

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 Thursday, 22nd February, 2018 at 7.00 pm

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Shah), in the chair; Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bains, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chahal, Chaudhry, Cheema, Chohan, Dar, Davis, M Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Matloob, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Rasib, Sadiq, A Sandhu, R Sandhu, Sarfraz, Sharif, Smith, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst and Usmani

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Coad, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Arvind Dhaliwal, N Holledge, Kelly, Munawar and Wright

64. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Dar declared that a family member worked at Slough Borough Council.

Councillor Rasib declared that his daughter worked at Slough Borough Council.

65. Five Year Plan 2018/19 - 2022/23

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

“That the Five Year Plan attached as at Appendix A to the report be agreed.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved - That the Five Year Plan attached as at Appendix A to the report be agreed.

66. Meeting Procedure

A suggested procedure for debating the item on the Revenue Budget 2018/19 had been circulated to all Members of the Council.

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

“That in accordance with procedure rule 27.1, Rule 16.5 on rules of debate be suspended insofar as is necessary to enable the procedure as circulated to be adopted and that the Council consent to:

- Members of the Leadership speaking for up to 50 minutes in total on the Revenue Budget 2018/19;

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- Members of the Opposition speaking for up to 20 minutes in total on the same item;
- Independent Members speaking for up to 5 minutes in total, and
- All subsequent speeches in the debate being limited to 3 minutes, other than the winding up speech by the Leader of the Council which shall not exceed 10 minutes.”

The procedural motion was put and carried.

Resolved – That the proposed procedure for the debate on the Revenue Budget 2018/19 be approved and adopted.

67. Revenue Budget 2018/19

The Leader of the Council and Lead Members for Transformation and Performance, Children and Education, Environment and Leisure, Corporate Finance and Housing, Health and Social Care, Planning and Transport and Regulation and Consumer Protection presented the Leadership Proposals for the Revenue Budget 2018/19. On completion of the presentation:

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

“Council Tax Resolution – In relation to the Council Tax for 2018/19

- (a) That in pursuance of the powers conferred on the Council as the billing authority for its area by the Local Government Finance Acts (the Acts), the Council Tax for the Slough area for the year ending 31 March 2019 is as specified below and that the Council Tax be levied accordingly.
- (b) That it be noted that at its meeting on 18 December 2017 Cabinet calculated the following Tax Base amounts for the financial year 2018/19 in accordance with Regulations made under sections 31B (3) and 34(4) of the Act:
 - (i) 41,723.4 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations) as the Council Tax Base for the whole of the Slough area for the year 2018/19; and
 - (ii) The sums below being the amounts of Council Tax Base for the Parishes within Slough for 2018/19:

a)	Parish of Britwell	849.3
b)	Parish of Colnbrook with Poyle	1,885.9
c)	Parish of Wexham	1,310.2

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- (c) That the following amounts be now calculated for the year 2018/19 in accordance with sections 31A to 36 of the Act:
- (i) £368,409,162 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A (2)(a) to (f) of the Act.
(Gross Expenditure);
 - (ii) £312,614,128 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in section 31A (3) (a) to (d) of the Act.
(Gross Income);
 - (iii) £55,795,034 being the amount by which the aggregate at paragraph c (i) above exceeds the aggregate at paragraph c (ii) above calculated by the Council as its council tax requirement for the year as set out in section 31A(4) of the Act. (Council Tax Requirement);
 - (iv) £1,337.26 being the amount at paragraph c(iii) above divided by the amount at paragraph b(i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year, including the requirements for Parish precepts.
 - (v) That for the year 2018/19 the Council determines in accordance with section 34 (1) of the Act, Total Special Items of £224,168 representing the total of Parish Precepts for that year.
 - (vi) £1,331.89 being the amount at paragraph c (iv) above less the result given by dividing the amount at paragraph c (v) above by the relevant amounts at paragraph b (i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.
 - (vii) Valuation Bands

Band	Slough Area	Parish of Britwell	Parish of Colnbrook with Poyle	Parish of Wexham Court
	£	£	£	£
A	887.93	44.06	32.93	24.48
B	1,035.91	51.41	38.42	28.56
C	1,183.91	58.75	43.91	32.64
D	1,331.89	66.10	49.40	36.72
E	1,627.87	80.79	60.38	44.89
F	1,923.84	95.47	71.36	53.05
G	2,219.82	110.16	82.33	61.21
H	2,663.78	132.19	98.80	73.45

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at paragraph c (iv) and c (vi) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in section 5 (1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 36 (1) of the Act, as the amount to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- (viii) Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2018/19 (excluding Parish precepts) is £55,570,866.
- (ix) That it be noted that for the year 2018/19 the Thames Valley Police Authority precept has been increased by 7.05%. The following amounts are stated in accordance with section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley £
A	121.52
B	141.77
C	162.03
D	182.28
E	222.79
F	263.29
G	303.80
H	364.56

- (x) That it be noted that for the year 2018/19 the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority has been increased by 2.99% as the following amount in precept issued to the Council, in accordance with section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band	Royal Berkshire Fire Authority £
A	42.90
B	50.05
C	57.21
D	64.36
E	78.66

F	92.96
G	107.26
H	128.72

- (xi) Note that arising from these recommendations, and assuming the major precepts are agreed, the overall Council Tax for Slough Borough Council including the precepting authorities will be as follows:

Band	Slough	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley	Royal Berkshire Fire Authority	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
A	887.93	121.52	42.90	1,052.35
B	1,035.91	141.77	50.05	1,227.73
C	1,183.91	162.03	57.21	1,403.15
D	1,331.89	182.28	64.36	1,578.53
E	1,627.87	222.79	78.66	1,929.32
F	1,923.84	263.29	92.96	2,280.09
G	2,219.82	303.80	107.26	2,630.88
H	2,663.78	364.56	128.72	3,157.06

- (xii) That the Section 151 Officer be and is hereby authorised to give due notice of the said Council Tax in the manner provided by Section 38(2) of the 2012 Act.
- (xiii) That the Section 151 Officer be and is hereby authorised when necessary to apply for a summons against any Council Tax payer or non-domestic ratepayer on whom an account for the said tax or rate and arrears has been duly served and who has failed to pay the amounts due to take all subsequent necessary action to recover them promptly.
- (xiv) That the Section 151 Officer be authorised to collect (and disperse from the relevant accounts) the Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rate and that whenever the office of the Section 151 Officer is vacant or the holder thereof is for any reason unable to act, the Chief Executive or such other authorised post-holder be authorised to act as before said in his or her stead.
- (xv) That in the event that there are any changes to the provisional precept of the Fire Authority, arising from their precept setting meeting being held on 28 February, the Section 151 Officer is delegated authority to enact all relevant changes to the Revenue Budget 2018/19, Statutory Resolution and council tax levels.

Fees and Charges –

- (e) That the Council resolves to increase Fees and charges as outlined in Appendix E for 2018/19.

Use of Flexible Capital Receipts –

- (f) That the Council resolves to approve the proposed use of new capital receipts under the freedoms of the Flexible Capital Receipts regulations and that they are to be used to fund revenue spend as outlined in Appendix K.

Pay Policy –

- (g) The Slough Borough Council Pay Policy Statement update 2018/19 was agreed at the Employment and Appeals Committee on 25th January 2018.

Business Rate Pilot –

- (h) That the Council agrees to participate in the 2018/19 Berkshire Business Rates Pilot Scheme.

Local Government Finance Settlement 2018/19 -

- (i) The final Local Government Finance Settlement 2018/19 has been agreed and the implications are included within this report. The final settlement identified some additional grant money and these sums are included in the tables shown in the report.
- (j) That the Appendices (as attached to the report be noted and approved):

'A'	-	Savings proposals
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No amendments were put.

The recommendations were put and carried and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 a record of the vote was taken as follows:-

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There voted for the recommendations:-

Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bains, Bedi, Brooker, Carter, Chaudhry, Cheema, Chohan, Dar, Davis, M Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Matloob, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Rasib, Sadiq, A.Sandhu, Sarfraz, Sharif, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst and Usmani

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There abstained from voting:

Councillors Chahal, R.S. Sandhu, Smith and The Worshipful The Mayor,
Councillor Shah

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68. Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19

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

“That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19, as at Appendix A to the report, be approved.”

No amendments were put.

The recommendation was put and carried and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 a record of the vote was taken as follows:-

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There voted for the recommendation:-

Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bains, Carter, Chahal, Chaudhry, Cheema, Chohan, Dar, Davis, M Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Matloob, Nazir, Pantelic, Plenty, Qaseem, Rana, Rasib, Sadiq, A.Sandhu, R.S Sandhu, Sarfraz, Sharif, Smith, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst and Usmani

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There abstained from voting:

The Worshipful The Mayor, Councillor Shah

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Resolved – That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19, as at Appendix A to the report, be approved.

69. Capital Strategy 2018/24

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

“ (a) That the capital strategy of **£285.0m** and the Minimum Revenue Provision is approved.

(b) That the Council notes the notional costs of borrowing for the capital programme to the revenue budget will be an increase of up to **£5.5m** per annum -commencing during the period of the capital strategy to fund borrowing.

(c) That the principles underpinning the capital programme in paragraph 5.1.2 and the Minimum Revenue Provision principles in Section 6 be approved.

(d) That Appendices A and B detailing the capital programmes (subject to these having approved Final Business Cases by the Capital Strategy Board) be approved.”

No amendments were put.

The recommendations were put and carried and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 a record of the vote was taken as follows:-

There voted for the recommendations:-

Councillors Ajaib, Anderson, Bains, Brooker, Carter, Chahal, Chaudhry, Cheema, Chohan, Dar, Davis, M Holledge, Hussain, Mann, Matloob, Nazir, Pantelic, Parmar, Plenty, Rana, Rasib, Sadiq, A.Sandhu, R.S Sandhu, Sarfraz, Smith, Sohal, Strutton, Swindlehurst and Usmani

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- (d) That Appendices A and B detailing the capital programmes (subject to these having approved Final Business Cases by the Capital Strategy Board) be approved.

70. Appointment of Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

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

“ The Council is requested to resolve that Nigel Pallace be appointed as the Council’s Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service with effect from Monday 19th February 2018 for a period of six months.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved - That Nigel Pallace be appointed as the Council’s Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service with effect from Monday 19th February 2018 for a period of six months.

71. Electoral Matters - Polling District HLA, Designation of Polling Places and Update on Arrangements for Postal Voting Pilot

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

- “ (a) That Priory Heights (76 flats), Buckingham Avenue, Slough, be moved from Polling District HLB to Polling District HLA.
- (b) That the following changes to polling places for the local elections on 3rd May 2018 be agreed:

Polling District	Designated Polling Place
Baylis and Stoke BSA	Manor Park Community Centre, Villiers Road, SL2 1NP

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Elliman ELA	Portacabin on Lismore Park green space area (Shackleton road main entrance)
Farnham FAC	Methodist Church, Hampshire Avenue, Slough SL1 3AQ
Langley St Mary's LMC	Portacabin on green space area off the corner of Tamar Way.

- (c) That the arrangements for the Postal Pilot to be undertaken for the 3rd May 2018 election be noted.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Resolved –

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- (c) That the arrangements for the Postal Pilot to be undertaken for the 3rd May 2018 election be noted.

72. Calendar of Meetings 2018/19

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

- (a) “That the calendar of meetings for the period December 2018 to May 2019 attached as Appendix A be approved.
- (b) That the date for Annual Council meeting be agreed as Thursday 17th May, 2018.
- (c) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make amendments to the calendar resulting from any constitutional changes that may be agreed, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.”

The recommendations were put to the vote and carried unanimously.

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Resolved -

- (a) That the calendar of meetings for the period December 2018 to May 2019 attached as Appendix A be approved.
- (b) That the date for Annual Council meeting be agreed as Thursday 17th May, 2018.
- (c) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make amendments to the calendar resulting from any constitutional changes that may be agreed, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.00 pm and closed at 9.06 pm)