

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 30th January, 2018

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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) Accommodation Facilities for Homelessness

(Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Wright)

“This Council resolves to:

Enter into negotiations with London and Quadrant Housing Trust (L&Q) and Slough Homeless Our Concern (SHOC) to:

- Provide a long-term base for SHOC to manage the 64 purpose-built temporary accommodation units at the site of The Foyer, 52 Stoke Road, providing specialist support and rehabilitative services for single homeless people and vulnerable persons of all ages to give them an alternative to rough sleeping.
- Require that SBC concentrate all its staff dealing with homeless and related welfare problems, either within the Foyer building or the adjacent L&Q offices at 50 Stoke Road; with SHOC taking over the management and maintenance of the gym facilities shared underneath these two buildings that have been used as an emergency night shelter whenever SBC senior staff deem that necessary, under legislative requirements.
- Explore the possibility of L&Q redeveloping part of the shared site of 50 and 52 Stoke Road, particularly the carpark area, to provide some additional specialist supported half-way-house type accommodation for needy and vulnerable clients in Slough on the path toward independent living.
- Rename the resultant complex of buildings and facilities the Darren Morris Centre, in memory of the work and special commitment of a councillor who died in-service a year ago striving in a non-partisan manner to help citizens such as these.”

B) Homelessness

(Moved by Councillor Swindlehurst, seconded by Councillor Nazir)

“This Council believes the Government’s response to rising homelessness is inadequate and has allowed the situation to become a national crisis. We believe more action is required to prevent homelessness, the Council therefore calls upon the Government to:

- Provide adequate funding to enable Councils to successfully implement the Homelessness Reduction Act;
- Ensure that changes to the way that supported housing is funded meet the needs that Councils have identified;
- Reform the legal framework for assured shorthold tenancies to give those renting privately greater security and certainty

Furthermore this Council urgently resolves to step up our efforts locally to help prevent homelessness in Slough, support action to help people stay in their homes and provide additional funding to boost the supply of temporary accommodation in Slough.”