer to finalise the terms and starting date.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm and closed at 8.07 pm)