

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At a Meeting of the Council for the Borough of Slough held at the Council Chamber - Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road, SL1 2EJ on Thursday, 26th September, 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present:- The Worshipful the Mayor (A.Cheema), in the chair; Councillors Ajaib, Ali, Anderson, Bains, Basra, Begum, Brooker, Carter, Chaudhry, H Cheema, Dar, Davis, Dhaliwal, Gahir, Hulme, Hussain, Kelly, Mann, Mohammad, Nazir, Pantelic, D Parmar, S Parmar, Plenty, Rasib, Sabah, A Sandhu, Smith, Strutton, Swindlehurst and Wright.

Apologies for Absence:- Councillors Bedi, M Holledge, N Holledge, Matloob, Minhas, Qaseem, Sadiq, R Sandhu, Sarfraz and Sharif.

21. Declarations of Interest

None were received.

22. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 23rd July 2019

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2019 be approved as a correct record.

23. To receive the Mayor's Communications.

The Mayor welcomed Father Darcy Chesterfield-Terry to his first meeting as Mayor's Chaplain and very much looked forward to working with him during her term of office.

Details of the Annual Civic Service were confirmed and would be held at St Thomas' Church, Colnbrook on Sunday 6th October commencing at 11am.

Members were informed that Remembrance Sunday Service would take place on Sunday 10th November followed by the Armistice Day two-minute silence in the High Street on 11th November. Further details of the events would be communicated in due course and Members were reminded to make every effort to attend.

The Mayor noted with great sadness at the terrible incident that took place at the weekend where Elton Gashaj, a local 15 year old boy, lost his life after being stabbed. A 15 year old boy had been charged with murder and the swift response from the police and various other authorities involved, including Council staff, was commended.

Members were informed that Joan Jones, former Councillor and Mayor for 2001/2002, passed away on 6th September aged 87. Joan was a member of the council from 1973 to 1979 serving as a councillor for Wexham Court Ward and again from 1999 to 2002 for Kedermister Ward. A Civic Service of Thanksgiving

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would be held at St Anthony's Church, Farnham Road and Members would be informed of the date once confirmed.

Additionally, the Mayor announced that former Councillor and Mayor for 1998 – 1999, Gurbachan Singh Thind passed away on 23rd September. Details of the funeral service would be sent out to members shortly.

The meeting held a minutes silence in memory of Joan Jones and Gurbachan Singh Thind.

24. Questions from Electors under Procedure Rule 9.

Five Elector questions had been received and tabled. Four of the questioners were present and had the opportunity to ask a supplementary question. A written copy of the replies would be sent to the electors.

25. Recommendation of the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee from its meeting held on 30th July 2019

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

“That the revisions to the Council's Constitution as set out in the report be approved.”

The recommendation was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved - That the revisions to the Council's Constitution as set out in the report be approved.

26. Proportionality and Appointments to Committees

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

- (a) “That the revised proportionality and entitlement to committee seats as set out in Appendix 1 be noted and that seats be allocated in accordance with the rules of proportionality as set out therein;
- (b) That Councillor Sharif be appointed to the Licensing Committee in place of Councillor Bains.
- (c) That Members be appointed to the seats allocated in accordance with the nominations received from political groups as follows:
 - Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Matloob in place of Councillor Sharif
 - Education and Children's Service Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Sadiq in place of Councillor Sharif.
 - Appeals Committee – Councillor Hulme in place of Councillor Bains.
 - Employment & Appeals – Councillor Sadiq in place of Councillor Hussain

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- (d) That the report of the Leader notifying the Council of the establishment of a Cabinet Commercial Sub-Committee be received.
- (e) That the report of the Leader on the appointment of the Lead Members (the Cabinet) and their revised portfolios be received (Appendix 3).
- (f) That Councillor Brooker be appointed as the Chair of the Employment & Appeals Committee.
- (g) That it be noted that the Councillor Carter will be the Co-Chair of the Joint Parenting Panel as Lead Member for Children & Schools be noted.
- (h) That Councillors as detailed below be appointed as the Outside Body representative on the following:
 - i. Slough Children's Partnership Board; Councillor Carter to replace Councillor Sadiq
 - ii. Slough Local Safeguarding Children's Board; Councillor Carter to replace Councillor Sadiq
 - iii. South East Employers (Deputy) Councillor Brooker to replace Councillor Hussain
 - iv. Berkshire Pension Fund Advisory Panel; Councillor Brooker to replace Councillor Bains."

The recommendations were put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved -

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(Councillor Ali left the meeting)

27. To consider Motions submitted under procedure Rule 14.

A) Inclusive Education

It was moved by Councillor Hulme,
Seconded by Councillor Carter,

“This Council notes its legal duties under the Equalities Act 2010 to combat discrimination and promote equality; and government guidance that LGBT+ inclusive education is taught as a compulsory part of the national schools curriculum from 2020. This Council therefore resolves to:

- Finalise and submit it's submission to the Stonewall 2020 Equality Index
- Sign up to Stonewalls Children and Young People Service (CYPS) Champions programme
- Support our schools and head teachers with the introduction of compulsory relationships education
- Support partners in their work in organising LGBT+ events in Slough
- Request the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee, working with local partners, charities and our staff network, ensure the range of equality and inclusivity events run or supported by the Council are as wide and diverse as possible.”

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

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- Finalise and submit it's submission to the Stonewall 2020 Equality Index
- Sign up to Stonewalls Children and Young People Service (CYPS) Champions programme
- Support our schools and head teachers with the introduction of compulsory relationships education; **recognising that the age appropriateness of sex and relationship education is not affected by recognising the existence of differing sexual orientation and gender identities. In the event of Head teachers informing the Local Education Authority of an anti-inclusive education protest outside the school, the LEA will apply for restraining zone round the school to allow an easy and unrestricted access to and from the school for all.**
- Support partners in their work in organising LGBT+ events in Slough
- Request the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee, working with local partners, charities and our staff network, ensure the range of equality and inclusivity events run or supported by the Council are as wide and diverse as possible."

The amendment was put to the vote and lost with 4 votes For, 27 Against and 1 Abstention.

The original motion was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

Resolved – This Council notes its legal duties under the Equalities Act 2010 to combat discrimination and promote equality; and government guidance that LGBT+ inclusive education is taught as a compulsory part of the national schools curriculum from 2020 and resolves to:

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B) Inclusive Education

Councillor Strutton sought to move, under Council Procedure Rule 16.8 (a), an alteration to the motion from that which was originally submitted. The meeting did not consent to the request and the motion was therefore not considered.

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

Three Member questions and replies had been received which were tabled.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 7.03 pm and closed at 8.22 pm)