

**SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Council **DATE:** 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

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**PART I**  
**FOR DECISION**

**MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 14**

The following motions have been received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14:-

**A) Green Housing**

(Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Nazir)

“This council notes that existing homes are responsible for 20% of the UKs CO2e emissions with construction of new homes contributing a further 3% and 70% of homes remain at EPC ‘D’ or worse and that improving poor housing could save the NHS £1.4 billion a year and lift millions out of fuel poverty.

Council therefore resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to call for the Government to:

- Recognise their Social Housing Decarbonisation fund of just £50m is woefully inadequate compared to the £1.8 billion of investment which is required annually and immediately extend this project to meet existing need
- Extend the Green Homes Grant at least for the next 18 months.
- Bring forward and extend the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund for at least the next 18 months.
- Scale up the affordable homes programme, re-balancing it in favour of council and social rented homes and ensuring it enables meeting environmental and safety standards, to prevent the need for expensive retrofitting in the future.”

## **B) Bullying and Intimidation**

(Moved by Councillor Bedi, seconded by Councillor Strutton)

“This Council acknowledges that:

- The Councillor Code of Conduct states that Members must treat each other with respect, and that Members must not conduct themselves in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing the Council, into disrepute.
- There must be no place for bullying or intimidation in this local authority, and that examples of such behaviour in public meetings could risk breaching the Councillor Code of Conduct.
- Women in politics have been disproportionately impacted by social media abuse in recent years, potentially discouraging many women from standing for elected office.
- That labelling female politicians as “traitors” is inflammatory language.

This Council resolves to:

- Take a zero-tolerance approach to bullying or intimidation within the Council and supports the review of the Councillor Code of Conduct currently under way with a focus on investigating allegations of bullying or intimidation in a timely manner and supports imposing sanctions where appropriate.”

## **C) Heathrow Airport**

(Moved by Councillor Strutton, seconded by Councillor Kelly)

“This Council acknowledges that since the start of the pandemic over 70,000 Slough residents have received support from the Government’s furlough scheme; over 7,000 Slough residents have applied for assistance from the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme and over 8,000 Slough residents have been in receipt of Universal Credit.

This Council therefore resolves to undertake a strategic review into this authority’s over-reliance on Heathrow Airport as an employment source; in doing so, seeking to shine a light on a long-term solution to the sustainable creation of jobs for Slough residents in the years, and decades to come.”