

## **SIGNIFICANT OFFICER DECISIONS**

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**DECISIONS**

11/14

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 submitting 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**

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<b>Ref</b>	<b>11/14</b>
<b>Title of decision</b>	Authorise making and confirmation of Public Path Diversion Order for Footpath 47a.
<b>Date decision taken</b>	07/04/2014
<b>Decision maker</b>	Sanjay Dhuna, Head of Planning and Building Control.
<b>Portfolio</b>	Neighbourhoods and Renewal.
<b>Details of decision taken</b>	To obtain a resolution to make and confirm a public path diversion order under the provisions of section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
<b>Reasons for taking decision</b>	The diversion of Footpath 47a is required due to the construction of the Trenches Footbridge under the Crossrail Act for which planning permission has been deemed to be granted under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act (TCPA) 1990. As the footpath diversion is necessary for the development to take place, the procedure used is under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
<b>Options considered</b>	n/a
<b>Details of any conflict of interest, disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared</b>	n/a
<b>Reports considered</b>	n/a

## **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>

Ref: 14-02 Accident on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 – 235 Rochfords Gardens

### Petition Received – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014

It is a known fact that the tendency of some of the residents/tenants of Rochfords Gardens is to drive at much higher speed than the normal speed in the residential areas.

On 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 such incident took place where by there was a major accident due to a vehicle being driven at a very high speed such that the vehicle in question went out of control in spite of the fact that the road condition was good and without any sharp bends and collided with house number 235 damaging the outer wall creating a big hole in the wall. The damage was such that the cracks appeared in the wall on the upper floor and it was considered that the structure may not be safe. The adjacent house, number 233, was also damaged.

It was very fortunate that no one was hurt either within the house numbers 233 and 235 or outside the houses on the pavement. If at all there was an injury it could have been life threatening. At times children are seen playing/cycling on the pavement. Perhaps you would have read about the accident in a local newspaper as well as web-site at "sloughobserver.co.uk"

It is our proposal that the residents of Rochfords Gardens would like to have measures implemented to reduce the speed such as speed ramps and speed limited to at least 20 mph. Any other measures to reduce the speed in Rochfords Gardens will be much appreciated.

### Response Provided – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014

In response to this petition it had been arranged for a speed survey to be carried out for 7 days starting from 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014. The survey will record all traffic in a 24 hour period for the full 7 days. The data will then be sent back to the Council which usually takes a couple of weeks and then contact will be made with the lead petitioner and the Ward Councillors' to discuss the results.