

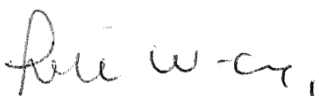
Date of despatch: Monday, 18 November 2019

To the Members of Slough Borough Council

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a Meeting of the Council of this Borough which will be held in the Council Chamber - Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road, SL1 2EL on **Tuesday, 26th November, 2019 at 7.00 pm**, when the business in the Agenda below is proposed to be transacted.

Yours faithfully



JOSIE WRAGG
Chief Executive

PRAYERS

AGENDA

Apologies for Absence

1. Declarations of Interest

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2. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council held on 26th September 2019

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3. To receive the Mayor's Communications.

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4. Questions from Electors under Procedure Rule 9.

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It is recommended that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item in Part 2 of the Agenda, as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding the information) as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (amended).

Recommendations of Cabinet and Committees

[Notification of Amendments required by 10 a.m. on Monday 25th November]

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Press and Public

You are welcome to attend this meeting which is open to the press and public, as an observer. You will however be asked to leave before the Committee considers any items in the Part II agenda. Please contact the Democratic Services Officer shown above for further details.

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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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 - iii. South East Employers (Deputy) Councillor Brooker to replace Councillor Hussain
 - iv. Berkshire Pension Fund Advisory Panel; Councillor Brooker to replace Councillor Bains.

(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,

“This Council notes its legal duties under the Equalities Act 2010 to combat discrimination and promote equality; and government guidance that LGBT+

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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; **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:

- 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.

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)

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REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 26th November, 2019

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WARD(S): All

PART I
FOR DECISION**Scale of Charges Relating to Local Government Elections****1 Purpose of Report**

To fix the scale of fees to govern the proper expenditure by the Returning Officer for Borough and Parish Council elections as set out in the Appendix to this report pursuant to Section 36(4) and 36(5) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

2 Recommendation

The Council is requested to resolve:

- (a) That the scale of fees attached at Appendix A to this report be fixed for Borough and Parish Council elections.
- (b) That the fee scale be updated annually in line with paragraph 4.4.

3 Other Implications**(a) Financial**

The setting of transparent fees contributes to the effective management of resources and there is a requirement for the council to agree the scale of fees for Borough and Parish Council elections. Parish councils are recharged by the Council for the running elections on their behalf. There is no change to the existing budget and charging arrangements in place as a result of this report. An agreed fee scale adds transparency to the electoral administration process and removes doubt of what can legitimately be paid to officers responsible for, and working within, the process

(b) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

There are no Human Rights Act Implications associated with this report.

The Representation of the People Act 1983 (the 1983 Act), Section 36 (4) requires the council to cover all expenditure incurred by the returning officer (RO) in the holding of an election for all or any seats on it. The Council is required to place the services of its staff at the disposal of the Returning Officer to help run the election. The council may set scales of expenditure which the returning officer must not

exceed. The fees for conducting Parliamentary, European Parliamentary, Police and Crime Commissioner elections and national referenda are regulated by the (Acting) Returning Officers'/Counting Officers' Fees and Charges Orders made by the Government.

4 **Supporting Information**

- 4.1 In accordance with the provisions of various Acts of Parliament including The Representation of the People Act 1983, together with various statutory Instruments, all 'National' Elections and Referendums are funded centrally via the relevant Government Department. The funding body agree the levels of fees and expenses that allow a budget to be created to enable the (Acting) Returning Officer/Counting Officer to run the Election/ Referendum in accordance with the relevant legal provisions.
- 4.2 For Local Government Elections the RO is paid a fee and it is usual for the above practice to be replicated by reference to a similar scale of election fees adopted and approved by the Council. Even though the RO may be an employee of the Council at the time of an election their responsibility is completely separate.
- 4.3 An adopted formal scale of fees for its elections would bring the authority into line with most other authorities, adopt accepted good practice, provide transparency to the payments made to staff involved with an election and assist with setting the overall budget required for the administration of elections for the Council.
- 4.4 Once adopted, it is good practice for the scale of fees to be updated annually by reference to a given formula. For example, the fees for presiding officers and poll clerks are often set at the rate prescribed by Government for parliamentary elections. This rate could be used as the benchmark for the future. The remainder of the fees could be up-rated annually in line with the pay award to staff at the Council.
- 4.5 The Council has in the past used an approved scale of election fees for payments to staff and the fee scale has been updated over the years to keep pace with Government prescribed rates, where available, payments made by neighbouring authorities, custom and practice and the need to attract staff to work on various electoral events such as the Count, polling station duties and so forth in any given year.
- 4.6 The opportunity has been taken to review the Council's scale of fees and consideration has been given to the fees and charges schemes adopted by other authorities in compiling the proposed fee scale to ensure best practice and transparency.

5 **Appendix**

A - Fee Schedule

6 **Background Papers**

None.

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SCALE OF FEES

Returning Officer Fee Scale – Local Government

Scale of expenditure fixed under section 36(4) and (5) of the Representation of the People Act 1983

Fees for conducting the election include the following duties:

- giving the prescribed notices;
- preparing and supplying nomination papers, distributing, filling up;
- verifying and adjudicating upon the same
- Appointing Deputy Returning Officer(s);
- Arrange for or conducting the poll;
- Counting the votes and declaring the results

In addition to the above duties, the Returning officer will generally perform all the duties which a Returning Officer is required to perform under the Act or the Rules and Regulations made under it. This also includes all disbursements and expenses other than those for which special provision has been made. The scale of fees set out below will remain in full force and used for Local Government and Parish elections.

1	Returning Officer (RO)	
	Contested election - Ward Councillors	
(a)	For every 500 electors in each ward	£35.00
	By-election fees: for every 100 electors per ward	£35.00
	Contested election - Parish Councillors	
(b)	For each Parish	£60.50
	For every 500 electors in each Parish	£35.00
	Uncontested Local Election	
(c)	Where the election is for borough councillors – for each borough ward per 100 electors	£25.00
	Where the election is for parish councillors – for each parish or parish ward per 100 electors	£12.50
2	Deputy Returning Officer (DRO)	
	The DRO (with full powers) fee is at the discretion of the RO and will be agreed based upon duties undertaken and performance. The maximum DRO fee that can be awarded is 75% of the RO fee.	
	DRO (Part powers) – eg. The Count adjudication of doubtful Ballot Papers	£200.00

Disbursements (Fixed or actual and necessary) – All Elections

Disbursements to be allowed in relation to the holding of an election, but excluding both the employee's and employers share of national insurance contributions where payable, shall be as follows:

3	Polling Staff Fees	Based on 15hrs poll	Notes
(a)	Presiding Officer	£250	This includes training fee of £40
	(i) Porta cabin uplift	£25	Supplementary fee £25.00
(b)	Reserve Presiding Officer	£50 (not used)	If used and deployed before 2pm full fee paid. If deployed after 2pm use evening PO fee.
(c)	Evening Presiding Officer	£125	Based on 7.5hrs poll
	(ii) Porta cabin uplift	£137.50	
(d)	Poll Clerk	£160	This includes training fee of £40
	(i) Porta cabin uplift	£25	Supplementary fee £25.00
(e)	Reserve Poll Clerk	£50 (not used)	If used and deployed before 2pm full fee paid. If deployed after 2pm use evening PC fee.
(f)	Evening Poll Clerk	£80.00	Based on 7.5hrs poll
	(ii) Porta cabin uplift	£92.50	
(g)	Polling Station Inspectors	£300	This includes training fee to attend 1 x PS training and 1 x Briefing session
(h)	Assistant Polling Station Inspector	£180	This includes training fee to attend 1 x PS training and 1 x Briefing session
4	Count Staff Fees	6.30 hrs Count Time (10 pm – 4.30am)	Count Exceeding 6.30hrs (4.30am onwards) £14.00 per hour only applies to jobs active for the duration of the count
(a)	Count Assistant	£101.50	Set fee
(b)	Reserve Count Assistant	£50.00	Reserve staff need to be present at the start of the count and will be used as necessary.
(c)	Count Supervisor	£176.50	Controls their allocated Count table during the verification & count.
(d)	Ballot Box Controller	£150.00	Controls the BB storage area/BB Allocation to table/BB control during Verification & Count
(e)	Election/Count Centre Facility Manager	£450.00	Organises all facility requirements for the elections. Controls the Count equipment in/out. Setting up of the Count/Clearing the Count at the end and co-ordination of parking/dropping off of ballot boxes
(f)	Count BB & Equipment Check in and document retrieval Officer	£175.00	1 x Controls Ballot Box check in desk/PO Bag sorting/Sorting the contents of the PO bag into trays/ consolidating paperwork for removal to SBC at conclusion of count.
(g)	Ballot Box Handler Supervisor	£200	
(h)	Ballot Box Handlers	£150	
(i)	Count Runners	£50	Assist Ballot Box & PO bag check in area/Dispense stationery to Count Tables/Ferry Postal Votes from Hall to PV opening/Any other adhoc duties
(j)	Ballot Paper Account/Unused	£80	Checks BPA figures and resolves discrepancies

	Checkers		
(k)	Accounts Officer	£200	Data entry BPA figures/verification figures and Checks count figures against verified figures /checks and confirm results/completes and prints declaration of results.
(l)	Count Reception Manager	£200	Checks in all Count Staff/Candidates/Agents/Guests/Media/EC Reps/Supervisors Break Out area/Supervises the Cloak Room distribution
(m)	Communications Manager	£150	
(n)	Communications Officer	£125	
(o)	Communications Assistant	£100	
5	Miscellaneous Job Fees		
(a)	Poll Staff Trainer	£70 Per session	Train Poll Staff/Presiding Officers/PSI
(b)	PO Bag Preparation (Manager)	£300	Prepare PO and Ballot Box ready for collection
	(i) PO bag preparation assistant	£100	
6	Postal Vote		
(a)	Postal Vote Openers		
	Per hour	£11	
(b)	Postal Vote Supervisor		
	Per hour	£15	
(c)	Postal Vote opening (evening) Per hour	£15	
(d)	Postal Vote supervisor (Evening) Per hour	£20	

Notes;

“Electoral area” means any borough, ward, or parish council for which a separate election is held.

With regard to other electoral activities and events where there is not a fees and charges order set by government, (this includes but is not limited to, business and residential neighbourhood planning, referendums, council tax referendums and local polls) this schedule shall be used as the basis for calculating the fees and charges.

The fee scale, where its use is appropriate, is subject to a 20% increase when a combination of polls is required.

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SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**REPORT TO:** Council**DATE:** 26th November 2019

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PART I
FOR DECISION

FLAG REGULATIONS**1. Purpose of Report**

To consider proposed amendments to the Council's Flag Regulations following relocation of the Council's main administrative office to Observatory House and agree a procedure for consideration of requests to fly flags from the Council offices.

2. Recommendations

The Council is requested to resolve:

- (a) That the Council's Flag Regulations be approved as set out at Appendix 1.
- (b) That a third flagpole be provided at the entrance to Observatory House.

3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan

Flying of flags is a highly visible symbol of respect and can be used to promote a sense of community and create a welcoming environment.

4. Other implications**(a) Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications. The Flag Regulations reflect current national guidance/protocols.

(b) Financial Implications

There will be a modest cost incurred in providing a third flag pole outside Observatory House. The cost will be kept to a minimum and can be accommodated within existing budgets.

5. Supporting Information

- 5.1 The Council has a set of agreed Flag Regulations which set out the Council's current practice for flag flying which has developed over the years and provides for the following flags to be flown from the main Council offices on all days that the Council is open for business:

- The Union Flag
- The Civic Flag (Borough Coat of Arms)

- A Flag bearing the Slough Borough Council Corporate Logo.

- 5.2 The Union Flag is also flown on nationally significant occasions that fall on weekends and public holidays and the St George's Flag is flown in place of the SBC corporate logo flag on days of significant English occasions (including those that fall on weekends and bank holidays).
- 5.3 The Regulations provide for the flags to be flown at half mast on the death of certain individuals and for all flags to be flown in accordance with current national guidance/protocols.

Move to Observatory House

- 5.4 The Council's move to Observatory House requires the Flag Regulations to be amended to reflect this as the main Council Building.
- 5.5 The Regulations provide for three flags to be flown whilst the Council is open for business and there is therefore a requirement for a third flagpole to be provided at the entrance to the building as there are currently only two.

Procedure for Consideration of Flag Flying Requests

- 5.6 There is currently no recognised procedure for considering requests to either add to the list of flag flying events or for one-off occasions. A clear procedure would assist in dealing with any requests to fly flags from the Council's main building. It is proposed that requests for the Council to fly other flags or for one off occasions be determined by the Chief Executive following consultation with the Leader of the Council and Opposition Group Leader if time permits.

5 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Flag Regulations

6 Background Papers

None.

The Flag Institute:

<http://www.flaginstitute.org/wp/>

National Guidelines

UK Government:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/15438/flying_flags_guide.pdf

FLAG REGULATIONS

1. Subject to (2) below, the following flags will be flown at full mast at Observatory House on all days that the Council is open for business:
 - Union Flag – the flag will also be flown on nationally significant occasions that fall on weekends and public holidays
 - Civic Flag (Borough Coat of Arms)
 - A flag bearing the Slough Borough Council corporate logo apart from days of significant English occasions (including weekend and public holidays) when the St. George's Flag be flown in its place.

2. The Union Flag (and any other flag flying) will be flown at half mast at Observatory House on the death of:-
 - A Royal Personage
 - A member or immediate ex-Member of the Council (other ex-Members of the Council on the day of funeral only)
 - An ex-Mayor of the Borough
 - Funeral of Prime Minister and ex-Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom
 - Member of Parliament for the Borough Constituency
 - A Director
 - A Distinguished Person

The Flags to remain at half-mast until after the funeral and then raised to full mast for the remainder of the day.

3. Flags will be flown in accordance with current national guidance/protocols.

4. That requests for the Council to fly other flags or for one off occasions be determined by the Chief Executive following consultation with the Leader of the Council and Opposition Group Leader if time permits.

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SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**REPORT TO:** Council **DATE:** 26th November, 2019**CONTACT OFFICER:** Shabana Kauser
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(01753) 787503**WARD(S):** All**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) Government Funding Cuts to Thames Valley Police

(Moved by Councillor Mann, seconded by Councillor Nazir)

“Council agrees with the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) that £100 million of government cuts to Thames Valley Police (TVP) has created budget pressures that risks leading to ‘unacceptable reductions in resources which would impact frontline policing and result in a service less able to respond to demand.’ Therefore Council resolves that the Leader of the Council write to the PCC to establish;

- What further ‘unacceptable reductions in resources’ will result from the next round of funding reductions, totalling £15 million, announced for TVP funding over the next 4 years;
- How this will affect crime levels which have already risen 8.7% over the past year and increased 999 calls by 11.1%
- What plans are in place to increase 101 call centre staff given that staffing reductions have led to an increase in average pick up times of 6 minutes
- Given that the 12% rise in the police element of council tax, combined with £100 million government cuts have led to 50% of police funding now falling directly on local taxpayers what plans does the PCC have to secure more real terms funding from Government

B) Town Centre Parking

(Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Strutton)

This Council resolves to

- a) Acknowledge:
- That with Slough being ranked as the 5th most deprived local authority within the South East, it is crucial we reduce access barriers such as

expensive town centre parking which presents a key challenge for residents.

- The results of the Council town centre survey support this, with 53% of residents naming free parking as one of the top priorities.
 - Two thirds of respondents (64%) do not visit the Town Centre in the evening at all.
 - Slough's significant decline in retail ranking [to] 190th in 2019, according to latest research conducted by Javelin Venue Score.
- b) Trial free parking and suspend parking fees for the first three hours of parking, in the town centre and in all Council owned off-street car parks, between the period 12th December-10th January.
- c) Conduct a financial impact assessment during this period, so as to inform the Council of the financial implications and benefits of continuing to offer free parking throughout the year for three hours, in order to improve accessibility and footfall.
- d) Report back the results to Full Council in February 2020, including an analysis of the Council parking account and cost up options of free parking as part of this assessment, to boost trade for local businesses and reduce access barriers for local residents.

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