

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 submitted 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.

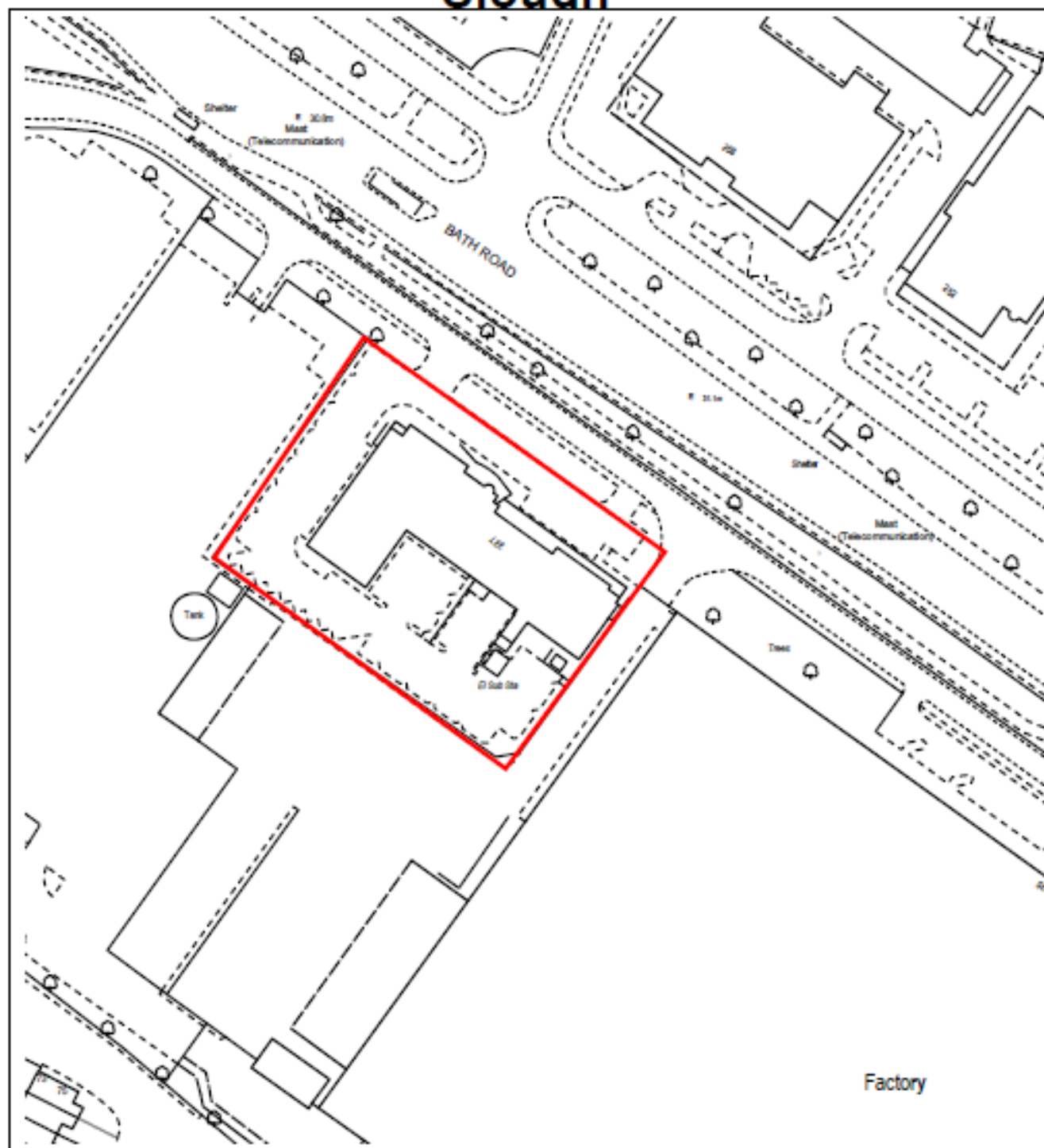
Further information

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

Ref	01/19
Title of decision	Approval of a new building name
Date decision taken	15 th January 2019
Decision maker	Service Lead Planning & Transport
Portfolio	Planning & Transport / Regeneration
Details of decision taken	To approve the proposed building name of New Eton House for offices at 227 Bath Road, Slough being converted into apartments.
Reasons for taking decision	The developer did not find a name from Slough's pre-approved list which suited their development.
Options considered	<p>The developer advised that owing to the nature of New Eton house i.e. the feeling of light with spacious full length windowed apartments, the rear elevation which looks over Slough's leafy suburbs which they feel reflects the character of Eton and brings a slice of the perceived Eton lifestyle to real home owners choosing to live in Slough.</p> <p>Ward councillors were notified on the above choice of name and no comments were received.</p>
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.

New Eton House, 227 Bath Road, Slough



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Ref	02/19
Title of decision	Appropriation of the Old Slough Library site to planning purposes
Date decision taken	4 th February 2019
Decision maker	Chief Executive (in regards to the Hotel element) Director of Regeneration (in regards to the Residential element)
Portfolio	Regeneration & Strategy
Details of decision taken	That the memorandum of appropriation be signed to remove the risk of injunction from third parties rights in particular rights of light associated with Cornwall House. The appropriation of the relevant site to planning was approved.
Reasons for taking decision	<p>The OLS was one of the original option sites named in the 2013 Slough Urban Renewal Option Agreement. SBC bought the site from the HCA in March 2015 and demolished it in 2017 once library services moved over to The Curve.</p> <p>The OLS is located in the Heart of Slough and has planning consent (ref: P/17238/000) and is proposed for a dual branded Marriott hotel, 152 room Moxy (Lifestyle) and 92 room Residents Inn (extended stay). Adjacent and abutting but capable of independent operation and investment is a 64 dwelling apartment block with retail at ground floor. SBC have signed an Agreement for Development & Lease with Cycas Hospitality and Marriott (13.7.17) in respect of the hotel and will fund the development and become the owner/investor on completion. SUR is the developer in respect of the residential block which is a standard commercial development project.</p> <p>Cabinet resolved in March 2017, in regards to the hotel element, to delegated authority to the Interim Chief Executive, acting following consultation with the s151 Officer and the Leader and Commissioner for Housing and Urban Renewal (now the Lead Member for Regeneration and Strategy), to effect the appropriation of such land to planning purposes subject to complying with the statutory procedures for such appropriation.</p> <p>At the same meeting Cabinet resolved to delegate authority, in regards to the residential element to the Assistant Director, Assets Infrastructure & Regeneration (subsumed into the Regeneration Director role) or nominated deputy following consultation with the Leader and the Council's section 151 officer to effect the appropriation of such land to planning purposes subject to complying with the statutory procedures for such appropriation.</p>

Options considered	N/A
Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	None
Reports considered	Cabinet report, March 2017

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>

None.